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#### ABSTRACT

The population of Istanbul increased from three to fifteen million from 1970 to 2018. The city, which has no perennial fresh water resources within its metropolitan boundaries, has long imported water from other basins. In this study, the performance of a reservoir system fed by surface runoff and inter-basin water transfer is investigated and applied. Simulations are run for water demand estimates and with Gamma-distributed realizations of monthly precipitation, based on 105-year temperature and precipitation data. The research shows that after 2060, existing and transferred water alone will not be sufficient to meet demand and it is expected that the megacity Istanbul will be on a path towards water crisis after this date, if not before. It is concluded that it is vital to adopt a more diversified water supply and demand management portfolio with extensive Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM) measures for "Water Sensitive Cities". Strategies for reliable system operation that take foreseeable environmental problems into account are proposed.

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# Introduction

Design of water supply schemes for growing cities with limited hydrologic resources, like Istanbul, has always been challenging. Inter-basin water transfer has been a major part of water supply schemes in many metropolitan areas where perennial fresh water resources do not exist nearby (Downward & Taylor, 2007; Feng et al., 2007; Toosi & Samani, 2012). The volume of water transferred is determined by technical, environmental and social factors and always has limits. Long-term, accurate and reliable predictions related to hydrologic data are crucial for efficient system operation.

Many countries have investigated water projects to supply demands. In countries with a significant hydrologic imbalance between regions, water transfers have been common (Margat, 2009). Water transfer projects have been widely implemented in many water-scarce regions globally (Sinha et al., 2020) and in almost all Mediterranean countries during the 20<sup>th</sup> century (Benblidia & Margat, 2013; Burak & Margat, 2016). In Spain, national water planning was based on water transfers until recently (Downward & Taylor, 2007). In Iran, water has been transferred from one of the largest rivers (River

Karun) to the central areas (Toosi & Samani, 2012). In the USA, water transfer from three upstate watersheds has been implemented to supply the demands of New York City (National Academies of Sciences Engineering and Medicine, 2018); in California, water from two river basins, namely Northern Sierra and Colorado, has been imported to meet the needs of the city population and tourists (The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, 2016). In China, South-to-North (S2N) water transfer projects from several rivers have been implemented to supply increasing demand of northern China (Feng et al., 2007; Zhao et al., 2020). Nevertheless, although water transfers are an efficient short-run solution to supply increasing demand (Burak & Margat, 2016; Gleick, 1998; Ranatunga et al., 2014), in the long-run water scarcity can be intensified by unsustainable solutions (Gohari et al., 2013).

In our case, water transfers from adjacent/outside basins was planned to supply water demands of Istanbul in the 1990s. A more extensive transfer was built to supply the population as it grew from about 7 million in 1990 to 15 million in 2018. At present, water supply is supplemented by this inter-basin transfer which is planned to be fully operational after the impoundment of the "Melen Dam" in the near future, by 2025.

The Istanbul water supply scheme is operated as an interconnected reservoir system fed by natural inflow and water transfers (Burak et al., 2017; Leeuwen & Sjerps, 2016). Operation of the reservoir system follows an annual cycle, starting with minimal stored water in October. Therefore, precipitation distribution throughout the year is needed for a satisfactory operational performance. Accurate estimations of water demand and natural inflow to the reservoir system are crucial for reliable long-term projections, including climatic disturbances. However, in the operational framework of the system discussed in this paper, managerial decisions pertain mostly to the water transfer scheme.

In this study, the water supply scheme is modelled as a network. The algorithm for the operation of the reservoir system is run with simulated precipitation for a monthly timeframe. A sigmoidal (S-curve) extrapolation of actual water supply is combined with Gamma-distributed realizations of monthly precipitation. To the best of our knowl-edge, no simulation work based on the longest historic available data has been done so far to predict the future water supply conditions of Istanbul until 2100 with the present and planned water supply potential. The objective of this study is for this purpose and shows that water supply is expected to fall short of demands after 2060 in Istanbul. The algorithm can be replicated in other cities that operate water transfers.

This study assesses the future of water supply for Istanbul in the light of the results. We put forward the risks of water shortage expected to happen under the existing supply conditions because technically and economically feasible development of natural water resources has come to an end with the latest water transfer project "Melen". We further discuss the need to incorporate the measures of Integrated Water Resource Management-Water Sensitive City (IWRM-Water Sensitive City) approach with a diversified water portfolio to attain a water secured livable city.

# **Overview of Istanbul's Water Supply System**

Istanbul straddles Asia and Europe between 28°10′ and 29°40′ East longitudes and 40°50′ and 41°30′ North latitudes, extending from the Marmara Sea to the Black Sea, on both sides of Istanbul Strait (Bosphorus). The study area covers Istanbul province with an area

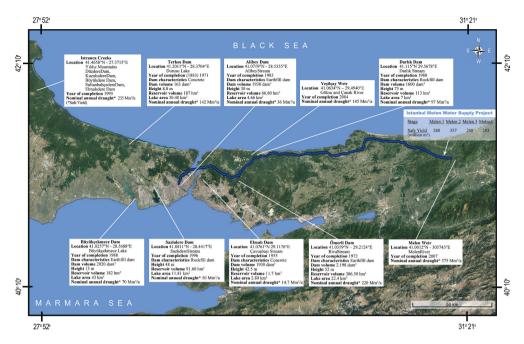


Figure 1. The location map of the Istanbul water supply system.

of 5400 km<sup>2</sup> comprising seven watersheds with creeks and lakes/impounded reservoirs for local water supply as shown on Figure 1. Details of the hydraulic structures and their related physical and operational features are given in (Burak et al., 2017).

The area's climate is temperate with a moderate soil water deficit in summer. There is strong seasonality in precipitation in the whole region with a 2- or 3-month dry period in summer and a rainfall peak in winter (Serengil et al., 2007).

Approximately 60% of the population reside on the European side and 40% on the Asian side, whereas most water resources are on the Asian side. Two transmission mains cross the Bosphorus from the Asia to the European side. The city's administrative boundaries contain no perennial fresh water resources that could supply the entire city.

# Demographic features and water demand

Population growth in Istanbul has been high and fast as in other megacities of the developing world (Leeuwen & Sjerps, 2016; Tortajada, 2006; Varis et al., 2006). Natural growth and in-migration altogether resulted in rapid urbanization from the 1970s onwards creating many infrastructural problems including water sector (Altinbilek, 2006; Burak & Mat, 2020).

An accurate population estimate is part of reliable water demand projections and efficient resource management. When we compare population estimates for water supply projects to Istanbul by the State Hydraulic Works (DSI), we see that census results of the Turkish Statistical Institute (TURKSTAT) and the population estimates of DSI generally agree. However, an increasing trend in census after 2015 is noticed, compared to the estimates of DSI, as shown in Table 1. The population growth has an inflection point near

Year	Projections of DSI*	TURKSTAT census results	Net per capita demand	Net water demand	Unaccounted for water	Gross water demand
			(l/c/d)*	(million m <sup>3</sup> / year)*	(%)*	(million m <sup>3</sup> / year)
1955	-	1.527.000	112	62	50	124
1960	-	1.874.000	120	82	50	164
1965	-	2.285.000	129	108	50	216
1970	-	3.020.000	138	152	48	292
1975	-	3.923.000	148	212	46	393
1980	-	4.787.000	159	278	44	496
1985	-	5.936.000	170	368	42	634
1990	7.475.000	-	182	497	40	828
1995	8.780.000	-	195	625	37	992
2000	10.110.000	10.018.735	212	782	34	1.185
2005	11.395.000	-	231	961	32	1.413
2010	12.584.000	-	244	1.121	30	1.601
2015	13.728.000	14.612.000	250	1.253	28	1.740
2020	14.683.000	15.850.684**	255	1.367	26	1.847
2025	15.492.000	16.708.850**	263	1.487	24	1.957
2030	16.120.000	-	270	1.589	22	2.037
2032	-	-	-	-	-	-
2035	16.601.000	-	276	1.672	21	2.116
2040	16.963.000	-	284	1.758	20	2.198

Table 1. Population	projections and wate	er demand (DSI,	1991; TURKSTAT, 2018).
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(\*)Data is provided from (DSI, 1991), (\*\*)projection of TURKSTAT

2007, which is mirrored by a similar trend in the water supply to the city, justifying its modelling by a sigmoid.

