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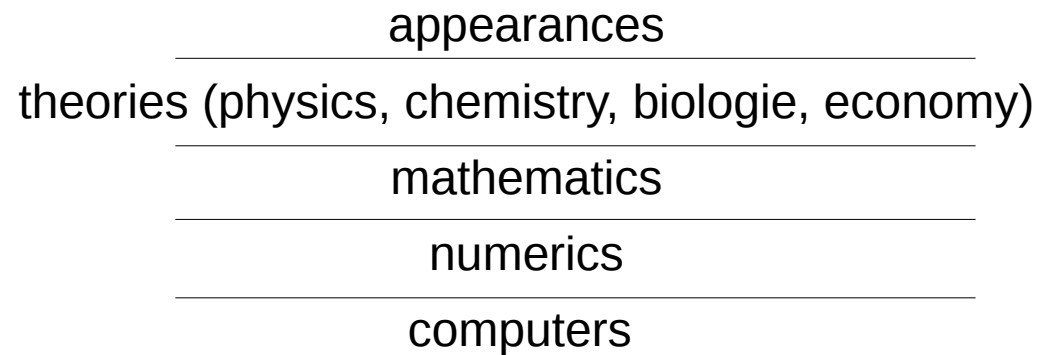
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LMDZ : a general circulation model

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1. General Circulation Models

The world of numerical models



Mathematics constitute a common language

Modeling concerns all the layers

Always try to make links with the upper layers

At same time, you must be aware of the layer in which you are working, or at which transition between layers.

Do not forget that your goal is to explain things in the first layer.

1. General Circulation Models

The « layers » in LMDZ :

Apearances :

→ Meteorology, climate, atmospheric composition

Theories :

→ Fluid mechanics

→ Gaz/radiation interaction

→ Phase changes/ Thermodynamics

→ Chemistry

Mathematics

→ Navier-Stokes (Primitive equations)

→ Thermodynamical laws

→ Radiative transfer

Numerics

→ Grid point discretisation

→ Finite volume and finite differences

→ Guaranty conservation of certain quantities, robustness, efficiency, rather than accuracy

Computers

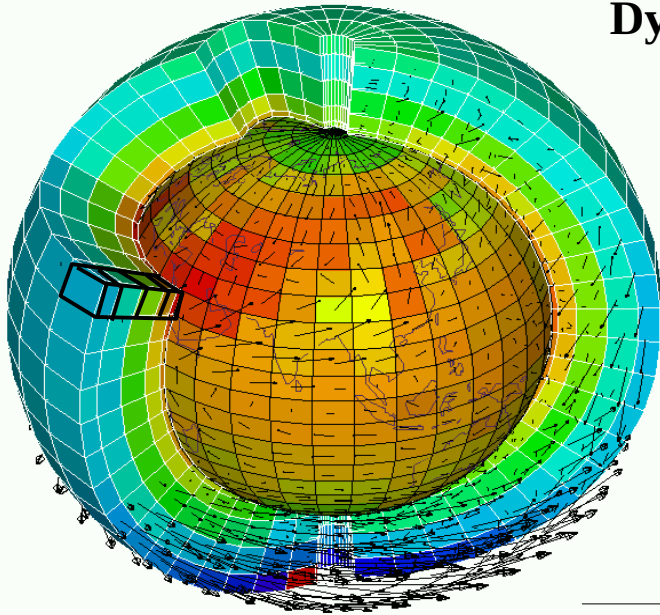
→ Fortran / Linux

→ High Performance Computing

→ Modularity

→ Flexibility / Multi-configuration

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- Secondary components conservation

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Primitive equations of meteorology

→ Thin layer approximation

→ Hydrostatic approximation (**valid down to 10-20 km**)

From physics to numerics :

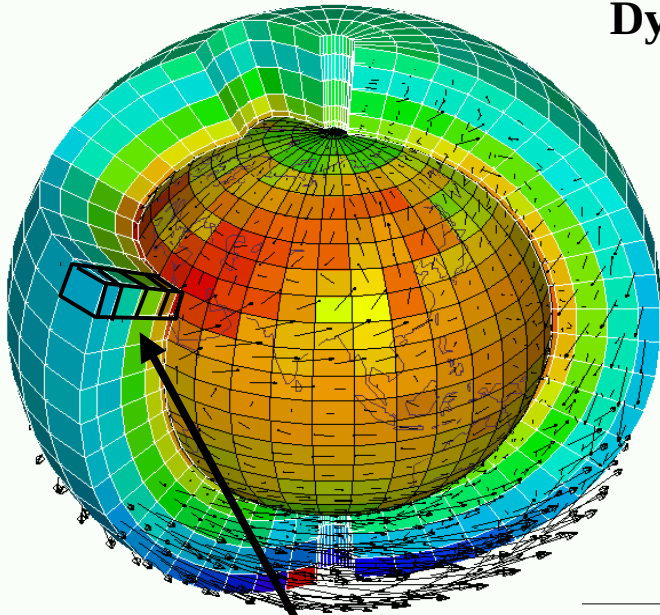
→ Finite volume and finite differences

→ Explicit resolution down to 30-300 km depending of the configuration

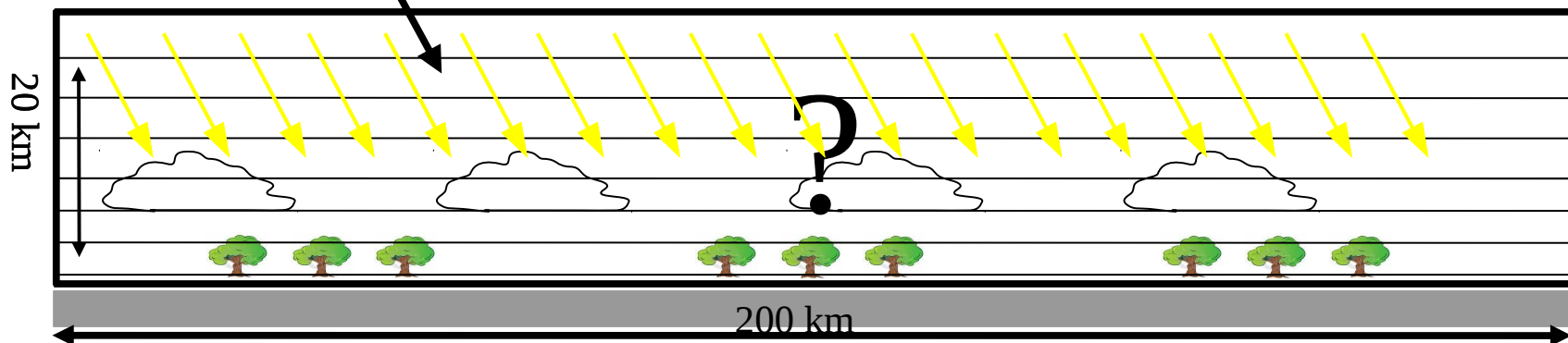
→ Numerical conservation of important quantities (mass, water, enstrophy ...).

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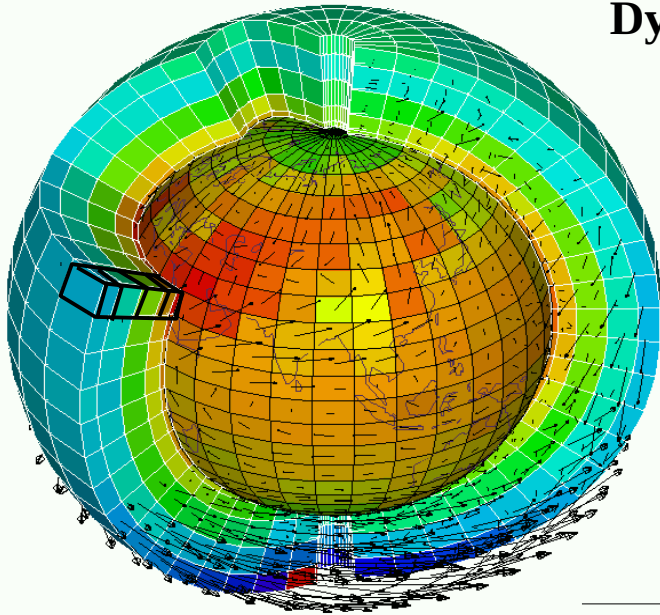
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Parameterizations purpose : account for the effect of processes non resolved by the dynamical core

→ **Traditional « source » terms in the equations**

- **Q** : Heating by radiative exchanges, thermal conduction (neglected), condensation, sublimation, **subgrid-scale motions (turbulence, clouds, convection)**
- **E** : Molecular viscosity (neglected), **subgrid-scale motions (turbulence, clouds, convection)**
- **Sq** : condensation/sublimation (q = water vapor or condensed), chemical reactions, photo-dissociation (ozone, chemical species), micro physics and scavenging (pollution aerosols, dust, ...), **subgrid-scale motions (turbulence, clouds, convection)**

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Parameterizations : principles



- Compute the **average effect of unresolved processes on the global model state variables** (\underline{U}, θ, q)



- **Based on a description of the approximate collective behavior** of processes

- Involve additional **parameterization internal variables** (cloud characteristics, standard deviation of the sub-grid scale distribution of a variable, ...)



- Derive **equations** relating internal variables to the state variables

\underline{U}, θ, q at time $t \rightarrow$ **internal variables** $\rightarrow \underline{E}, Q, Sq \rightarrow \underline{U}, \theta, q$ at $t+\delta t$

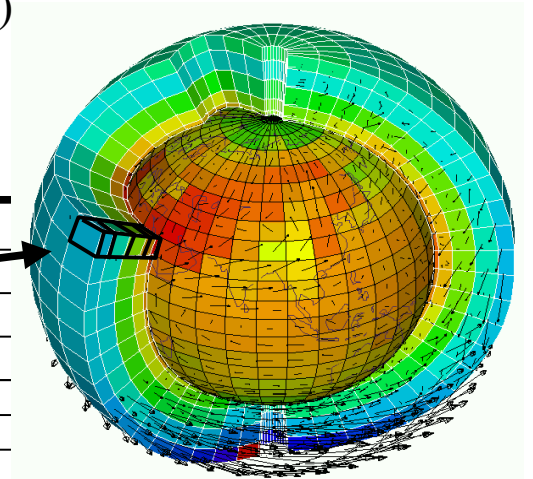
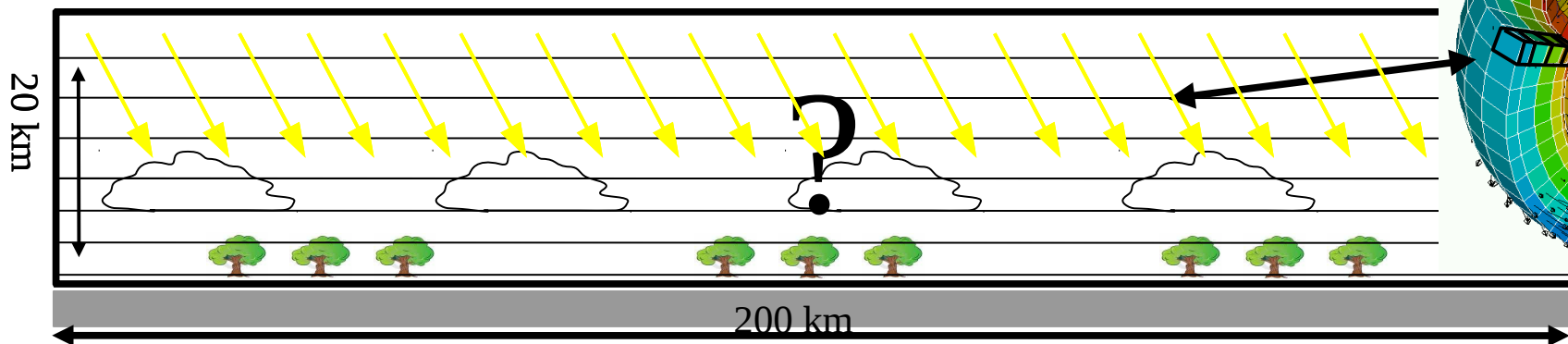


- **Homogeneity hypothesis** (statistical) on the horizontal of the targeted processes (like in the plane-parallel approximation of radiative transfer)

\rightarrow 1-dimensional equations in z (vertical exchanges only)

\rightarrow Independent atmospheric column

Inside an « atmospheric column » ...



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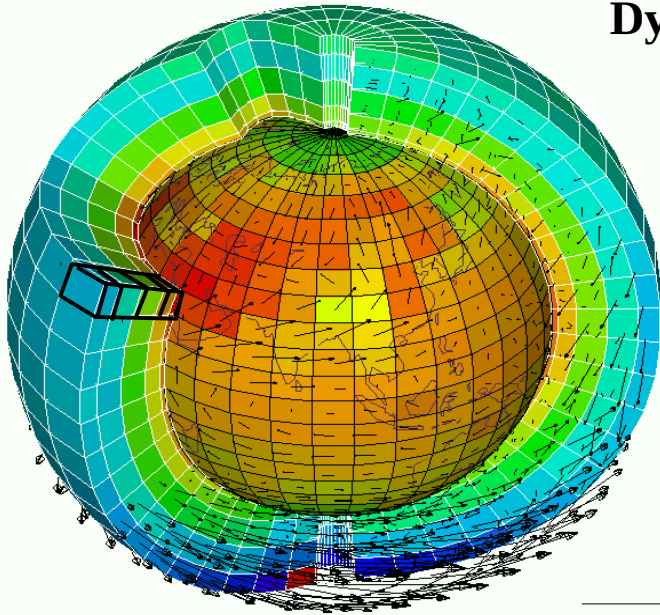
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The LMDZ dynamical core :

- Global longitude-latitude grid
- Zoom capability (« Z » of « LMDZ »)
- Finite difference / finite volume numerical schemes
- Conservation of air mass, enstrophy, partly angular momentum and energy
- Positive/monotonic/conservative Van Leer schemes for tracer advection
- Horizontal dissipation (stability + scale interaction) : iterated Laplacian
- Sponge layer (dumping winds and wave in the upper layers)