# Water resources in the Istanbul area

Istanbul is supplied with water from dam reservoirs within the province, namely, Elmalı, Ömerli and Darlık on the Asian side, Terkos, Büyük-Çekmece, Alibeyköy and Sazlıdere on the European side (Figure 1). The reservoirs including those outside Istanbul are run with an interlinked and flexible operational system. Ömerli and Terkos reservoirs are the main sources of local water supply. There are also smaller reservoirs, some of which act as backup systems (ISKI, 2019)

The major water supply from adjacent basins to Istanbul is at present sourced via water transfer from the Yesilcay and Melen regulators on the Asian Side and from the Istranca System on the European side as shown in Figure 1.

# **Methods**

This paper presents simulations based on a network model to assess the performance of the Istanbul water supply system until 2100. The model includes water resources in Greater Istanbul provincial boundaries and water transfers from outside basins. Water transferred from the Istranca creeks to the Terkos dam is considered as part of the reservoirs in Istanbul, which are modelled as a single node. The water supply is supplemented directly or indirectly by the Yesilcay and Melen rivers, but for our simulation, we consider these as a single external input to the Istanbul water supply. All water treatment systems are represented as a single output. A preliminary data analysis showed that annual water balance is insufficient to explore water transfers, so, the model runs on a monthly time-step. The ratio of water transfer to total supply is 23.2% on the average over the period 2007–2016. In 2014, this ratio was 39.1%, well above the average, despite precipitation also being 15% above average, as seen in Table 2. This is explained by a serious drought during the winter of the previous year that shows the need to use monthly models. Considering that Turkey receives most rainfall in winter and spring, winter droughts significantly impact water supply. Therefore, monthly predictions of inflow to the reservoir system are central to the confidence of the operational decisions (Komuscu, 2001; Raymond et al., 2016; Trigo et al., 2013).

Data needed for simulations consist of monthly water supplied to the city and water inflow to the basins. The long-term model for the water supplied to the city is based on the water use for 1955–2040. A 5-point sigmoidal fit to these estimates is used to project the demand until 2100 and spline interpolation is used to generate monthly values.

Simulations are based on generating Gamma-distributed random samples for precipitation; and runoff is evaluated in terms of real evapotranspiration  $ET_R$ . Estimation of watershed yields is based on accurate evaluation of the real evapotranspiration,  $ET_R$ .  $ET_R$ is a major component of the water cycle (Gudulas et al., 2013).  $ET_R$  values are computed using Turc's formula and Thornthwaite's method as implemented by (Gudulas et al., 2013). Monthly runoff coefficients obtained from Turc's formula, Thornthwaite's method, its actual measurements are compared and Turc's formula is preferred for its simplicity. Statistical analysis of temperature and precipitation data over 105 years from 1912 to 2016, gathered as the longest period of available data is used for computing real (actual) evapotranspiration ( $ET_R$ ) and runoff (Burak et al., 2020).

# Modelling monthly temperature and precipitation

We use monthly precipitation and temperature data from 1912 to 2016 as the longest available period of data as given in (Tables A1 and A2). These data were obtained from the Kandilli Observatory and Earthquake Research Institute in Istanbul (Boun-koeri,

Years	Yeşilçay (million m <sup>3</sup> / year)*	Melen (million m <sup>3</sup> / year)*	Yeşilçay and Melen (million m <sup>3</sup> /year)	Total supply to Istanbul (million m <sup>3</sup> /year)**	Total precipitation (mm/year)***	Ratio of (%)
2005	15.9	-	15.9	-	889.5	-
2006	30.7	-	30.7	-	840.2	-
2007	109.6	-	109.6	714.3	575.3	15.3
2008	110.0	129.6	239.6	718.3	899.2	33.4
2009	110.0	77.9	187.9	723.6	930.8	26.0
2010	11.4	5.6	17.0	778.0	1 192.2	2.2
2011	109.4	53.4	162.8	823.7	615.4	19.8
2012	109.3	50.3	159.6	872.9	810.2	18.3
2013	101.4	170.5	271.9	909.4	553.0	29.9
2014	110.0	251.4	361.4	924.4	967.8	39.1
2015	62.1	135.2	197.3	965.1	919.4	20.4
2016	33.0	242.8	275.8	998.6	912.0	27.6

Table 2. Total supply, water transfer and precipitation.

(\*) Data is provided by (ISKI, 2017a), (\*\*) Data is provided by (ISKI, 2017c), (\*\*\*) Data is derived from supplemental data Table A2 (Boun-koeri, 2017).

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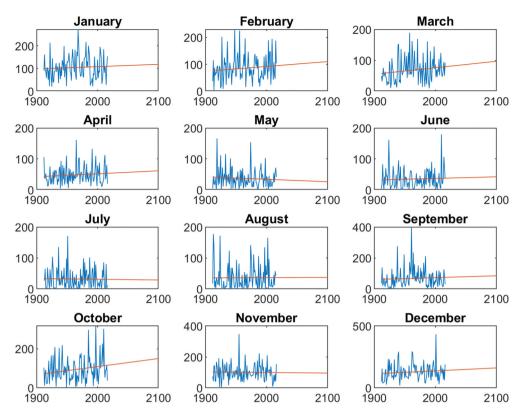


Figure 2. Monthly precipitation (mm) in Istanbul over the period 1912–2016 and projections to 2100 via linear regression.

2017). Precipitation for each month and linear projections are graphed in Figure 2, which indicates no overall long-term decrease in the precipitation.

The Gamma probability distribution is common for monthly precipitation data (Svensson et al., 2017). The parameters of the best fitting Gamma distribution for each month are computed and used to generate independent simulated values.

Monthly mean temperatures recorded at Kandilli Observatory over the period 1912–2016 are shown on Figure 3, (upper graph), together with their 2-standard deviation bounds. Similarly, the 95% and 5% bounds for the Gamma distribution and actual precipitation data are shown on Figure 3, (lower graph).

# Calculation of monthly runoff coefficients

On a water balance basis, precipitation is the sum of actual evapotranspiration, the increase in the soil moisture, infiltration and runoff (Trenberth et al., 2007). The relationship between precipitation and runoff depends on not only the soil type and evaporation characteristics, but also on the strength and the duration of the precipitation and involves delays from snow melt, and it can be far from being linear. Nevertheless, the ratio of runoff to precipitation, denoted as the runoff coefficient, is a common method for estimating runoff. Estimation of

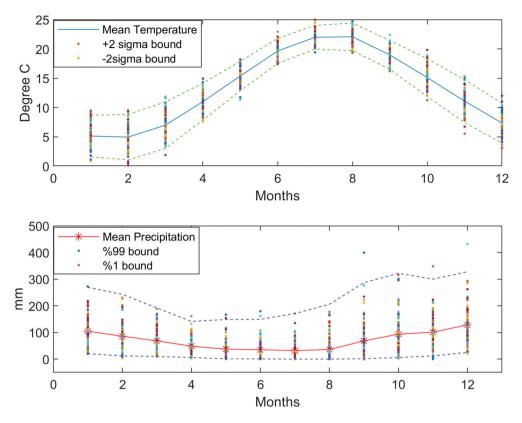


Figure 3. Monthly temperature, mean and 2-standard deviation bounds and precipitation mean and 95% and 5% bounds of the corresponding Gamma distribution fits in Istanbul, 1912–2016.

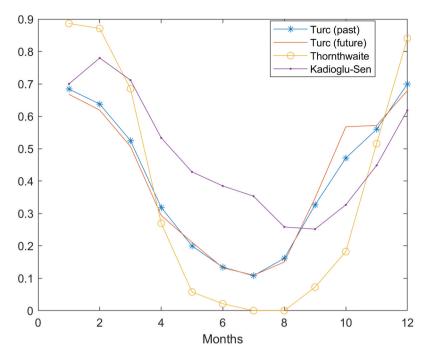
real evapotranspiration provides an indirect evaluation of the runoff via water balance (Olivera-Guerra et al., 2014).

Here, we used two methods for estimating runoff via evapotranspiration. The first is Turc's formula adopted for monthly values that expresses evapotranspiration in terms of precipitation and mean temperatures. This method is based on the assumption that the precipitation (P) is the sum of real evapotranspiration (E) and the runoff (R), hence  $E \le P$ . The real evapotranspiration *E* is given by the formula (Eq.1).

$$E = \frac{P}{\sqrt{0.9 + \frac{P^2}{[L(T)]^2}}}, \text{ if } \frac{P^2}{[L(T)]^2} > 0.1 \text{ and } E = P, \text{ if } \frac{P^2}{[L(T)]^2} < 0.1$$
(Eq.1)

where P is the mean monthly precipitation in mm/month, T is the mean annual temperature in degrees Celsius and  $L(T) = 300 + 25T + 0.05T^3$ Runoff is defined as the difference between precipitation and evapotranspiration, R = P-E.

The second method is Thornthwaite's method based on equating the sum of evapotranspiration and runoff to the sum of precipitation and soil moisture. Monthly runoff and precipitation measurements at seven watersheds in Istanbul were presented by (Kadioglu & Şen, 2001). Figure 4, presents; (i) runoff coefficients computed from Turc's formula based on observed (past) values on 1912–2016, (ii) runoff coefficients computed from Turc's formula based on simulated (future)



**Figure 4.** Runoff coefficients computed by Turc's formula based on actual and simulated data (Burak et al., 2020), by the Thornthwaite's method and mean of the runoff coefficients computed from runoff and precipitation measurements for 7 watersheds in Istanbul, as given in (Kadioglu & Şen, 2001).

values, (iii) runoff coefficients computed by Thornthwaite's method based on past values and (iv) the mean of the runoff coefficients for seven watersheds based on the measurements given in (Burak et al., 2020; Kadioglu & Şen, 2001).

We used runoff coefficients calculated from Turc's formula by applying actual and simulated values (Burak et al., 2020). As seen from Figure 4., these are close to each other, so Turc's formula based on actual data was used to compute runoff coefficients.

# Precipitation and runoff

This section examines the impacts of winter and summer droughts on runoff. In summer, a small proportion of precipitation converts to runoff, but in fall and winter, a higher proportion of precipitation converts to runoff. Thus, for storing water in reservoirs, the effects of winter droughts are expected to be more severe and the time series for monthly runoff is needed. As described in the previous section, we obtained a time series for the monthly runoff coefficients then we multiplied this series with simulated monthly time series for the precipitation to obtain monthly runoff.

In Figure 5, we present actual and monthly averages (from 105 years of data) for precipitation and runoff respectively. The upper graph shows extended periods of low precipitation in the summers of 2007, 2008 and 2009, and an extended period of low precipitation in the winter of 2013–2014. The lower graph shows that runoff levels during the summers of 2007, 2008 and 2009 are close to the

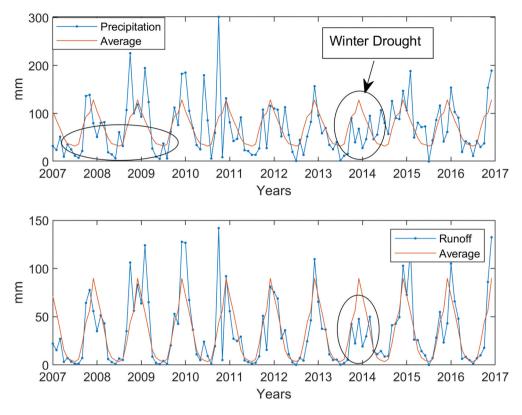


Figure 5. Actual and average precipitation (a) and runoff (b) for Istanbul. Below-average precipitation during summer and winter seasons are indicated. Below-average precipitation periods during summer months disappear in runoff but "winter drought" persists.

average values but runoff in the winter of 2013-2014 is well below average. Lower monthly average precipitation in summer months has little effect on runoff, but, lower-than-usual monthly precipitation in winter leads to much lower runoff. Since the hydrologic cycle in Turkey starts in October, the reservoirs are at their lower levels in October and droughts in the subsequent months have a drastic effect on water supply. Water transfers are especially crucial in such situations. This effect occurred in 2013-2014, as seen in Figure 5. Such effects cannot be observed in the annual water balance. In fact, the ratios of the water transferred to the total water supplied to the city were 18.3%, 29.9%, 39.1% and 20.4%, respectively, in the years 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015, while total precipitation in these years were 810.2 mm/year, 553.0 mm/year, 967.8 mm/year and 919.4 mm/year as given in Table 2. From these values, water transfer and precipitation were both high in 2014, because, as seen from Figure 5, precipitation was low at the end of 2013 and the beginning of 2014, reservoirs were empty and transferred water had to be used. In summer of 2014, precipitation was above average, which slightly increased runoff.

This example shows that yearly averages may hide monthly variations that are more important for each watershed, where significant variations of scarcity and abundance may occur.

# **Evaluation of the Results**

Analysis of temperature and precipitation data from 1912 to 2016 shows a general increase in temperature from February to October, but long-term temperatures seem stable from November to January. For reservoir management, this feature reduced negative effects of global warming, because, normally precipitation is concentrated in winter. This observation is consistent with climate change effects as predicted in (IPCC, 2014b). In addition to stable temperatures in winter, as in Figure 2, no significant decrease in average precipitation is foreseen. The combined effect of the changes in temperature and precipitation is reflected to runoff via various semi-empirical formulas; all of which predict very low runoff in summer, regardless of precipitation. Thus, it can be argued that increase in temperatures in summer has little influence on runoff. On the other hand, any climatic disturbance during winter, such as increased frequency of winter droughts would have significant adverse effects on reservoir management as shown on Figure 5.

In this model, all reservoirs in the basin are denoted by a single node, and it is assumed that water can be transferred from external basins if necessary and discharged if there is a surplus. For the present study, we run a simulation for the monthly operation of the water supply scheme. Basic components of the simulation are described below:

# Water demand

Water demand up to 2100 is estimated by fitting a 5-point sigmoidal curve (Carrillo, 2003) to the actual and estimated annual water demand over the period 1955 to 2040, and cubic splines are used for monthly interpolation. The formula (Eq.2) for the 5-point sigmoid is given below.

$$f(x) = D + \frac{(A - D)}{\left[1 + \left(\frac{x}{C}\right)^b\right]^e}$$
(Eq.2)

where f(0) = A, D is the limiting value as x goes to infinity, C is a scaling of x and the (positive) parameters b and e determine the asymmetrical shape of the curve.