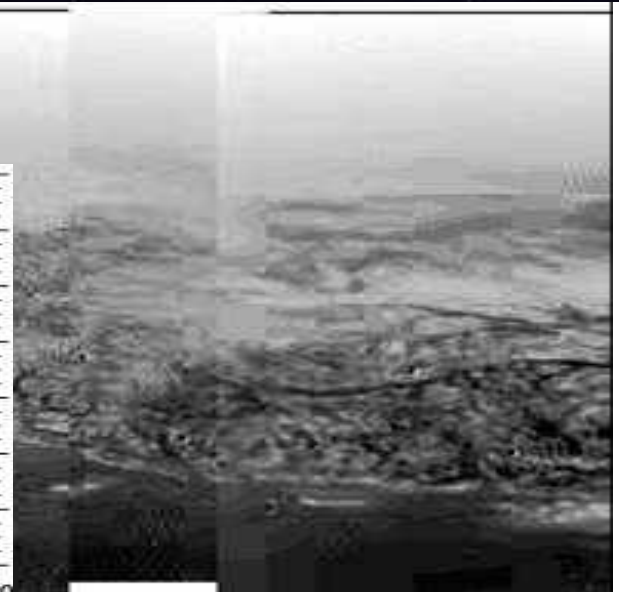
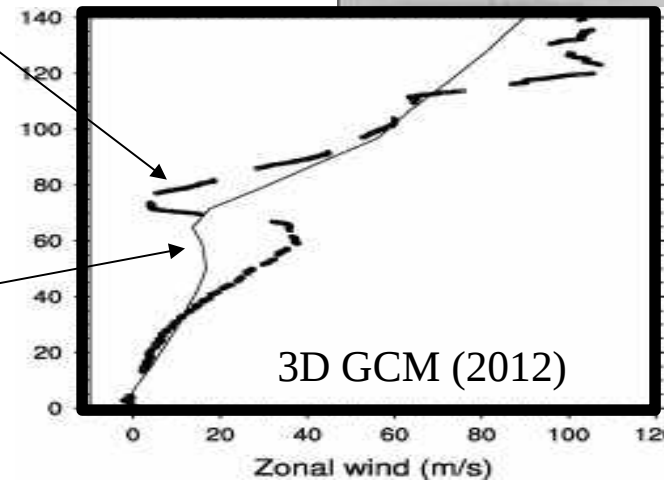
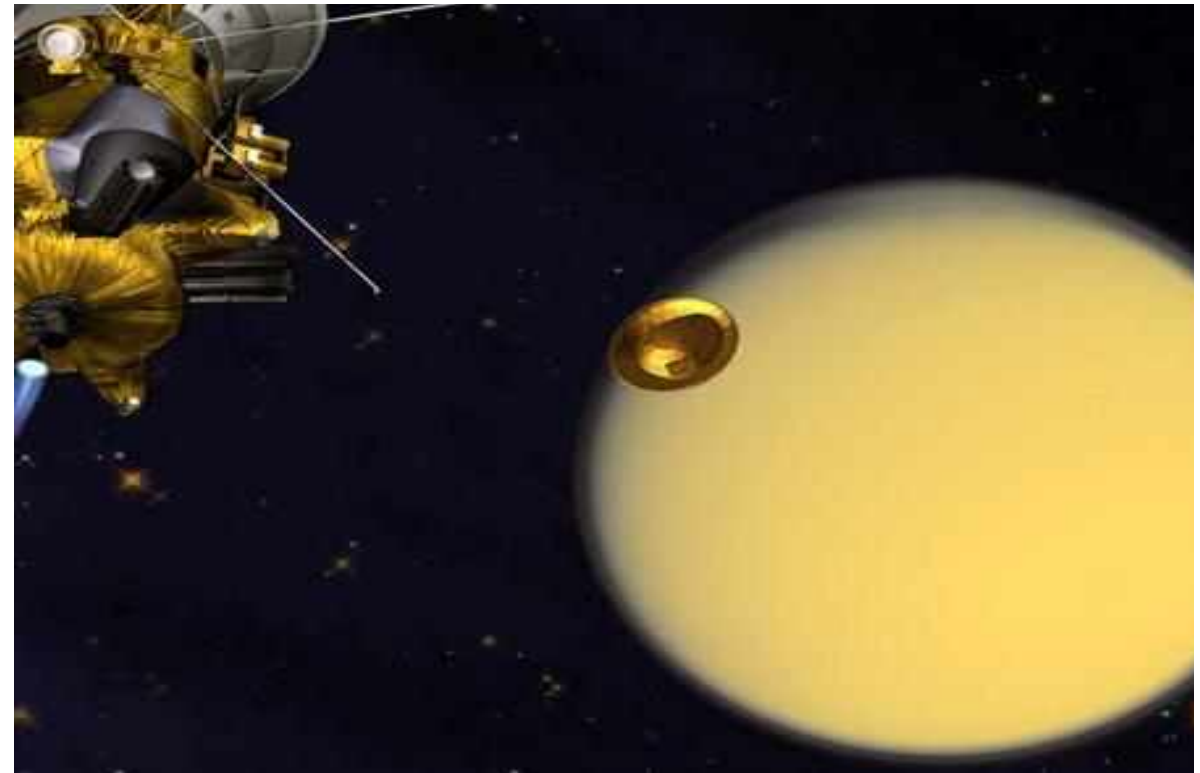
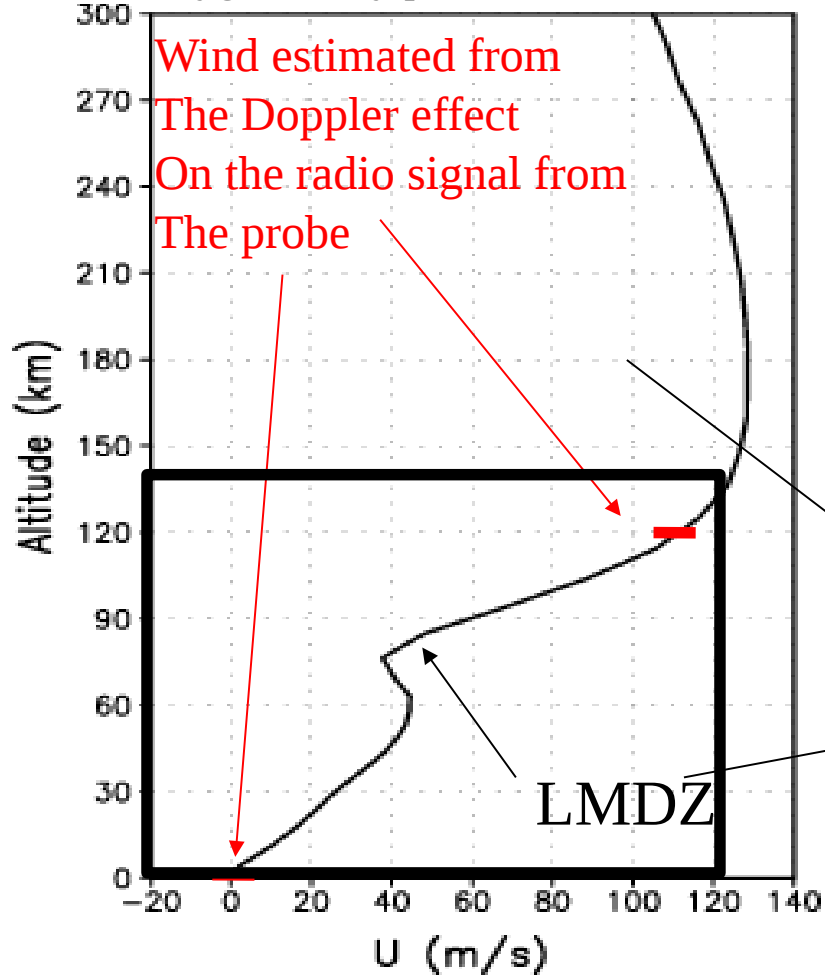
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Planetary atmospheres

Mars, Titan, Venus, Triton, ...

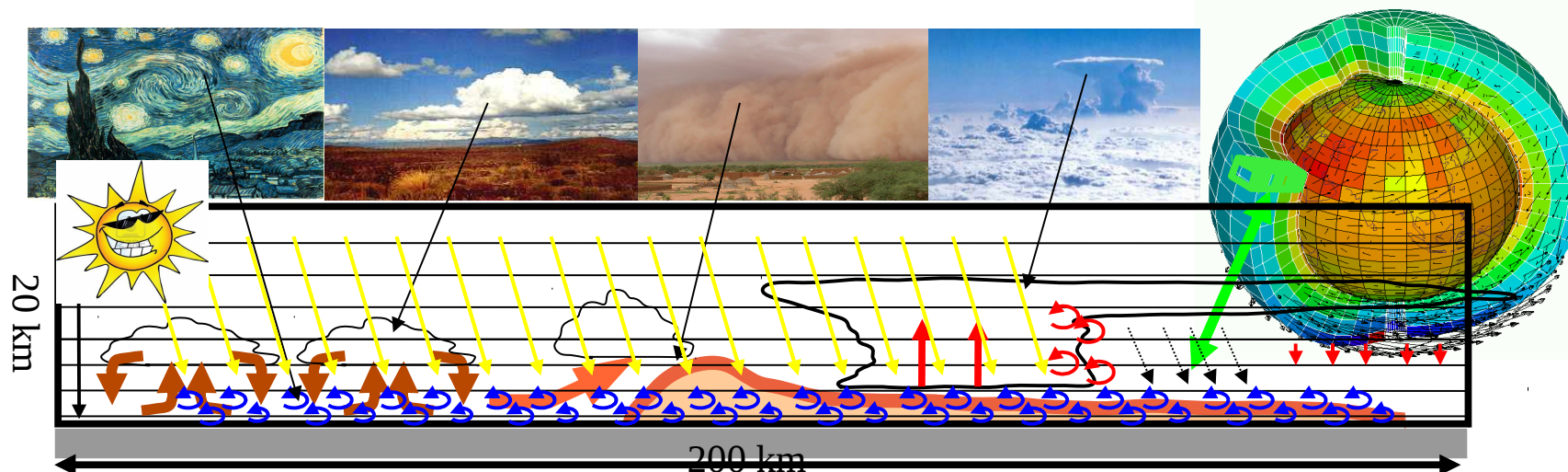
Prediction of Titan atmospheric super-rotation with the LMDZ Titan GCM (1995, 2005)

An a posteriori comparison with
The Huygens entry profile



2. LMDZ

Earth : development of a « **New Physics** » version (15-year team work)
New framework for model development and evaluation
Splitting in 3 scales for vertical transport
turbulence / organized structure of the boundary layer / deep convection



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LMDZ – a brief history

Pioneers : years 60-70. Robert Sadourny and Phu Le Van (Sadourny, 1975)

The LMD5/LMD6 model : 90-95 (Laval, 1981)

1985 : Rewriting of the dynamical core : modularity and zoom (the previous version had been written over punch cards with a very small RAM memory)

1990 : versions for Mars, Titan, and a generic 20-parameter version

1992 : decision to develop the terrestrial model on the basis of this new dynamical core, by adapting the physical package of LMD5/6

1995-1999 : transport of trace species

2005 : First participation to CMIP exercise with LMDZ

2007 : rising organization around LMDZ (web, regular meetings, Svn, training, ...)

2011 : “New Physics” version (result of a 10-year research) and participation to CMIP5