#### Inflow to the reservoirs

Simulations of the inflow to the reservoir system are based on the modelling of monthly precipitation,  $R_m$ , by Gamma-distributed random variables. Runoff coefficients computed from Turc's formula are used to generate estimated runoff until 2100.

# **Reservoir levels**

For water supply management, the reservoir capacity at a given month,  $W_n$ , is characterised with three storage capacities, dead storage  $W_n = 0$ , maximal volume,  $W_n = W_{max}$ 

and a critical volume  $W_n = \alpha W_{max}$  where  $0 < \alpha < 1$ , respectively. For this study, simulations are carried out for  $\alpha = 0.50$ . In the network model, depletion of storage capacity to  $W_n = 0$ , is identified as a "system failure" indicating that operational precautions should be foreseen prior to that stage.

# Water transfer

Safe yields of the water transferred from the Melen and Yeşilçay systems are obtained from ISKI (ISKI, 2017b). Total water to be transferred at a given period is denoted by  $Y_n$  and it is bounded by the safe yield of the system at the given period,  $Y_{max}$ . For each operating strategy, the decision variable is the amount of water transfer during each step.

# **Operating principles**

Let  $A_n$  be the natural inflow,  $Y_n$  be the transferred water,  $S_n$  be the water demand,  $D_n$  be the discharge and  $X_n$  be the amount of water supplied from the reservoir storage (positive) or added to the reservoir (negative). These quantities are related by  $A_n + Y_n + X_n = S_n + D_n$ . It follows that  $X_n = S_n + D_n - A_n - Y_n$ , at any period. At the end of the period, the amount of stored water,  $W_n$  is updated as  $W_{n+1} = W_n - X_n$ . As a basic operating principle, water is discharged only if precipitation exceeds the demand and reservoirs are full, i.e,  $D_n = \max \{A_n - S_n - (W_{max,n}-W_n), 0\}$ . In our model, the operation strategy consists of the choice of a critical storage parameter,  $\alpha$ , such that, besides meeting the demand, transferred water is used to fill the reservoir system up to the critical storage level  $\alpha W_{max}$ . Let  $F_n = W_{max,n}-W_n$  and  $G_n = \alpha W_{max,n} - W_n$ . These variables are updated as  $F_{n+1} = W_{max,n} - W_{n+1}$ ,  $G_{n+1} = \max\{\alpha W_{max,n} - W_{n+1}$ , 0}. Once the parameter  $\alpha$  is chosen, the amount of water to be transferred is determined by the algorithm below.

Case 1:  $A_n > S_n + F_n$ ,  $\rightarrow Y_n = 0$ ; Case 2:  $A_n > S_n + G_n$ ,  $\rightarrow Y_n = 0$ Case 3:  $A_n > S_n$ ,  $\rightarrow Y_n = min\{G_n - A_n + S_n, Y_{max}\}$ Case 4:  $A_n < S_n$ ,  $Y_{max} > S_n - A_n + G_n \rightarrow Y_n = G_n - A_n + S_n$ Case 5:  $A_n < S_n$ ,  $Y_{max} > S_n - A_n \rightarrow Y_n = Y_{max}$ Case 6:  $A_n < S_n$ ,  $Y_{max} < S_n - A$ ,  $W_n > S_n - A_n - Y_{max} \rightarrow Y_n = Y_{max}$ Case 7:

 $A_n < S_n, \ Y_{max} < S_n - A_n, W_n < S_n - A_n - Y_{max} \rightarrow Y_n = Y_{max}, S_n = A_n + Y_{max} + W_n$ 

(a)Simulation starts with a state where the storage capacity is full. At any state n, if the inflow  $A_n$  is sufficient to meet the water demand  $S_n$  and to fill the reservoirs at least up to the critical level, there is no water transfer.

(b)If the reservoirs are filled completely, the surplus is discharged (Case 1 and Case 2).

(c)If the inflow  $A_n$  is greater than the demand  $S_n$  water transfer is used to fill the reservoirs up to the critical level, if possible (Case 3).

(d)If the inflow  $A_n$  is insufficient to meet the water demand  $S_n$ , then transferred water is used to meet the demand and to fill the reservoirs up to the critical level, if possible (Case 4 and Case 5).

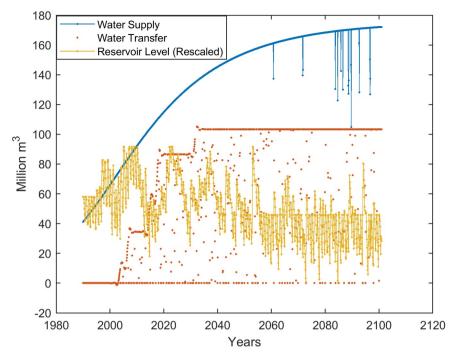


Figure 6. Output of the simulation for the network model on a monthly basis.

(e)If the inflow  $A_n$  and maximum water transfer are insufficient to meet the demand, then the storage capacity of the reservoirs is used.

(f)If the sum of these resources is sufficient, there is no water rationing (Case 6). Otherwise, there is water rationing. This means that the stored volume in the reservoirs is not sufficient to meet the demand of the population connected to the water distribution network, as no hedging is available at present with alternative/manufactured sources; therefore, water rationing will be practiced. (Case 7)

The results for monthly simulation are displayed on Figure 6. Although the timing, frequency of occurrence and the severity of system failures depend on randomly generated precipitation, in general, they are expected to occur in the steady-state operation of the water supply system.

# Discussion

Because the current water transfer system of Istanbul cannot be expanded further, physically and technically, it is necessary to counterbalance water shortage expected to happen around 2060, with water conservation/demand management, grey water use, rainwater harvesting and/or desalination. Emerging environmental concerns and uncertainties related to increased climatic disturbances on water resources also raise demand and operation management approaches, quantity and quality management at the same time with "fit-for-purpose" measures which can be summarised as the principle of not wasting higher water quality for the use that can be done with a lower quality (UN-Water, 2015). Therefore, improved and enhanced operation and demand management tools must be incorporated in the supply system. For instance, a study in 2017 showed that a substantial amount of grey water (2 million  $m^3/day$ ) is produced within the city (Beler-Baykal & Oructut, 2017). Making grey water useful and socially acceptable in new buildings would reduce growth in water transfer demand. These measures must be developed and enforced in a timely manner. Persuading people to accept changes in social behaviour takes time. Demand management requires governance and appropriate tools to motivate people, to understand and accept measures to alleviate pressure on freshwater resources.

Water scarcity from economic and population growth is an important threat for human societies and a constraint for sustainable development (Greve et al., 2018; UN-Water, 2015). This statement is also true for Istanbul, especially with continued population growth (Savun-Hekimoğlu et al., 2020). Historically, water managers have tried to meet water demand in Istanbul by diverting/conveying water from adjacent resources since the 16th century (Altinbilek, 2006; Ozis et al., 2020; Saatci, 2013). As such, this city is a pertinent example of a megacity with massive water transfer for urban use. Once the gap between demand and supply was closed via water transfer, continuous urbanisation paralleling in-migration gave rise to increased water demand met by further water transfers such as Istranca, Yeşilçay and Melen projects, after the severe drought occurred in 1993, in particular.

This cycle shows that water shortage cannot be resolved for Istanbul unless water transfer is accompanied by additional sustainable management policy measures. Similar situations occur in other regions of the World, where it was put forward that "Soon after completion of each water transfer project, the water scarcity reappears due to continuous development and in-migration intensified by a false perception of water availability" (Gohari et al., 2013). Because continuous increase of urbanization and poor planning are the reasons for most urban water shortages as argued by (Muller, 2018).

Furthermore, some researchers state that water transfers may entail negative longterm social, economic and environmental impacts from its effectiveness to water shortage (Klein, 2006; Olden & Naiman, 2010; Yan et al., 2012). Inter-basin transfers should be based on a holistic view which takes into accounts for the socio-economic, ecologic and environmental concerns with hydrologic aspects altogether. It is expected that almost 14% of water withdrawal at global scale, implemented via inter-basin water transfer will rise to 25% by the year 2025 according to International Commission on Irrigation and Drainage (ICID) (ICID, 2005). This reflects supply-oriented management decisions based on inter-basin transfer continuing to be preferred because people are attracted by large metropolises for better living conditions. This relieves the symptom of water shortage problem, but it hides at the same time a larger management issue by postponing it. In England, the Environment Agency released a national framework for water resources to describe challenges considering future water demands and potential for new supplies and water transfer (Harou, 2019). Several questions were raised in this report; among these, the question of "how will transfers be operated given different scarcity levels in the recipient and donor basins?" is still a pending issue to be addressed also for Istanbul.

This study predicts that after 2060, the existing water supply scheme will fall short to meet demand under the prevailing conditions. Diversifying the water portfolio provides hedging against supply risks (Leroux & Martin, 2016). These include unexploited natural resources opportunities (e.g., surface and ground water stocks) and manufactured water

(e.g., wastewater reclamation, desalination). The key question is to determine the optimal mix between them with regard to resource conservation and investment & operational cost (Erfani et al., 2018; Leroux & Martin, 2016)

There are good examples for water supply diversification in other megacities of the World. For instance, in California, treated wastewater is reclaimed as raw water augmentation to the water supply system instead of discharging it into the Pacific Ocean, as a measure of new layer of resiliency to Southern California's water needs. This decision has been accompanied by the establishment of "Raw Water Augmentation Regulations for Direct Potable Reuse". These initiatives were launched within the scope of the Integrated Regional Plan 2015 (IRP) which is a regional example of long-term, diversified strategic plan that evolves and adapts to address changing needs of future generation (The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, 2016).

In Istanbul, there is a considerable potential for treated wastewater reuse and rainwater harvesting. At present, out of  $1,4x10^9$  m<sup>3</sup>/year wastewater generated, 62% undergoes primary treatment, 38% undergoes biological and tertiary treatment prior to being discharged in the Bosphorus and the Marmara Sea. Only 1,84% was reused by the Istanbul Water and Sewerage Administration (ISKI) in 2019 corresponding to 25,4 x10<sup>6</sup> m<sup>3</sup>/year. To use this potential, an efficient sewerage network operation is needed. The rehabilitated and extended sewerage infrastructure is designed as separate sanitary sewers and storm water drains (ISKI, 2019). However, there are illegal sewer cross-connections to storm water network in some areas that contribute to the pollution of the watersheds and consequently drinking water supply reservoirs and the sea. Separate storm water flows from sewage will help to improve the functioning of wastewater treatment plants with further consequences of saving rainwater for different beneficial uses including drinking water. Another improvement will relate to the water quality of receiving waters in watersheds and coastal waters.

The latest master plan has been based on heavy engineering works (i.e., water supply, wastewater treatment and drainage) whereas the new master plan is expected to reach the target of "Water sensitive city" as proposed in the first stakeholders meeting of the new master plan organized by ISKI in November 2019. Water sensitive city is an approach to sustainable water resource management (Dean et al., 2016). The concept calls for a city that is a "watershed for water supply", provides "ecosystem services" and is home to "water sensitive communities". "Water sensitive city" planning necessitates a "whole of government" approach where land-use planning and urban water management are integrated (Serrao-Neumann et al., 2017). It is recognized worldwide that business-as-usual approaches has failed to address urban water management (Brown et al., 2011). It is expected that increased urbanisation will continue to degrade water quantity and quality and upset natural hydrologic flows (Serrao-Neumann et al., 2019). In a recent study undertaken in three city regions of Australia, researchers have investigated urban water management with the objective to inform water-sensitive city planning by bridging the gap between past urban water management policies and water sensitive city, incorporating land-use planning and sustainably managing water (Serrao-Neumann et al., 2019). The water sensitive city concept cannot be operational unless legal and institutional framework is improved to match with adaptive behaviour. It has been experienced that unconcerned public

sector and traditional engineering solutions are prominent constraints. Successful megacities in sustainable water management have put forward that a concurrent emphasis on supply and demand management, wastewater and storm water management, institutional effectiveness and creating an enabling environment is necessary, as it has been for Singapore (Tortajada, 2006). Similarly, in our case the institutional and legal issues need to be improved to cope with more sustainable water governance issues to reach the target of the "Water Sensitive City".

# **Limitations of the Approach**

IPCC (2014a, 2018) identified a wide range of limitations with regard to the potential impacts of a changing climate on water resources and these are not fully understood. It is also suggested that small increases in global temperature can have statistically significant impacts on stream flow, but this effect is often hidden by the uncertainty in precipitation trends projected by GCMs (Hattermann et al., 2018). Müller (2018) suggests that "... historical hydrology should still provide reliable perspectives for the next few decades ... " However, using regional models considering watershed-specific features can decrease such uncertainties in hydrological models (UN-Water, 2020). Regional climate models can predict some variables (e.g., evapotranspiration, soil moisture) (Tramblay et al., 2020).

This study has not run any sophisticated regional climate model but has run a simple monthly system with simulated precipitation. Istanbul is under the influence of the Mediterranean and Black Sea climates. Consequently, precipitation projections with climate change differ from the Mediterranean region. Slight changes in precipitation and temperature are predicted to happen unlike in the Mediterranean basin (Burak et al., 2020). This agrees with the study of (Turkes et al., 2020) as cited in (IPCC, 2019) where strong decrease in precipitation is predicted by the model REGCM4.4 in almost all of Turkey with the exception of northern parts. In our study, climate change is not addressed in the analysis because the linear regression results show that although summer temperatures will be affected, runoff will be less affected.

# Conclusion

We conclude with the following thoughts on the management similar to other megacities in the developing world:

- Assessment of water imports for water supply in the megacity Istanbul cannot be separated from its hydrologic, geographic and most importantly its demographic and socio-economic features.
- Simulation results show that water imports alone are not a reliable solution to meet the demand beyond 2060, the time when water demand is expected to increase by 30% beyond the present.
- A "false perception of water availability" can result in uncontrolled urbanisation to develop to the detriment of forests and watersheds. Land-use planning must go in parallel with water resources planning.

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- Watersheds within Istanbul must be monitored and adequate intervention and additional protection measures must be put in force considering that water transfer from outside watersheds is an additional source.
- The users of the donor basins may object to deliver water to Istanbul if their own activities are jeopardised because of reduced water quantity. Therefore, possible controversies must be foreseen in this regard. Since ISKI is responsible by law for the enforcement of the "Regulations related to the Protection of Watersheds Supplying Drinking and Utility Water to Istanbul", efficient pro-active and pre-emptive measures must be taken.