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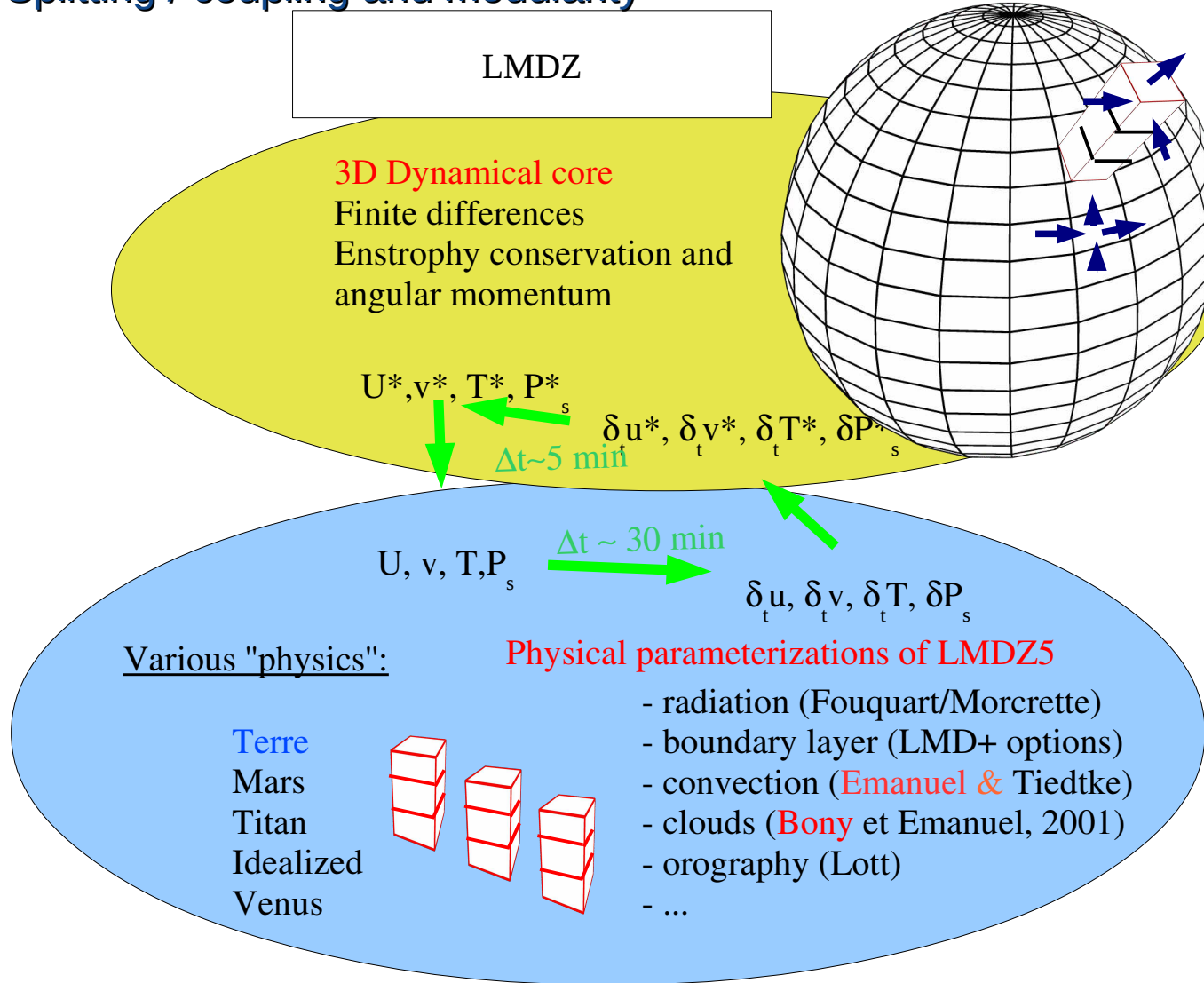
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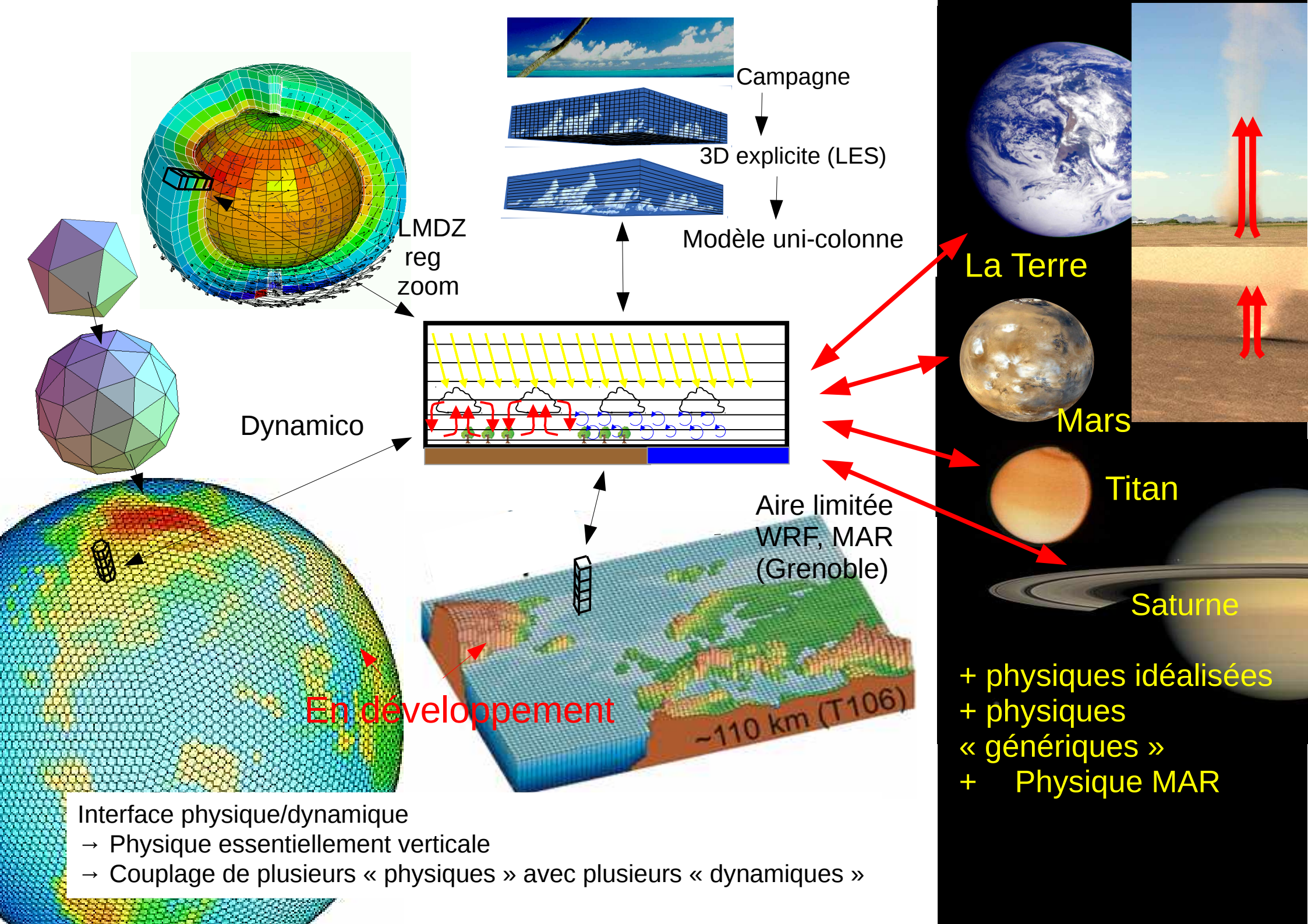
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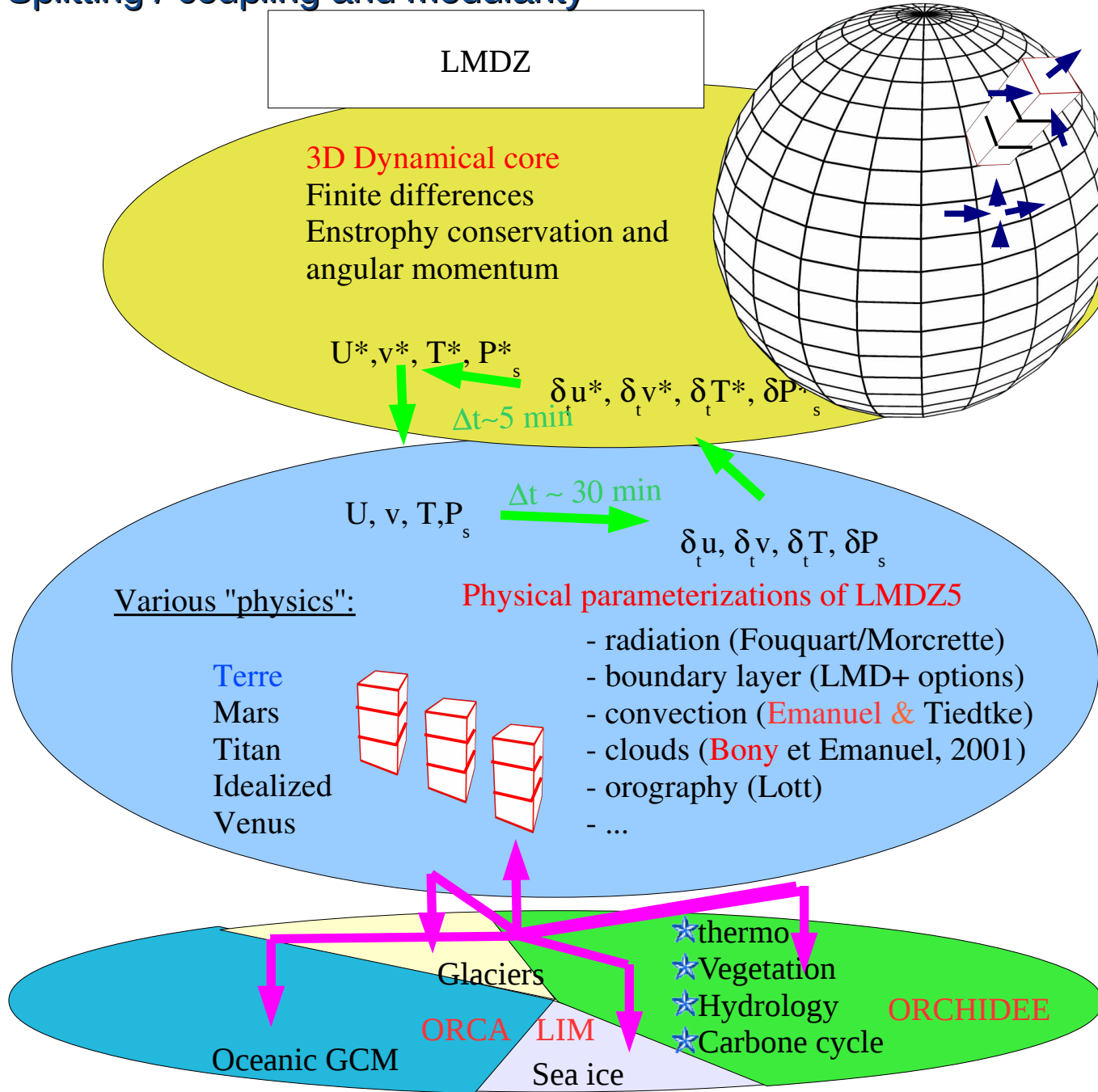
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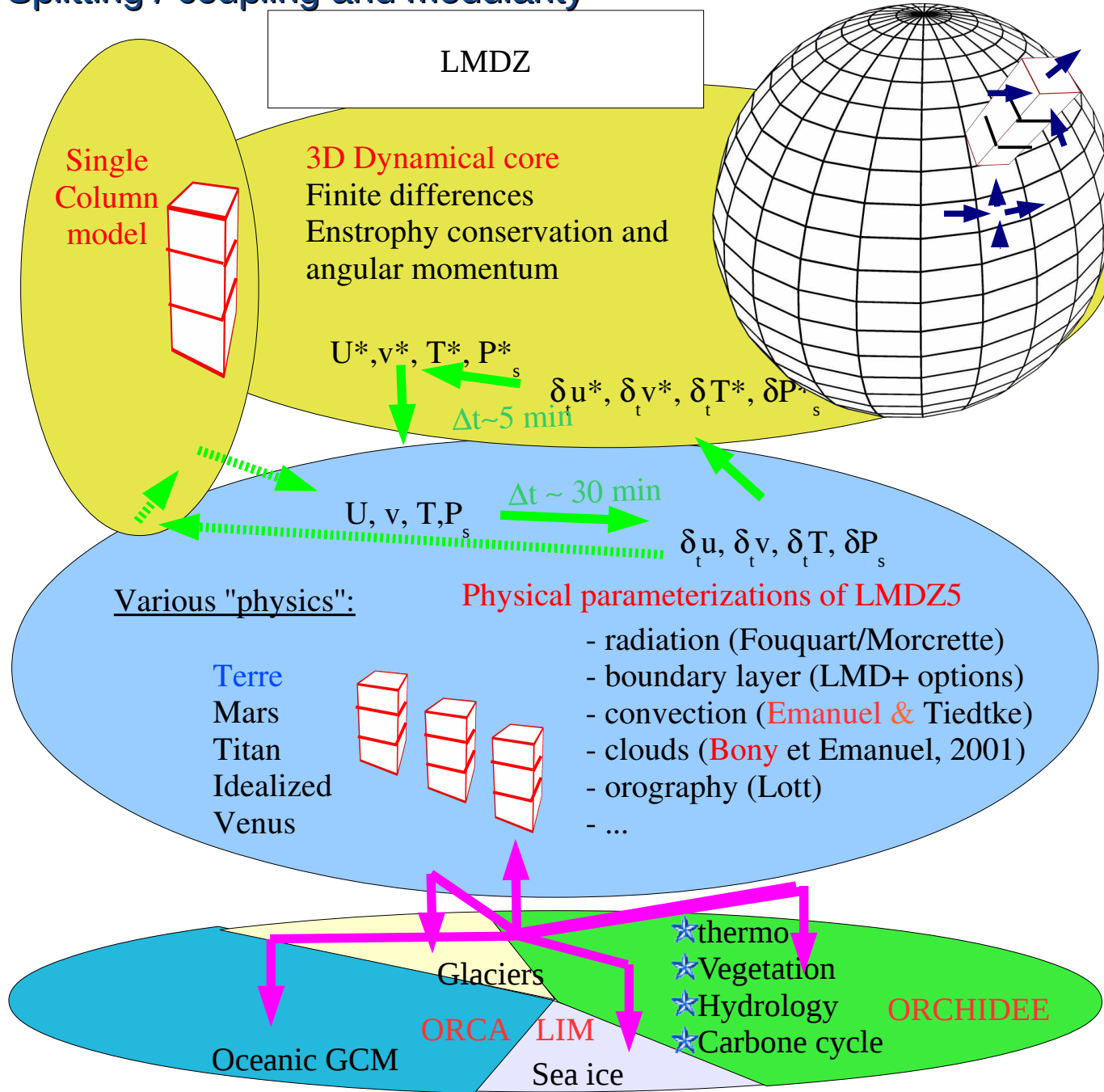