Supplementing the gap between demand and supply with increased water use efficiency (a) reducing physical losses to the best possible; (b) allocations & demand reductions; (c) not wasting higher water quality for uses that can employ lower quality water, must be one of the principles which will be avoiding wastage of fresh water.

Istanbul is a good example of the challenges faced in water supply in heavily populated cities, where urbanization has spread over watersheds in provincial boundaries. This research shows that after 2060, existing and transferred water resources alone will not be sufficient to meet demand. To rely on traditional solutions based on the assumption of ever-abundant water is expected to put the megacity on a path towards a water crisis after 2060 if not before. There is a need to adopt a more diversified water supply and demand management portfolio which have been implemented successfully in other megacities and have hedged supply risks.

As a concluding remark, laxity from a false perception of water availability, be it socio-political or institutional, is a threat to water security in Istanbul. It is vital to incorporate the extensive measures of IWRM-Water Sensitive City approaches with a diversified water portfolio in short-term decisions, because persuading people to adopt new behavioral attitudes and a changed mindset in the face of emerging issues takes time.

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 Table A1. Monthly temperature data for Istanbul between 1912–2016.

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1913	4.2	6.1	9.1	9.4	14.9	18.0	21.5	20.9	16.7	12.7	8.2	7.7
1914	9.4	6.5	7.8	10.6	13.1	18.3	22.2	21.2	17.9	15.0	10.3	9.5
1915	5.3	6.2	9.4	11.4	15.6	20.7	22.9	21.3	18.3	15.2	12.9	10.2
1916	7.7	3.6	9.0	11.7	11.3	17.7	21.5	22.4	18.0	16.7	13.3	5.3
1917	5.4	4.2	6.2	8.5	14.5	18.3	20.9	20.8	19.9	18.6	11.3	8.8
1918	7.5	5.5	11.7	12.5	11.7	17.6	20.7	19.6	19.1	17.2	12.5	7.8
1919	5.9	2.2	6.6	11.0	13.9	19.5	21.9	22.2	17.8	11.3	5.6	5.4
1920	6.1	2.4	5.4	9.4	16.1	17.8	21.2	22.5	16.7	12.9	10.8	6.0
1921	4.3	3.8	9.7	12.1	14.6	19.4	22.1	20.8	19.5	16.3	9.0	6.1
1922	4.5	5.8	7.5	10.5	15.9	19.8	21.2	20.3	19.0	16.7	15.3	9.0
1923	2.8	4.5	6.5	12.0	14.7	20.3	21.1	21.1	20.5	14.5	8.7	5.6
1924	3.1	8.0	7.9	10.5	15.3	17.4	21.4	21.5	19.3	15.4	13.2	7.6
1925	4.8	4.9	6.0	12.2	16.3	21.2	20.7	19.8	16.7	15.4	13.0	8.2
1926	6.8	2.0	10.2	11.1	13.7	19.2	22.1	22.4	20.9	17.2	12.4	6.2
1927	4.9	1.8	3.3	11.7	15.7	17.9	21.3	21.5	19.2	14.3	13.0	6.8
1928	4.1	0.1	1.9	8.5	16.6	19.3	20.8	23.6	17.3	15.6	12.5	7.9
1929	6.4	4.7	8.6	12.1	15.2	17.8	21.8	21.5	19.2	15.5	11.7	9.0
1930	6.6	5.2	6.7	9.7	15.3	19.5	22.1	21.9	18.1	14.8	8.2	4.8
1931	3.6	0.5	4.6	12.2	16.2	19.4	21.8	21.8	20.3	19.8	10.9	8.2
1932	4.2	4.6	5.2	8.9	14.3	19.1	19.4	20.6	16.9	15.2	14.1	4.7
1933	4.3	2.8	9.3	12.1	16.0	20.2	22.6	22.2	19.4	16.1	12.5	8.0
1934	4.3	4.9	4.7	11.3	15.0	19.1	21.2	22.3	19.2	17.2	10.2	9.4
1935	8.9	6.8	9.4	12.4	14.0	18.9	22.7	22.5	18.3	15.0	10.8	5.6
1936	3.1	6.1	11.6	11.4	14.6	19.3	22.8	22.1	21.4	15.3	11.4	9.1
1937	4.8	4.1	5.8	9.6	15.8	19.4	23.0	24.1	19.0	15.7	11.3	7.8
1938	7.9	4.7	7.3	11.0	16.9	20.0	23.1	22.1	18.3	16.6	9.6	8.0
1939	3.3	5.0	5.7	10.0	14.3	19.3	22.6	20.8	18.2	15.4	12.9	5.0
1940	5.9	8.0	7.4	13.0	16.3	19.0	21.1	21.8	16.3	13.8	8.1	3.8
1941	0.9	4.2	3.3	9.1	15.8	20.8	20.8	21.0	18.6	14.5	9.1	6.0
1942	2.6	3.5	4.0	9.7	13.7	17.8	21.0	21.6	19.0	15.8	13.2	8.1
1943	4.3	6.3	7.1	9.7	13.1	19.1	21.8	20.9	18.7	16.7	11.9	7.2
1944	4.7	3.1	5.5	10.0	16.6	18.2	21.7	23.8	19.0	14.0	11.3	7.2
1945	4.1	4.6	5.8	9.8	14.5	20.0	22.7	23.4	21.0	13.2	12.5	6.4
1946	1.1	6.4	10.8	11.9	14.7	19.8	22.0	21.5	18.0	12.8	10.8	9.7
1947	9.2 4.5	3.3	4.0	9.7 7.6	15.0 14.9	19.1 18.8	21.6	22.2	18.9 16.5	15.0	8.7 13.4	3.1
1948 1949	4.5 1.8	2.5 5.3	4.7 6.1	13.2	14.9	10.0 19.8	20.1 22.0	19.8 21.3	19.9	13.8 14.5	13.4	8.6 11.0
1949	7.1	6.7	8.9	12.9	16.7	19.8	22.0	21.5	19.9	14.5	11.3	6.5
1950	6.7	6.2	6.8	12.9	14.2	18.3	21.9	22.4	21.4	16.9	12.6	10.4
1951	6.7	6.2 5.8	6.8 4.1	10.5	14.2	19.9	20.8	25.5	18.5	14.9	7.8	3.7
1952	1.1	0.8	4.1 6.7	8.7	14.1	21.3	22.2	22.1	20.3	14.9	7.8 11.8	5.7 7.8
1955	8.2	0.8 9.5	7.8	8.3	15.3	18.7	22.4	23.4	19.7	17.4	10.6	8.2
1955	6.5	3.2	3.4	11.7	14.9	19.3	22.4	21.0	18.1	17.4	9.6	6.2
1955	4.2	6.5	5.5	9.6	13.8	19.3	22.0	23.2	21.3	16.5	11.4	6.7
1957	5.7	8.5	6.8	10.4	17.0	20.0	21.4	22.3	17.3	14.2	11.4	9.2
1958	6.2	2.9	5.7	11.4	13.9		22.1	22.5	16.5	12.6	10.0	9.5
1959	6.8	5.2						22.4	17.8	18.5	13.9	12.0
1960	5.5	4.3	7.7		15.9			22.0	17.9	14.2	13.3	7.6
1961	6.3	4.1	8.6	10.4	16.5	18.4	21.1	22.6	19.6	15.9	14.9	7.2
1962	3.3	6.9	5.6	9.0	14.3	20.5	22.8	23.3	20.5	15.8	12.6	7.0
1963	2.6	3.5	6.5	11.4	13.3	20.1	21.1	20.7	17.6	17.0	11.2	9.0
1964	6.5	3.1	6.4	9.3	15.3	20.6	21.4	20.2	19.4	13.3	11.6	9.4
1965	5.6	8.9	7.6	12.7	16.3	19.5	23.3	22.9	18.8	18.9	14.7	8.1
1966	4.1	3.0	7.0	11.1	15.7	18.9	22.0	22.7	19.2	15.4	11.0	7.9
1967	3.6	5.9	6.6	11.9	17.3	19.1	21.5	21.0	19.2	13.6	11.6	6.7
1968	3.4	6.3	5.3	9.9	16.5	21.1	20.1	21.8	19.7	14.3	12.3	9.1
1969	6.9	7.1	8.9	13.9	15.2	19.4	22.7	22.4	18.3	13.6	11.5	7.1
1970	8.6	5.1	7.5	10.3	16.6	20.4	20.8	22.1	18.6	12.9	10.7	6.6
1971	3.6	3.9	6.3	13.2	15.6	20.5	22.2	22.3	18.7	13.7	10.1	6.1
1972	3.6	6.7	5.2	10.7	16.1	18.4		20.5	18.9	15.0	8.7	7.2
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	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
1973	2.7	5.4	5.9	9.7	15.2	19.4	21.2	20.7	19.0	17.8	10.9	6.9
1974	5.4	3.8	10.1	13.2	15.7	20.3	22.9	21.6	19.6	14.6	9.6	5.5
1975	5.2	2.9	4.8	11.3	14.5	18.8	22.0	19.3	17.9	14.5	11.3	7.5
1976	5.9	9.3	7.1	10.9	15.2	19.7	21.6	22.3	17.8	12.1	12.5	5.5
1977	4.7	6.6	7.7	11.0	15.7	20.1	21.4	20.2	17.7	14.5	9.5	7.6
1978	5.7	5.7	9.5	11.6	15.8	21.1	21.2	21.8	18.8	14.0	11.4	8.1
1979	3.2	3.7	5.6	9.9	15.5	19.3	21.4	21.1	16.9	16.6	11.8	7.9
1980	4.6	4.5	8.0	11.0	13.4	20.3	20.6	21.1	18.3	16.5	8.6	9.5
1981	4.8	3.1	5.6	9.7	13.8	20.1	20.2	20.9	20.0	15.4	10.4	9.1
1982	4.5	4.5	7.3	12.6	17.0	18.7	22.2	20.8	18.7	13.5	9.1	7.7
1983	6.7	4.9	6.2	8.4	17.5	19.3	20.7	20.2	20.4	16.4	11.1	6.5
1984	5.8	0.8	5.1	11.9	17.0	19.6	20.5	22.1	18.0	12.7	11.4	8.2
1985	7.0	5.2	5.5	12.4	14.1	20.6	21.8	23.0	19.2	13.6	8.4	5.8
1986	4.7	6.1	3.4	9.3	15.0	19.8	22.2	20.4	19.1	13.2	11.3	6.2
1987	6.4	5.7	8.2	10.4	15.1	20.3	23.3	22.5	18.8	13.5	6.7	6.1
1988	3.9	5.8	8.7	14.4	15.2	19.4	21.6	22.6	19.2	13.8	8.9	6.4
1989	4.1	5.4	8.4	12.4	14.3	19.6	21.8	21.6	18.0	14.9	13.3	8.4
1990	5.1	4.0	5.3	9.7	14.9	19.5	22.1	22.5	18.5	15.3	10.8	3.8
1991	3.9	3.1	6.8	11.7	13.3	20.3	20.6	23.3	18.5	17.3	10.2	4.7
1992	3.9	2.4	6.3	10.5	14.6	20.0	21.0	22.3	18.9	16.8	8.7	8.4
1993	7.4	4.9	8.1	13.3	17.1	19.5	22.8	23.2	22.4	17.3	9.3	5.9
1994	5.6	6.7	8.5	11.0	15.7	21.5	22.4	22.4	19.5	13.6	8.0	6.9
1995	3.8	4.6	3.8	9.0	17.5	19.8	22.0	22.3	18.3	13.4	11.9	9.0
1996	5.9	4.7	5.2	8.2	15.6	19.8	22.4	20.4	16.2	13.5	11.0	7.5
1997	5.8	5.2	5.2	13.3	15.5	21.1	22.8	23.4	19.3	16.2	10.8	5.6
1998	6.2	5.7	8.5	13.5	16.4	20.6	23.7	23.1	19.6	15.4	10.7	10.0
1999	2.5	5.6	7.1	13.5	15.6	19.5	23.9	22.7	19.9	14.7	13.2	8.8
2000	7.7	7.1	11.9	12.8	15.8	20.5	24.4	23.7	20.7	15.9	10.1	3.9
2001	4.2	8.0	8.8	9.9	15.6	21.1	25.0	22.9	19.5	15.6	12.3	5.6
2002	7.1	1.6	4.0	8.5	16.8	21.4	23.4	23.8	18.4	15.5	10.1	7.0
2003	4.6	5.6	7.9	11.5	15.4	19.9	21.6	21.9	19.5	16.1	11.1	8.1
2004	6.2	5.2	6.7	11.7	15.7	19.0	22.8	23.6	19.7	14.0	9.6	8.0
2005	3.7	4.8	8.1	11.5	16.2	20.6	22.2	24.5	19.1	15.8	10.0	7.4
2006	7.8	6.7	8.5	10.7	17.9	22.9	23.9	24.5	19.8	16.0	10.0	6.2
2007	4.0	5.4	10.4	13.9	16.9	21.6	23.1	23.9	19.2	15.7	12.2	8.4
2008	6.9	6.2	7.8	10.3	17.1	22.1	23.8	22.6	19.4	17.2	12.1	9.5
2009	5.8	7.3	7.6	11.5	17.4	20.1	22.7	24.8	19.8	13.6	15.0	9.5
2010	5.6	4.8	6.9	8.5	14.5	17.9	23.5	21.8	20.3	13.2	7.9	8.2
2011	3.7	2.8	6.3	13.4	16.0	21.7	24.4	23.2	20.5	18.2	13.2	7.0
2012	6.2	6.8	9.2	12.8	18.2	20.4	22.3	23.3	19.7	13.5	12.7	6.0
2013	8.1	7.6	9.7 7 2	12.7	16.7	19.8	22.8	23.3	19.6	15.2	11.0	8.6
2014	6.2	5.9	7.2	10.5	16.6	19.2	22.6	23.8	21.3	15.1	13.0	7.4
2015	5.2	9.3	9.7	14.9	16.3	21.4	23.0	23.3	19.9	14.7	11.1	4.2
2016	2.4	5.8	7.9	10.7	14.9	20.5	22.4	22.6	20.9	14.7	11.5	9.8