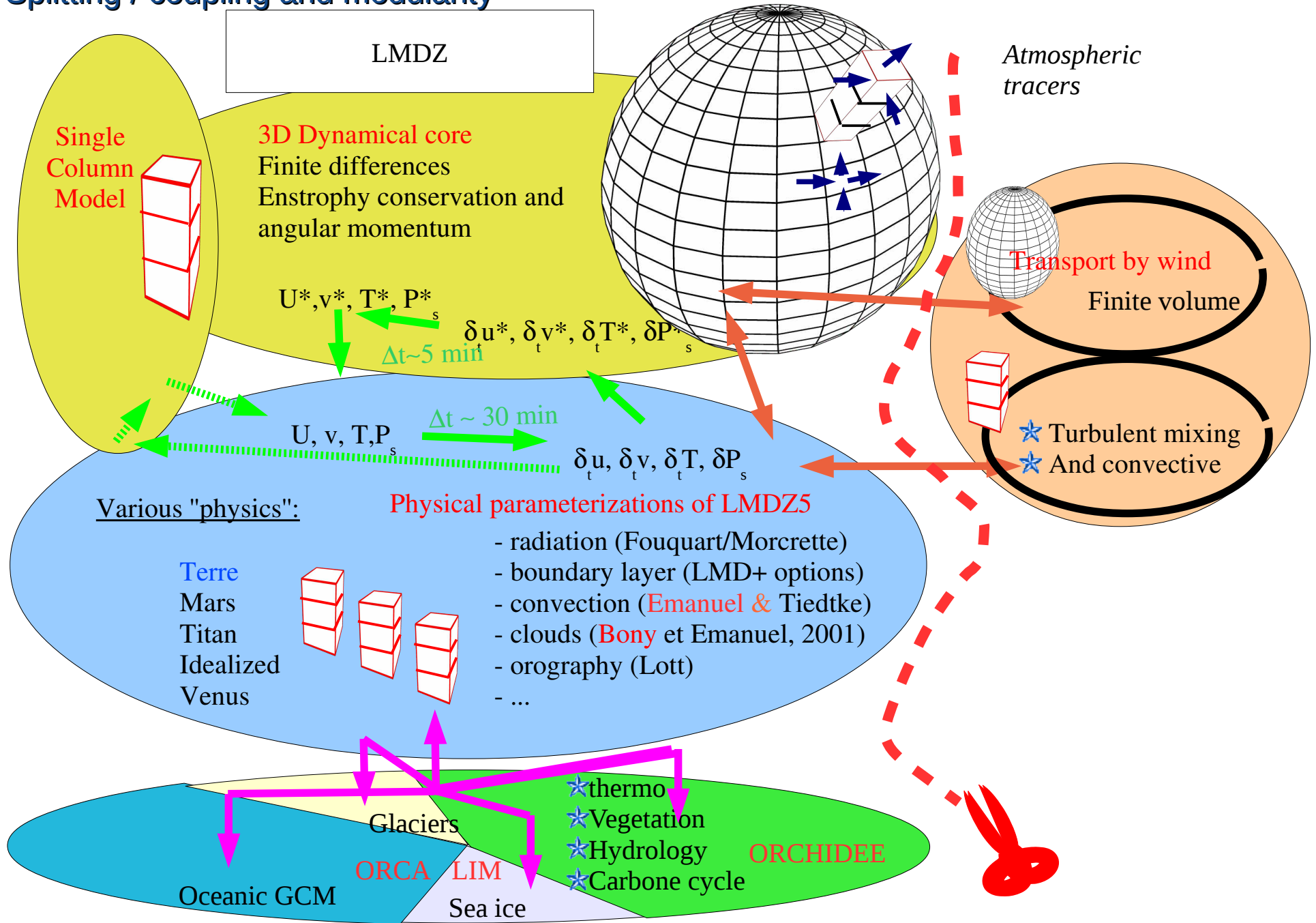
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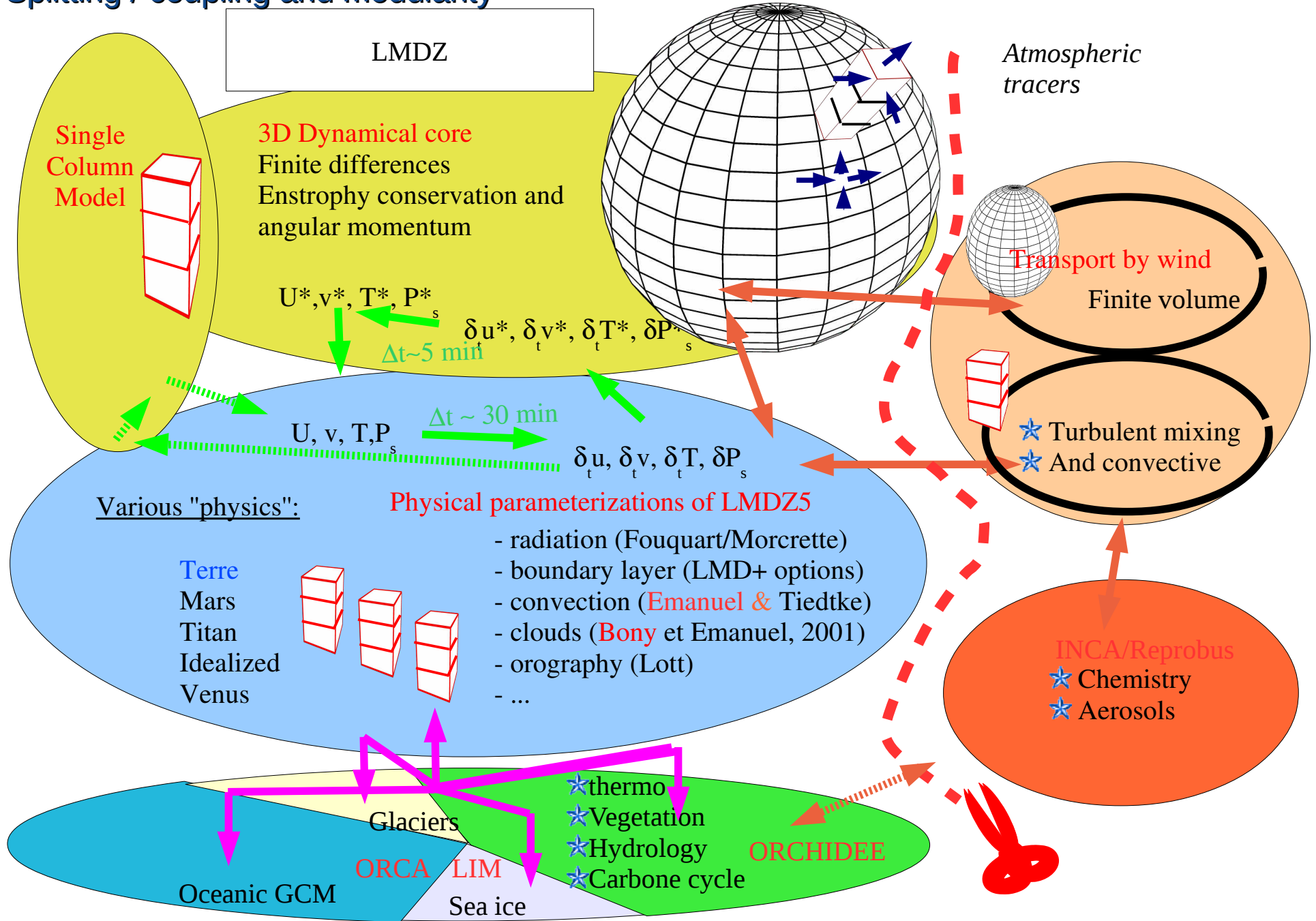
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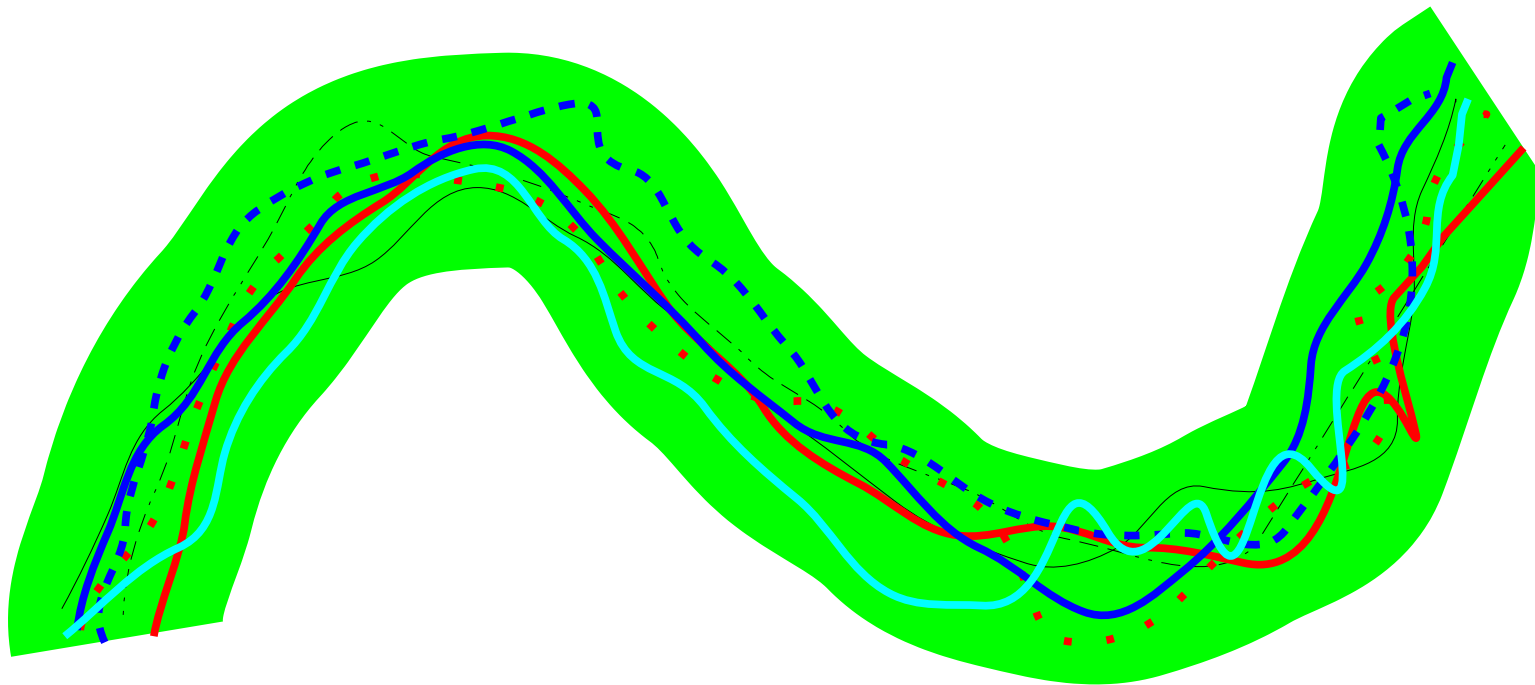
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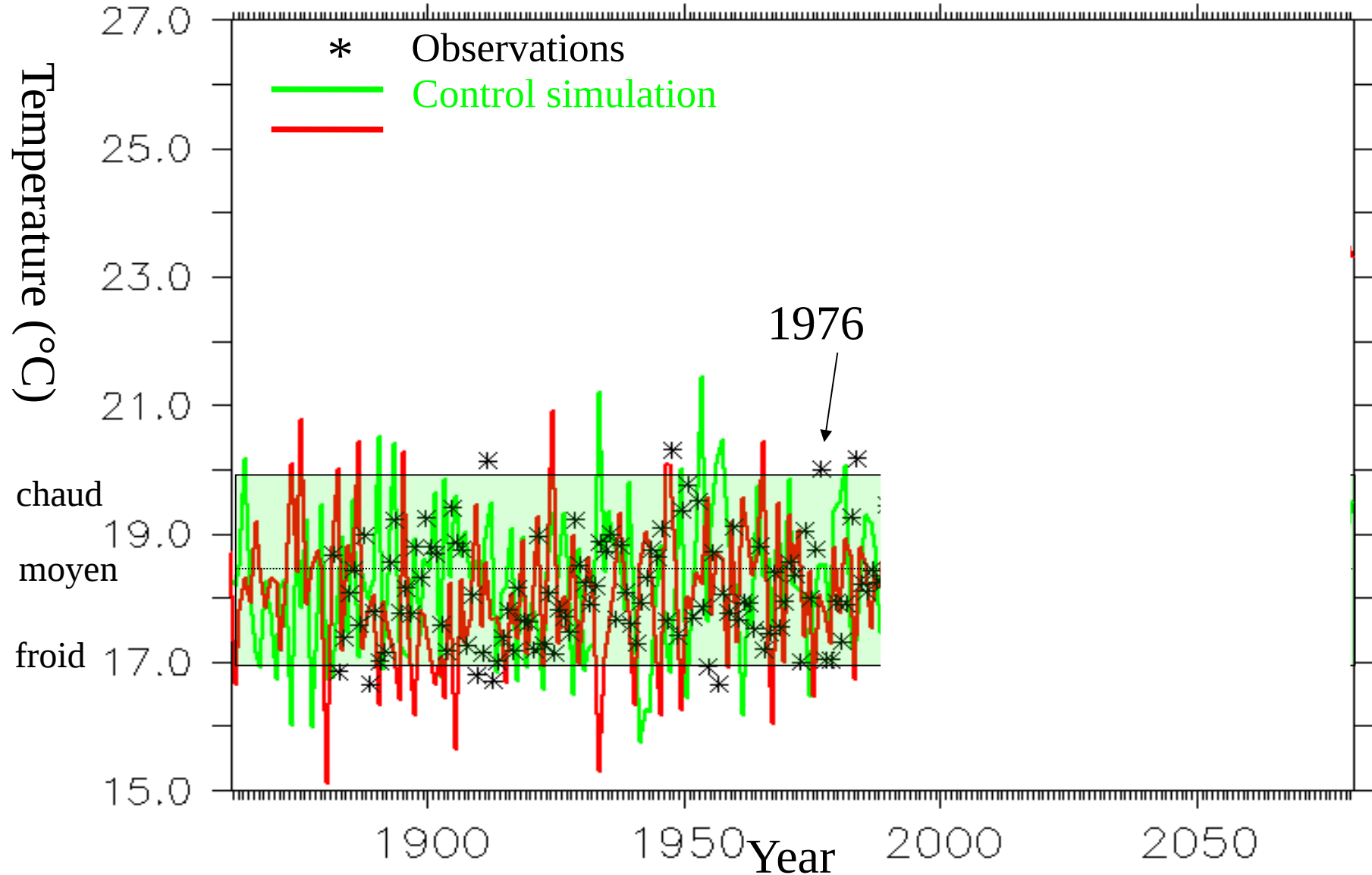
Climate modeling / numerical weather forecast

- **Models** : identical.
- **Duration** : several decades or centuries / 15 days (seasonal forecast in between)
- **Initial state** : any (existence of an attractor : the climate) / “analysis” obtained through an assimilation procedure of observations into the model.
- **Forecast** : statistical (ex : inter-annual variability, intensity of storms ...) / deterministic (the weather of tomorrow).



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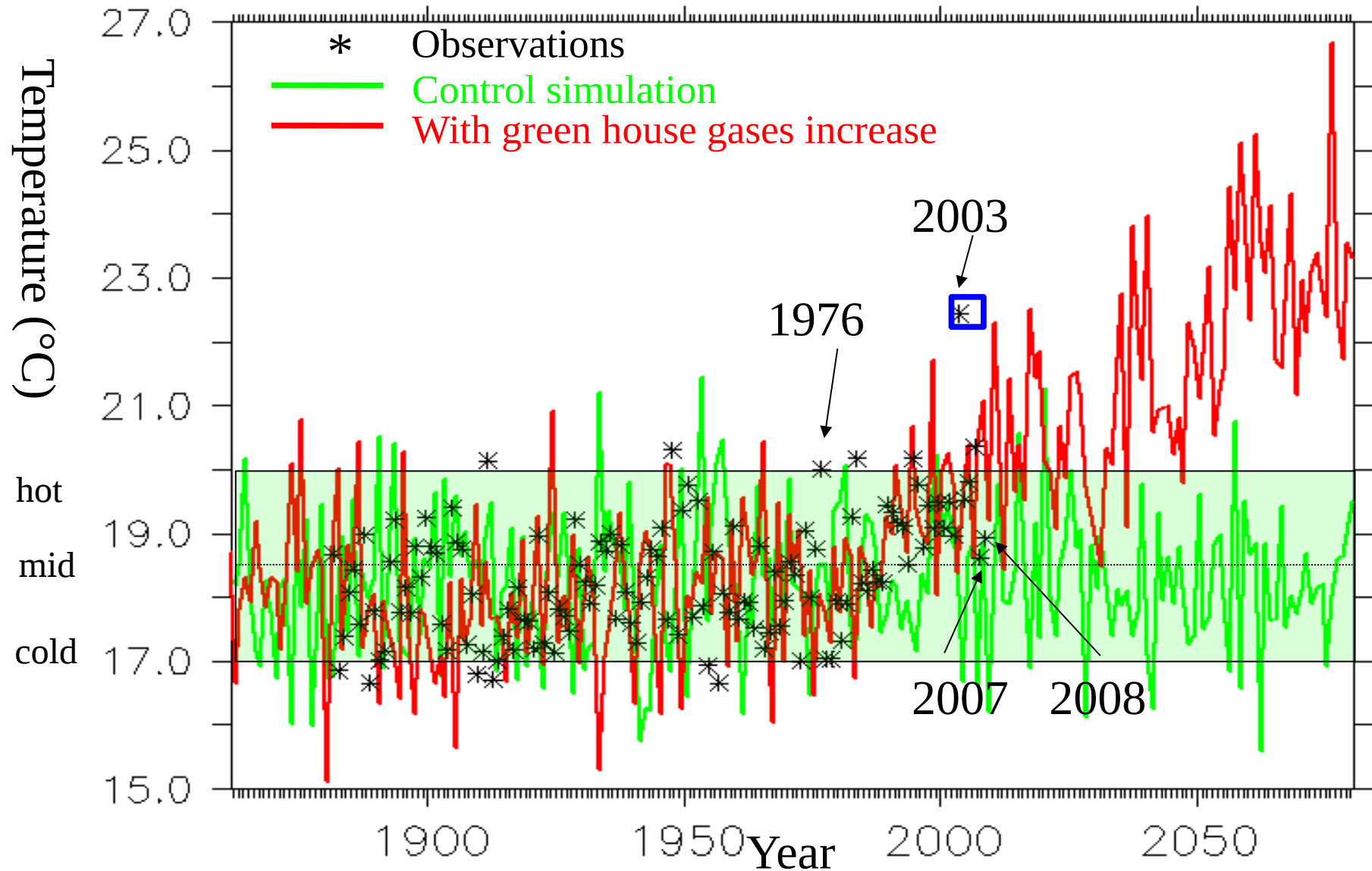
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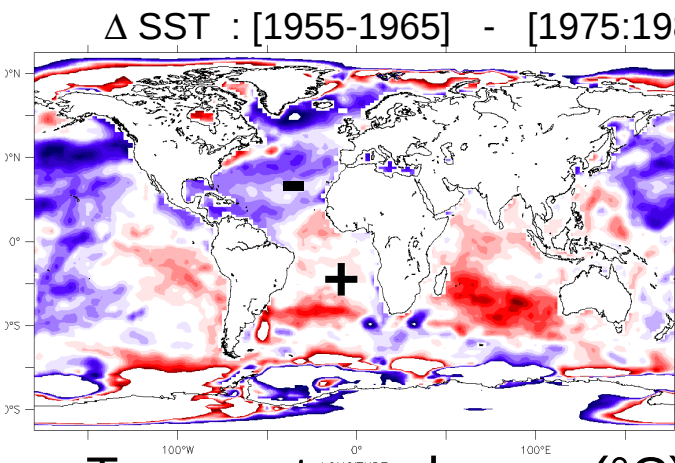
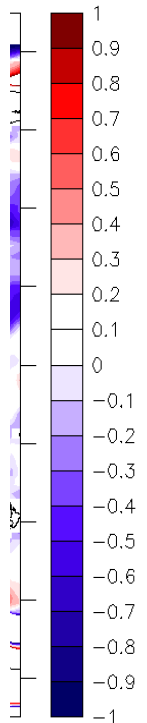
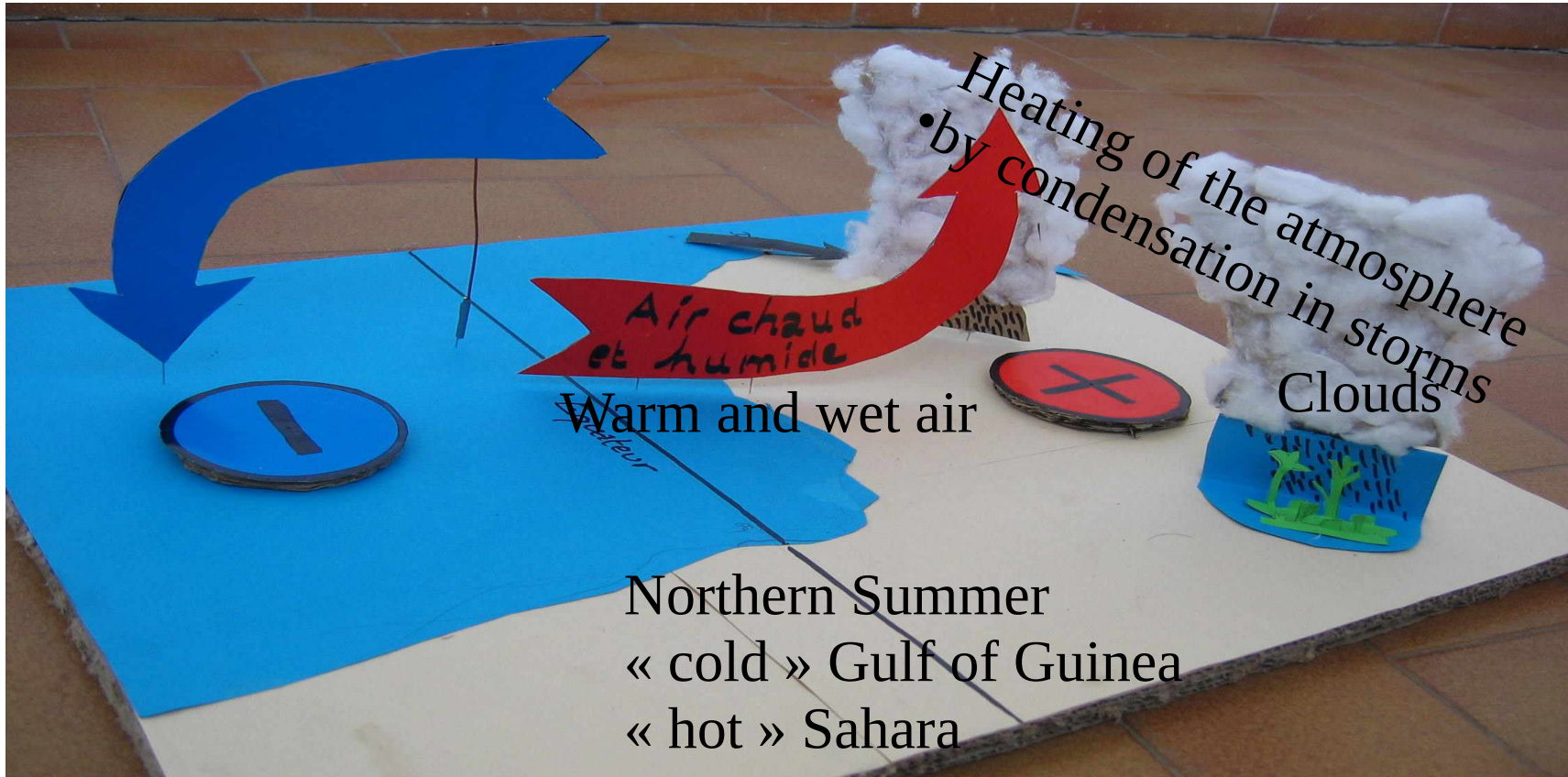
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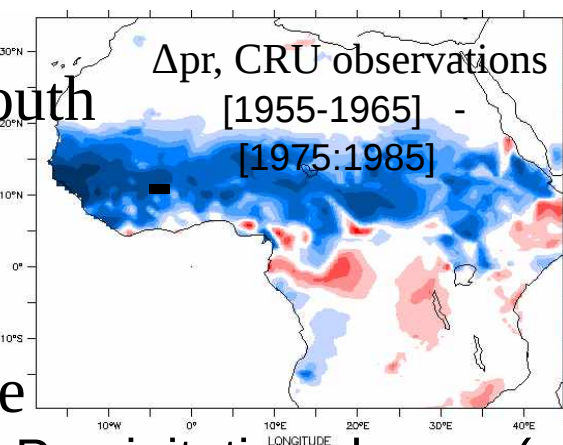
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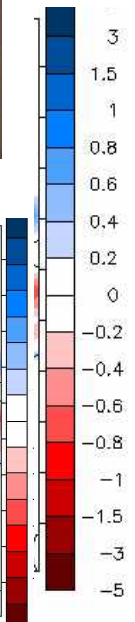
Temperature change (°C)

1975-1985 :
Warm SSTs in the south
Drought over Sahel

- A large scale pattern
- Linked to sea surface
- Temperature changes



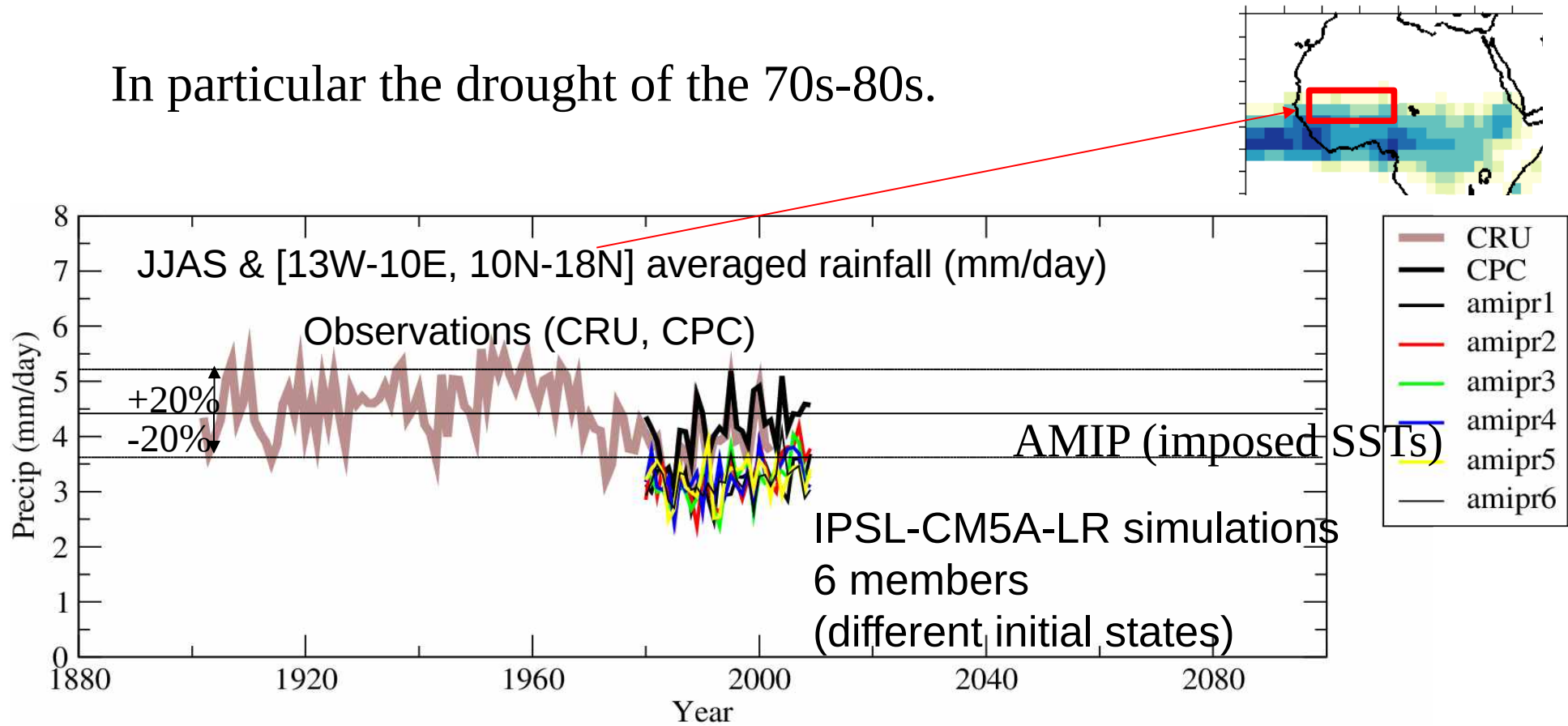
Precipitation change (mm/year)



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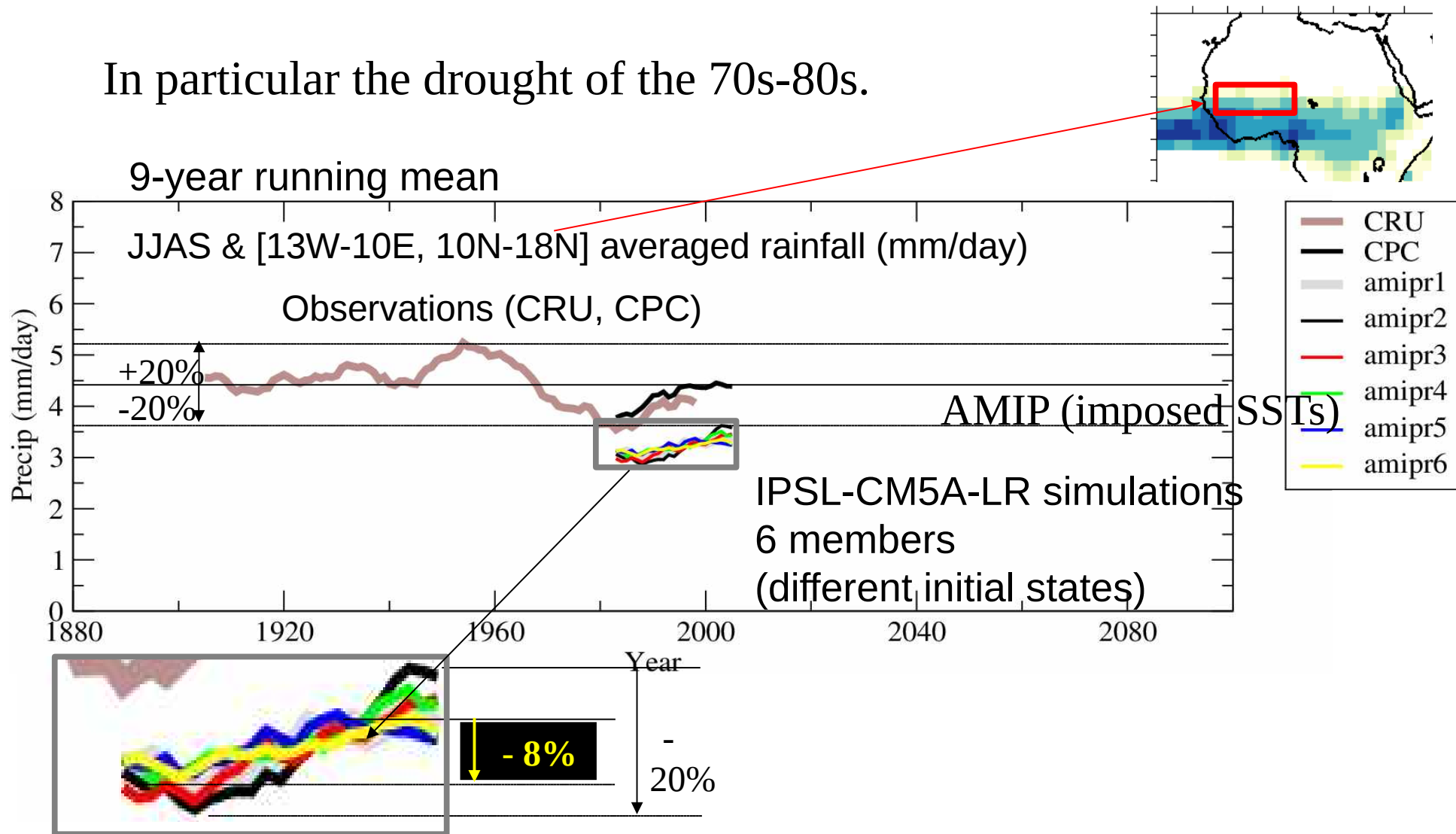
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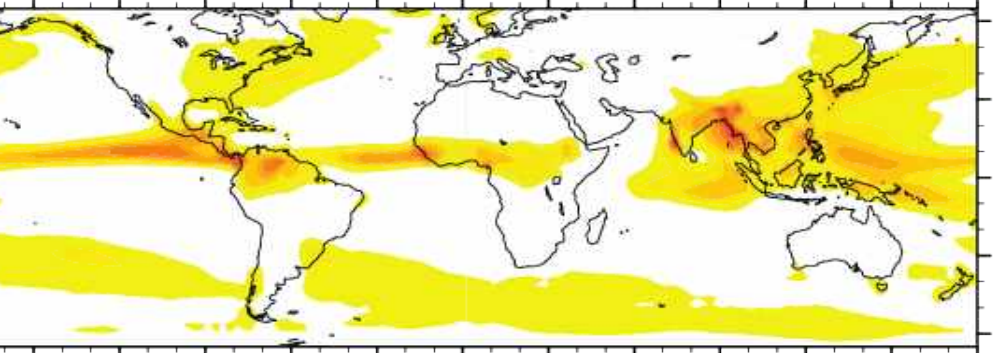
Simulations have a skill to reproduce decadal variations of monsoon rainfall in response to sea surface temperature changes
But strong internal variability (the observation is one possible experience)