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1912	92.3	37.8	49.5	105.5	4.8	3.7	29.4	17	36.3	102.8	73.6	49.7
1913	161.9	115.3	32	37.4	44.3	24.4	27.7	177.1	137.8	11	42.9	155.4
1914	89.1	4	51.2	38.4	18.2	82.8	64.9	140.6	20	<i>T.TT</i>	144.6	38.1
1915	92.3	87.4	75.6	53.4	18	19.1	4	5.8	32.3	91.6	140	40.8
1916	58.6	58.8	47.6	31.2	39	3.1	2.5	26.1	70.7	22.8	46	47.5
1917	102.9	69.6	54.1	33.8	17.1	42.9	0.8	0	31	21.4	40.1	50.1
1918	103.2	66.1	63.2	12.3	1.4	17.5	68.5	34.7	13.4	26.5	168.3	130.5
1919	50.6	89.7	46.6	13	166.7	70.5	34.2	28.4	53.2	78.5	143.3	151.3
1920	94.2	94.6	42.8	28	43.6	43.1	20.5	16.5	35	138.4	96.3	26.8
1921	22.5	39.6	18.7	44.4	15.2	46.6	1.6	13.3	94.4	18.7	64.1	69.6
1922	214	64.7	30.9	76.2	74.6	14.3	63.3	57.2	35.1	89.1	191.2	96.3
1923	96.7	93.8	26.1	17.6	19.8	54.1	33.3	9.6	6.6	96.2	5.9	234
1924	59.8	86.9	22.8	40.2	49.2	161.7	5.9	172.1	3.3	164.2	134.3	89.7
1925	20.1	11.1	96.9	18.7	111.8	67.2	44.9	33.1	0	99	109.4	228.7
1926	145.2	19.1	76.2	30.5	1.1	16.5	103.8	33.9	17.3	37.8	0.2	138.5
1927	42.3	201.9	10.8	58.9	39.4	0	67.3	3.7	4.7	167.8	44.8	151.5
1928	39.3	78.05	23.3	17.5	72.5	12.8	0	0.6	2.8	54.8	187.1	200.2
1929	86.2	9.04	106.8	64	10.9	12.7	4.1	0.5	129.9	121.3	140	79.8
1930	85.2	56.7	78.5	38.8	39.6	19	2.2	25.6	24.8	208.6	50.7	92.7
1931	103.9	125	65.4	61.6	51.7	77.3	2.5	0	95.1	71.1	126.8	66
1932	123.8	98	46.8	62.6	31.6	54.8	0.4	0	2.5	6.1	154.7	63
1933	85.2	106.5	22.3	53.5	115.9	6.2	69.6	9.7	57.7	96.3	97.8	229.2
1934	108.1	23.8	22.1	16.4	11.2	9.7	55	6.2	12.3	86.4	102.9	84.9
1935	96.5	92.4	40.54	34.4	48.4	15.8	25.7	9.8	77.9	51.4	166.4	101.9
1936	36	185.8	23.7	26.7	40.4	49.3	135	53	76.5	90.7	73.7	91.2
1937	125.3	79.9	12.5	66.7	24.3	2	10.7	83.5	36.3	203.6	101	142.2
1938	95.5	47	75.3	75.5	51.7	28	31.3	24.5	276.2	58.5	16.9	122.6
1939	53.1	60.3	148	4.5	17.6	63	12.7	123.5	64.3	48.2	153.1	261.8
1940	106.9	106.1	153	93.9	29.4	95.3	20.2	4.2	47	43.1	50.9	292
1941	67.1	84.8	29.3	33.6	101.7	29.1	59.2	0.4	50.4	125.1	119.5	83
1942	136.9	76.6	37.2	12.8	3.2	33.5	11.2	68.5	61	218	192	19.9
1943	124.4	24.1	26.2	79.8	73.8	75.6	40.4	0	135.1	113.6	119.4	115.7
1944	91.8	78.9	136.4	33.7	76.7	0.3	32.2	68	45.5	68	64.8	175.1
1945	198.9	67.54	67.9	71.9	4.5	3.7	68	49.4	18.9	64.7	70.2	65.8
1946	61.8	101.6	52.5	17.3	38.5	1.2	3.9	46.9	10.3	111.2	95.2	117.1
1947	97.5	110.6	59.6	32.2	22.2	8.9	18.9	10.8	41.5	76.5	111.4	131.6
1948	120.5	229.8	68.8	64.6	36.5	64.4	1.6	2.9	38.43	104.9	68.6	160.7
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Table A2. Monthly precipitation data for Istanbul between 1912–2016.

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	January	February	March	April	May	June	ylnl	August	September	October	November	December
1986	172.3	119.9	22.5	38.1	0.1	71.4	2.9	0.1	27.7	130.2	48.4	112.3
1987	141.7	32.6	160.9	45.4	17.5	59.4	101.3	106.2	2.6	159.1	98.1	193.4
1988	25.2	47.7	52.3	60.4	27.2	67.4	32.6	1.1	25.3	100.6	222.7	183.8
1989	38.8	17.8	30.1	11.6	60.9	23.1	3.3	17.5	11.2	126.3	132.7	82.8
1990	39.7	56.6	9.9	43	67.4	69	5.1	80.5	98	81.4	145.2	173.5
1991	57.7	49.1	41.3	132.5	86.3	8.8	62.1	29.8	84.3	67.5	63.7	189.6
1992	21.4	77.3	129.6	55.2	35.7	61.3	67.7	0	12.2	85	108.3	101.4
1993	79	58	40.4	27	52.1	34.8	6.9	8.6	96.6	9.8	185.3	59.9
1994	70.5	50.4	29.9	31.9	42.7	90.5	28.8	24.2	1.3	126.1	111.9	148
1995	152	43.3	85.2	45	7.6	23.1	88.8	54.7	99.4	46.6	134.5	90.2
1996	88.6	129.2	104.7	72.3	37.6	13.8	0	18.1	104.4	76.6	42.8	186.6
1997	48.7	58.5	74.5	109.6	30.2	52.7	78.5	134.5	8.5	316	36.3	221.7
1998	54.7	65.6	145.1	40.4	103.1	9.1	37.4	0.1	48.3	124.9	94.4	154.7
1999	57.7	136.5	72	12.1	9.3	70.8	29.7	76.2	27.2	33	132.7	144.3
2000	139.1	93.7	86.3	78.4	43.8	26.6	7.5	45.8	56.6	99.2	45	87.7
2001	58.6	80.2	45.1	60.6	37.5	5.2	12.3	46.6	42.5	18.3	210.7	432.2
2002	90.3	44.8	69.7	45.6	19.1	26	20.8	164.7	117.2	59.4	99.7	88.7
2003	83	189.8	47.2	88	1.3	2	5	0	52.1	122.8	110.2	127.7
2004	195.5	73.3	71.4	22	45.6	22	25.8	96.4	12.1	218.7	110.7	56.5
2005	173.6	146.1	63.4	26.3	11.8	22.9	29.9	10.6	56.6	100	118.7	129.6
2006	143.4	147.9	104.6	18.7	9.8	54.6	1.4	9.5	118.4	128.3	74.3	29.3
2007	32.3	24.1	51.6	10.2	35.5	25.1	11.9	7.7	21.9	136.4	138.8	79.8
2008	51.2	80.6	82	19.1	14.7	6.7	61	32.3	107.2	225.4	100.4	118.6
2009	93.2	194.5	123.8	27	10.1	5.5	37.4	6.4	62.2	112.2	76	182.5
2010	185.1	105.4	69.5	34.3	25.3	179.5	85.7	6.3	59.5	301.1	6	131.5
2011	81.5	42.6	47.2	91.8	23.6	21.7	13.8	14	27.3	108	27.9	116
2012	110.4	107.9	52.3	112.9	55.3	20.1	1.2	45	13.8	52	82.6	156.7
2013	95.8	58.8	69.7	34.6	25.5	40.5	2.1	11.9	16	90.1	39.9	68.1
2014	28	46.4	95.1	46.5	55.9	106.7	80.2	57.3	125.9	90.5	88.4	146.9
2015	106.2	188.2	49.9	80.7	71.5	72.9	0	44	86.4	116.4	41.6	61.6
2016	153.6	103.22	91.2	19.9	42	37	11.6	42.7	30.3	37.7	153.6	189.2