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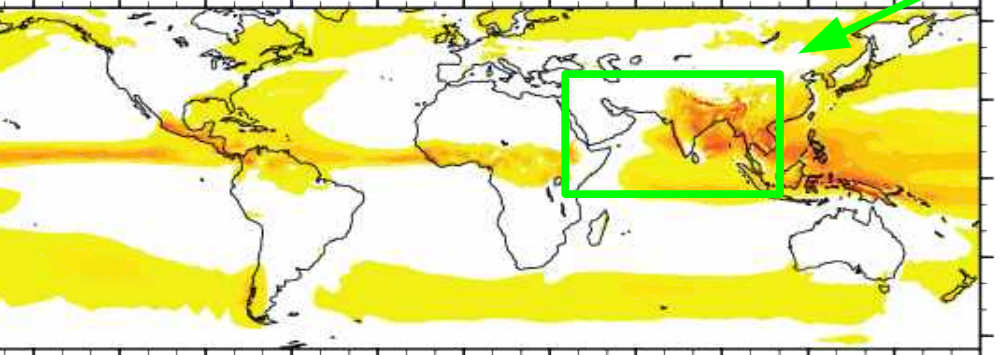
Zooming capability

Zoomed climate simulation for Cordex South Asia,
Krishnan et al (IITM)

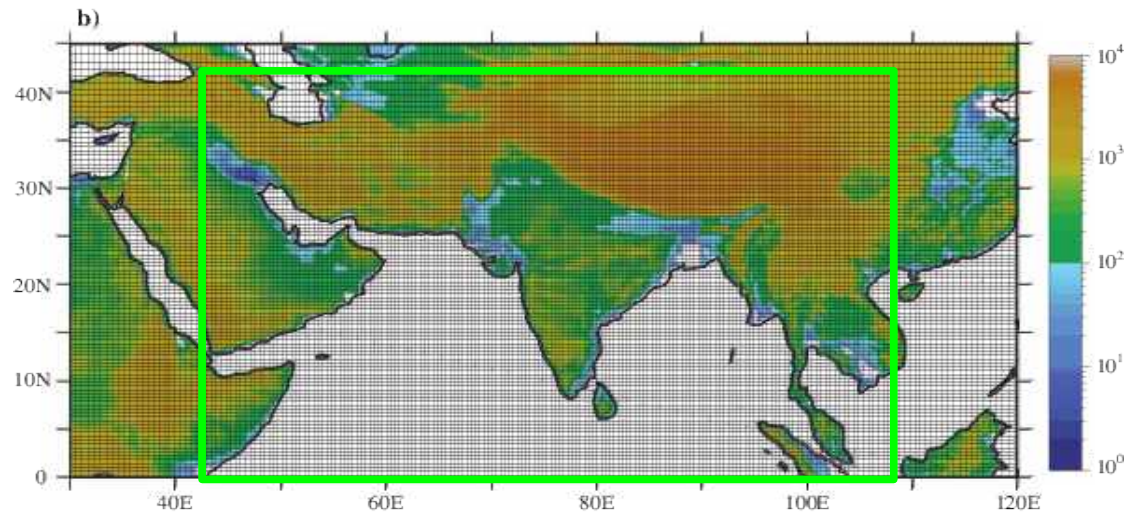
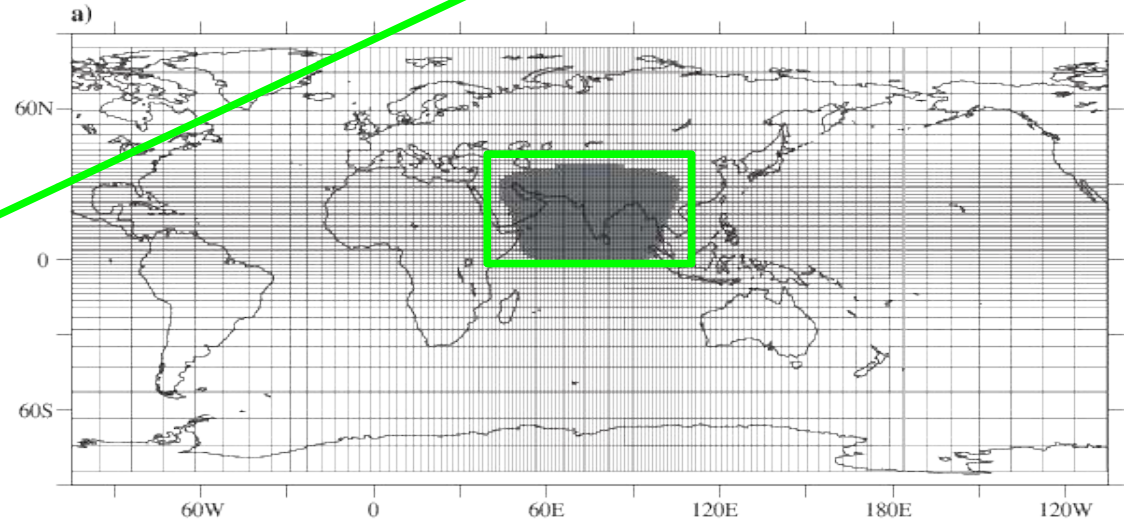
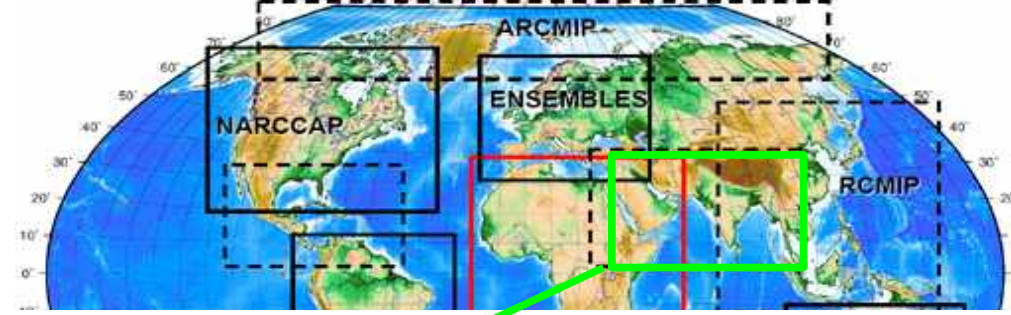
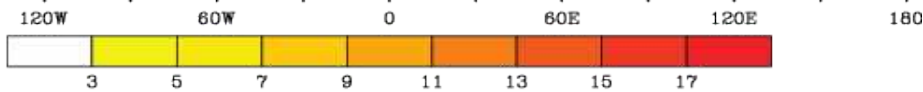
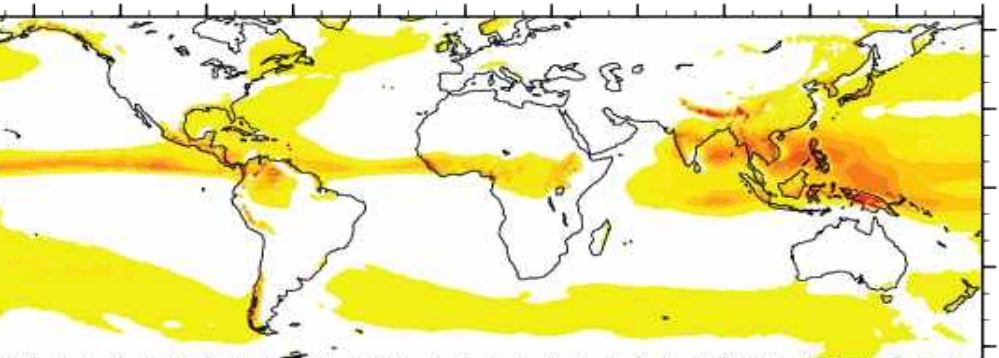
precipitation (JJAS) - GPCP



precipitation (JJAS) - Zoom



precipitation (JJAS) - No Zoom



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Numerical simulation with LMDZ

Chemical tracer (PMCH) emitted in French Brittany (ETEX)

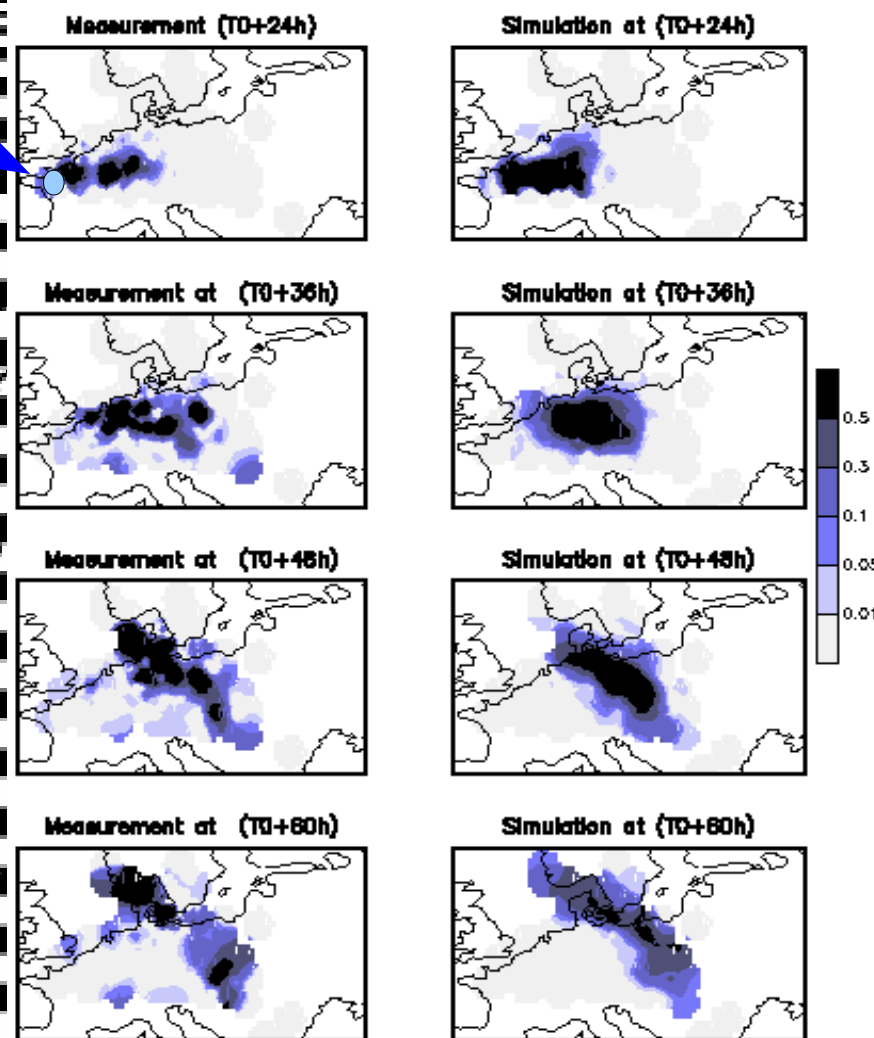
Nudging capability

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial u}{\partial t}_{GCM} + \frac{u_{analysis} - u}{\tau}$$

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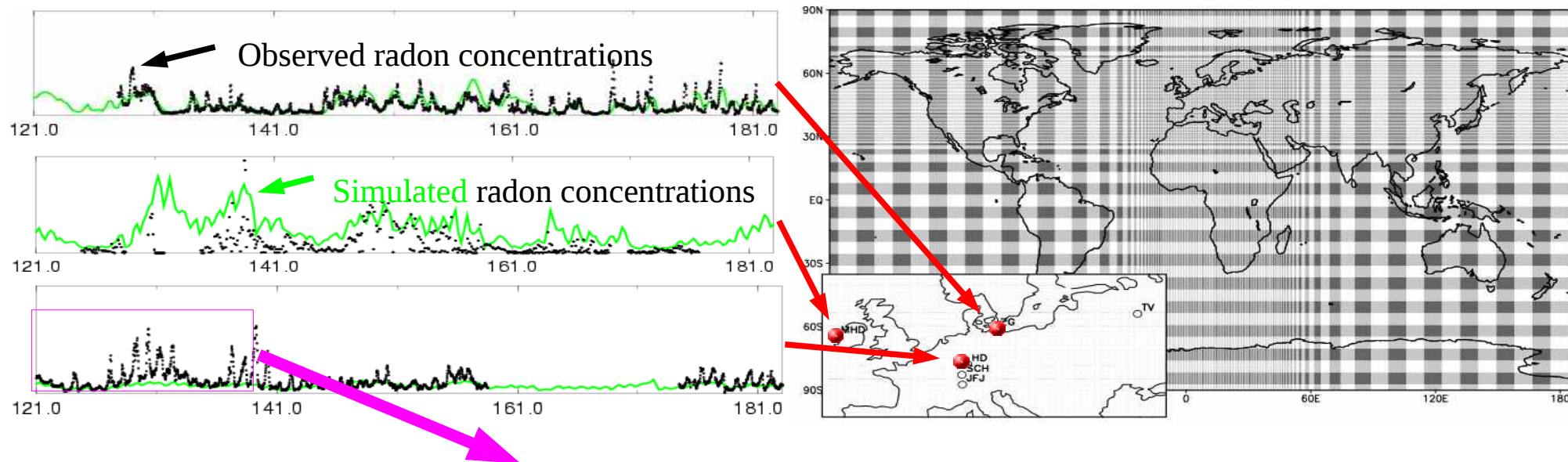
τ Time constant for the relaxation of the model wind toward analyses

$u_{analysis} \quad v_{analysis}$



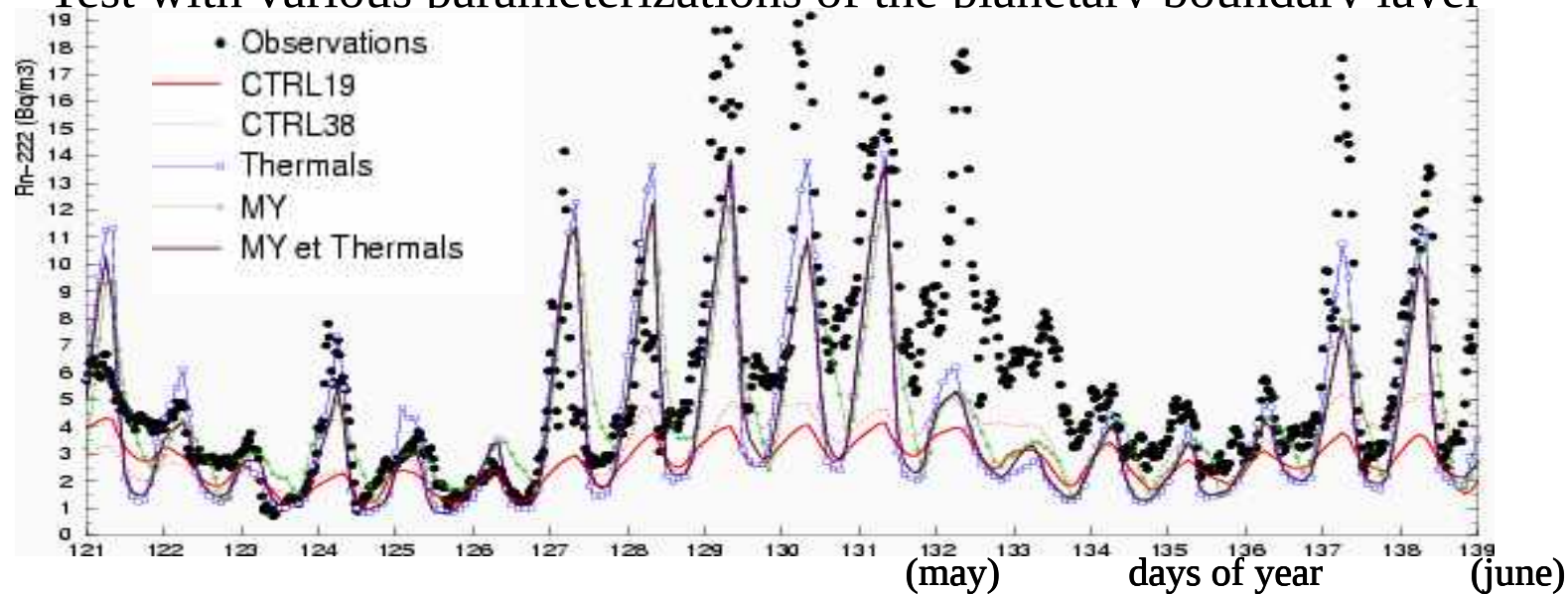
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Simulation of the surface concentration of radon* with LMDZ, nudged by ECMWF winds, with a refined grid over Europe (40x40 km²)



Test with various parameterizations of the planetary boundary layer

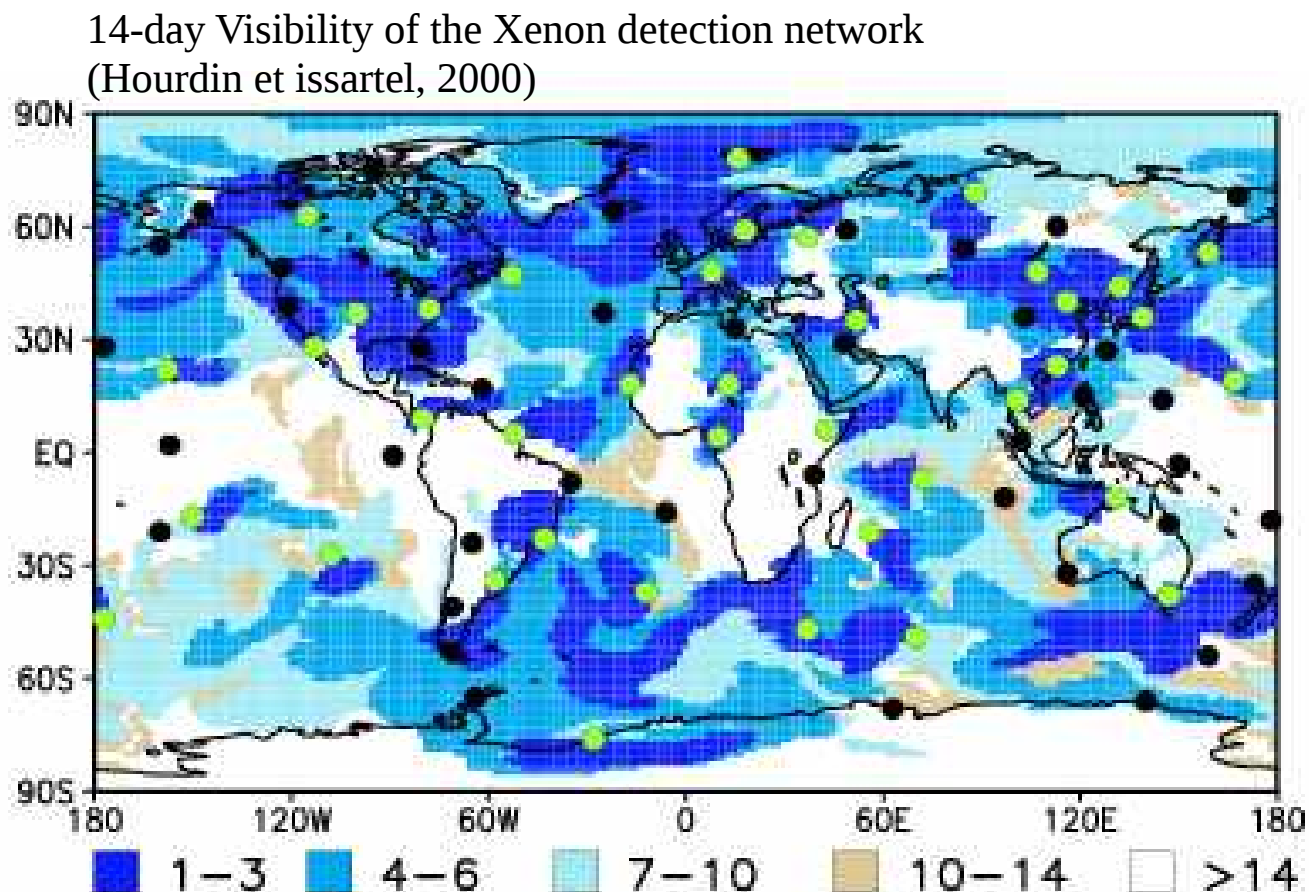
* Radon is a tracer of continental air masses, emitted almost uniformly by continents only. Life time of about 4 days.



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Use in off-line transport model, direct and inverse

Example of back-tracking simulation
Off-line model used in reverse mode

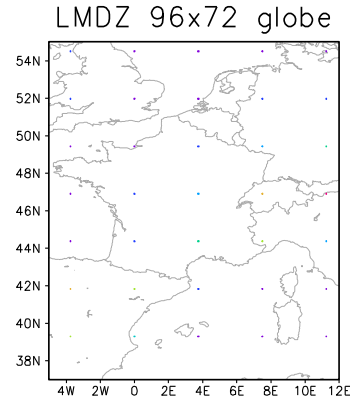
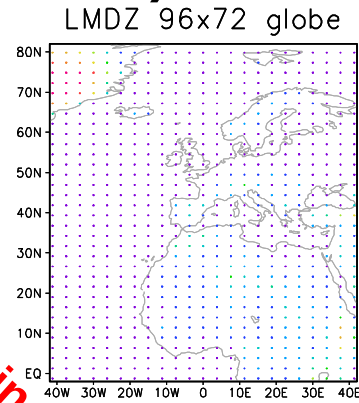
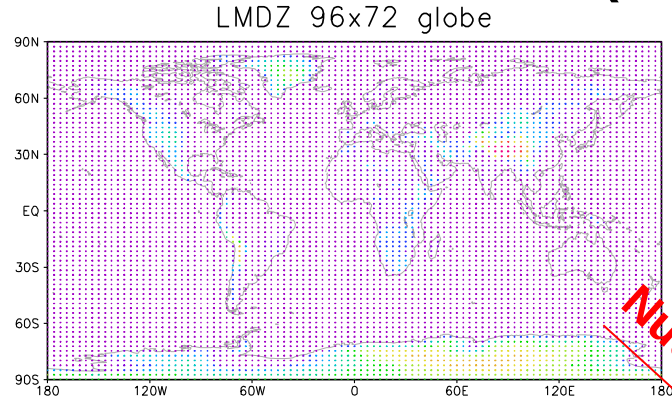


Retro-transport : transport is computed injecting a tracer at the detection stations (green) reversing the time to come back to the possible origins.
Equivalent to an adjoint computation
Used also for estimation of CO₂ and CH₄ inversions.

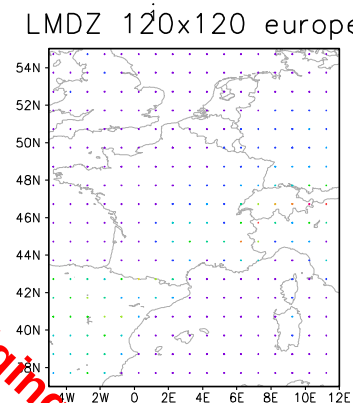
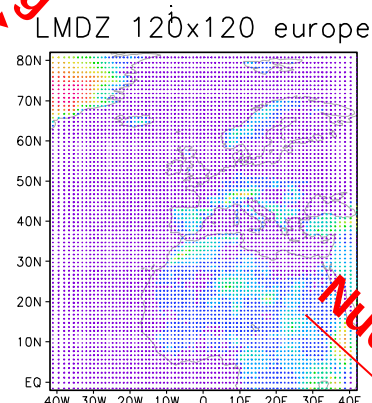
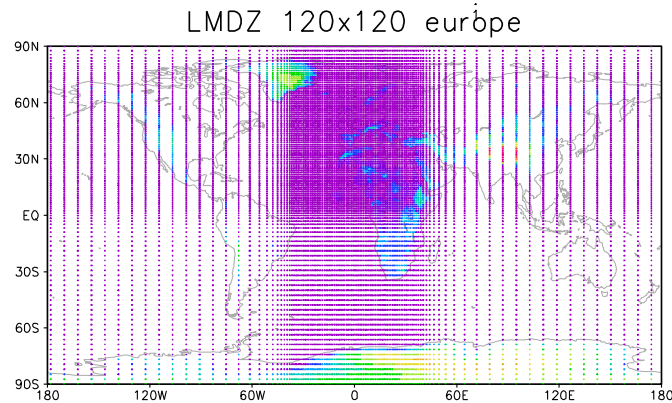
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Use for climate downscaling

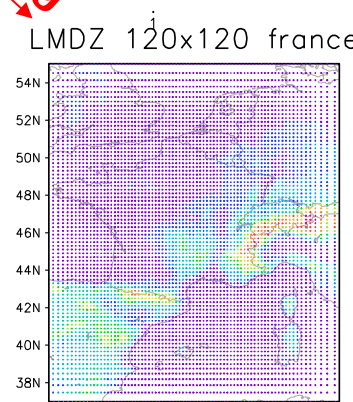
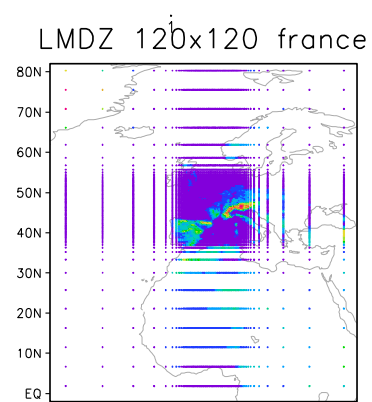
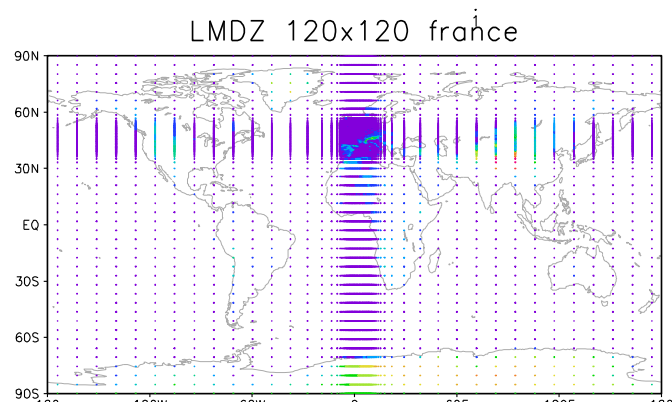
LMDZ - Grid Cascade - (Laurent Li)



LMDZ Globe
(300 km)



LMDZ Europe
(100 km)



LMDZ France
(20 km)

Nudging

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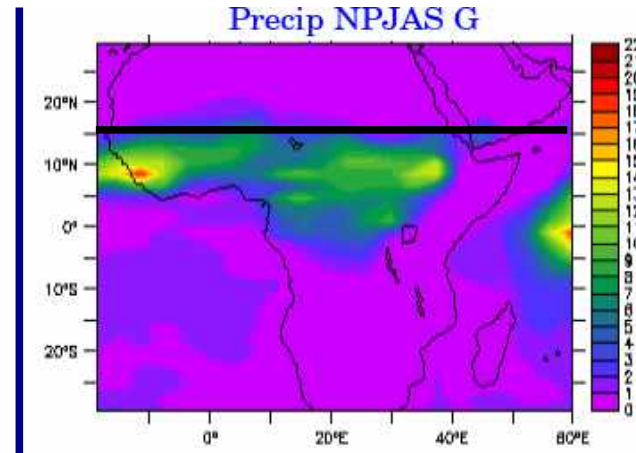
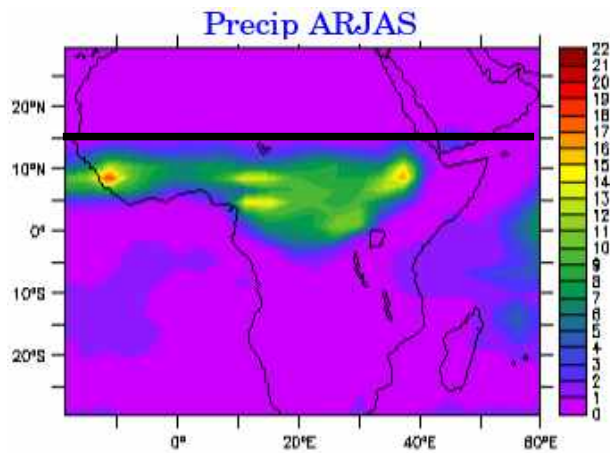
Use for model evaluation and improvement

July-August-September mean rainfall

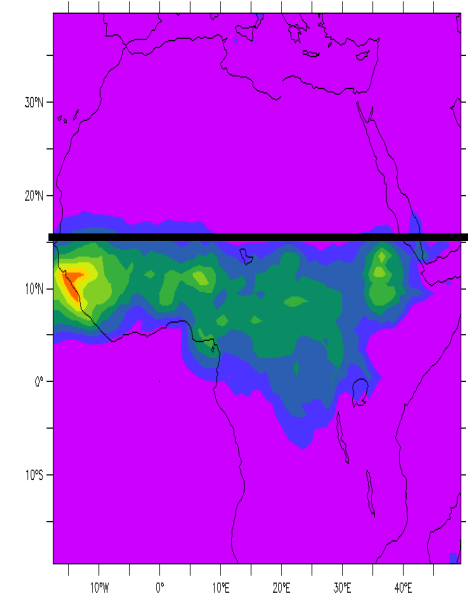
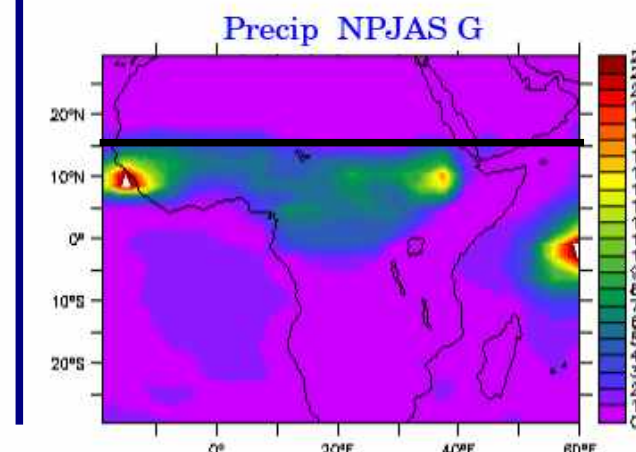
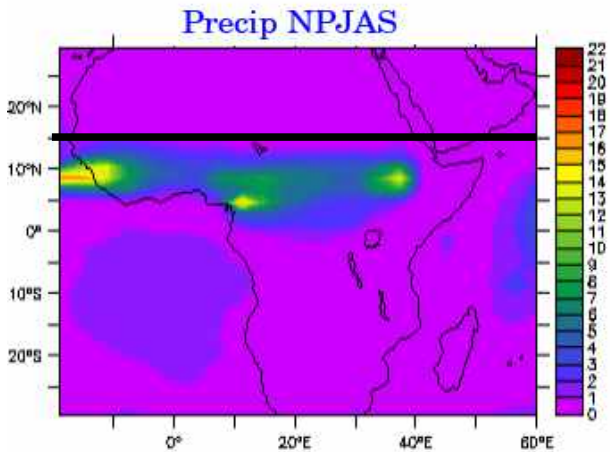
Free

Nudging by ERAI

Standard Physics



New Physics



GPCP
observations

Nudging helps Monsoon rainfall to progress Northward, in better agreement with observations

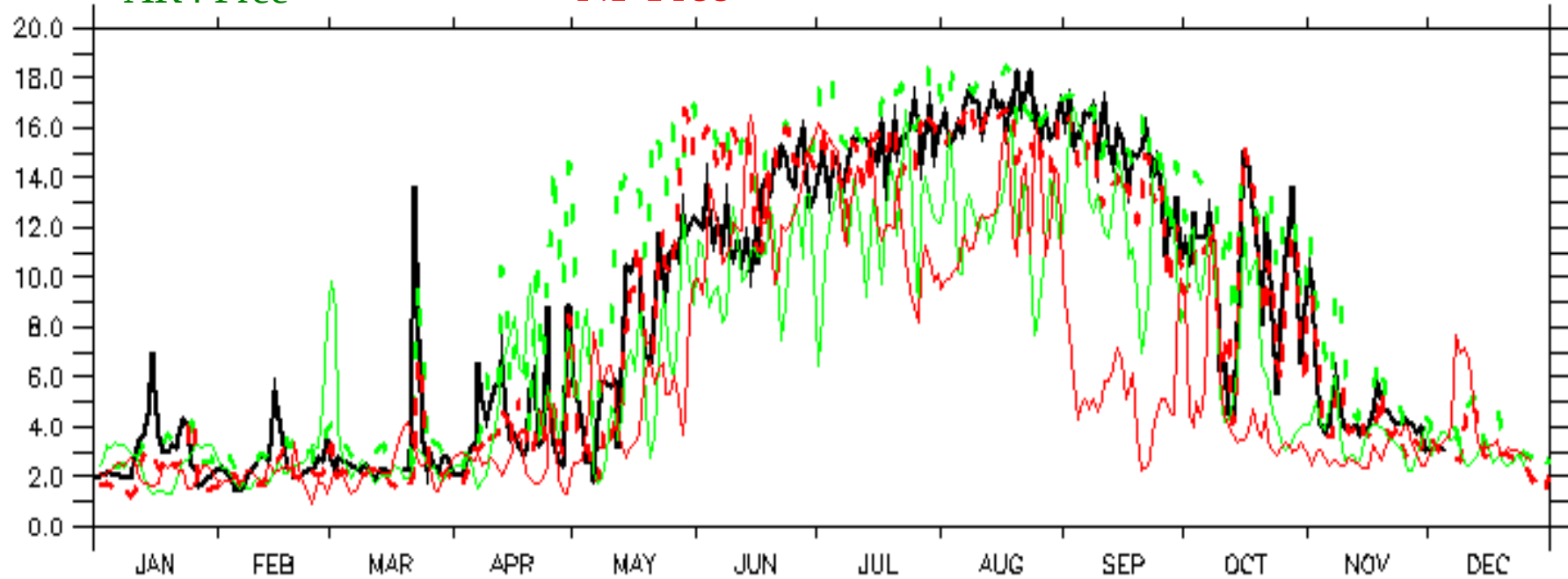
4. Operating modes

Use for model evaluation and improvement

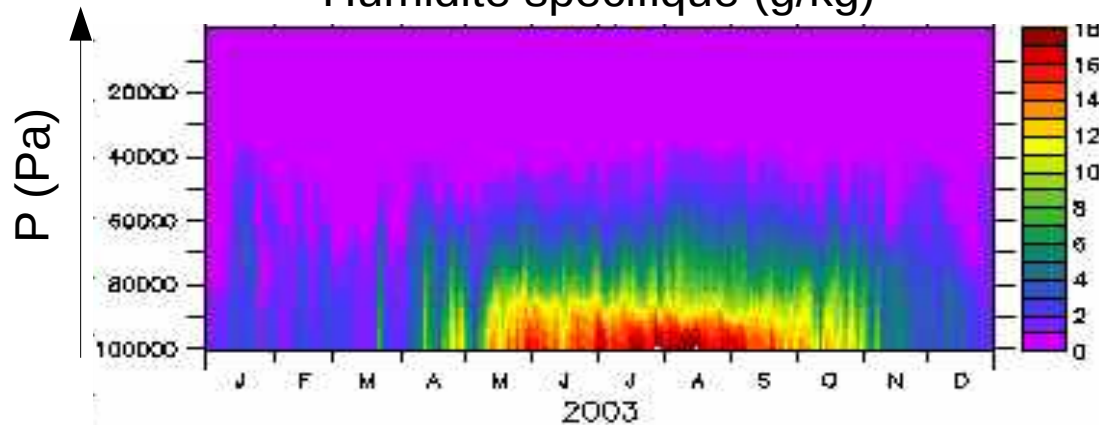
2m specific humidity, Agoufou (1.5W, 15.3N), year 2003

AR4 Nudged ----- NP Nudged -----
AR4 Free ——— NP Free ———

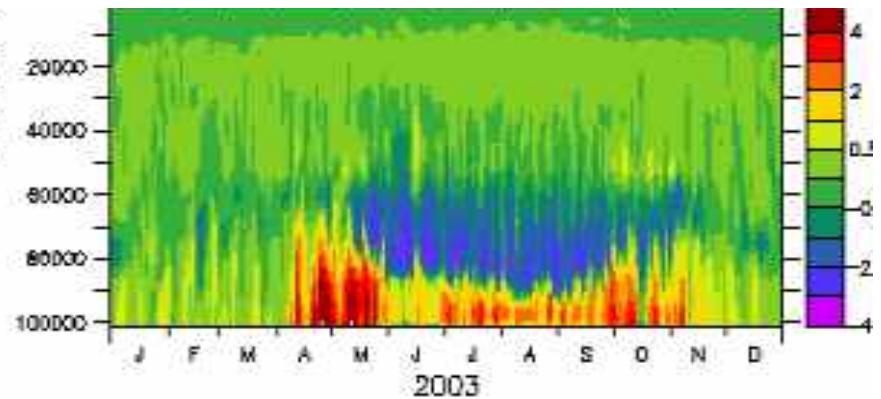
OBSERVATION



Humidité spécifique (g/kg)



Différence ancien - nouveau (g/kg)



4. Operating modes

Summary of 3D operating modes

	Global regular	Zoomed
Free	« Earth system » modeling Forced by SST climate Idealized experiments (aquaplanets, ...) Analyzes/evaluation in terms of statistics Need for ensemble and/or long simulations Strongly depends on model parameters tuning	
Nudged	Chemistry-Transport model (coupled to Inca or Reprobis) Source inversion Evaluation of physical parameterizations with imposed dynamics	Analysis of field campaign experiments and site observations Climate downscaling Analyses/evaluation on day-by-day bases Can be used in quasi real-time / forecast mode

I. LMDZ : a general circulation model

1. General Circulation Models

2. LMDZ

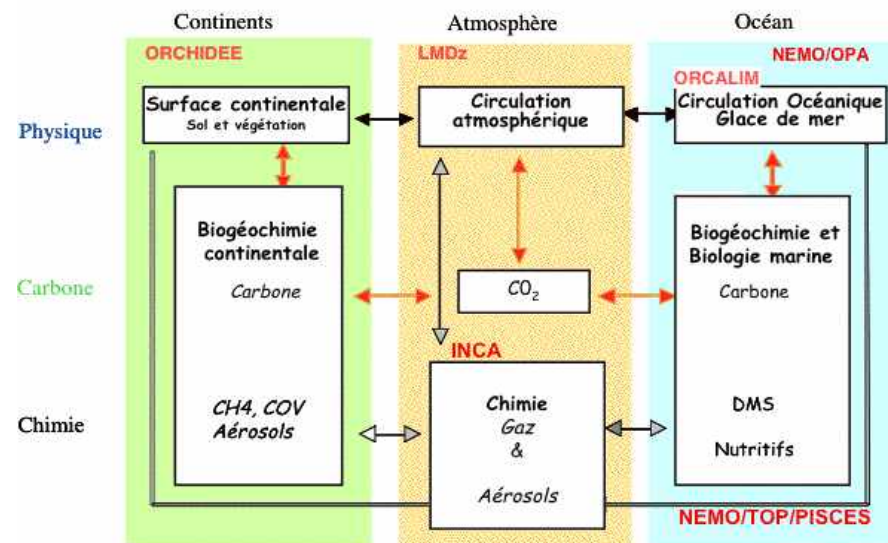
3. Splitting/coupling and modularity

4. Operating modes

5. Intercomparison exercises and reference versions

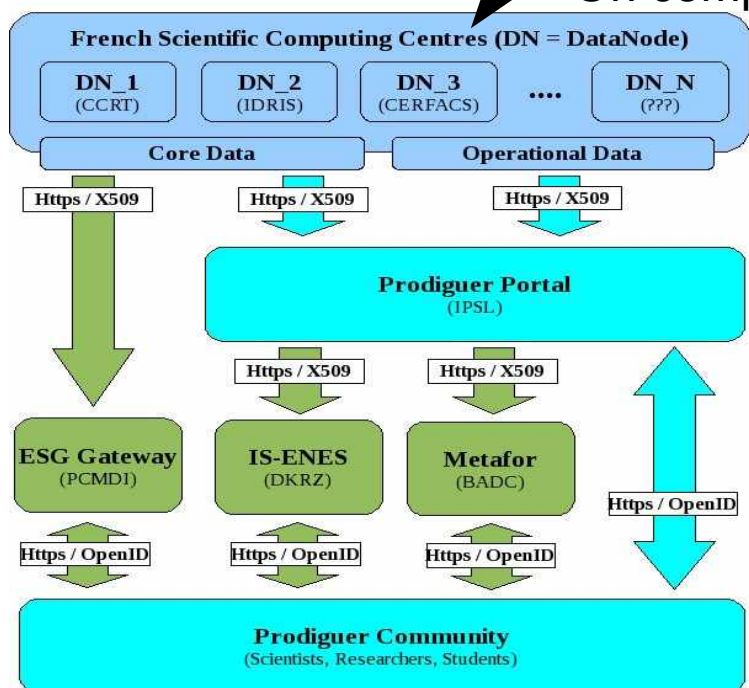
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Participation to Coupled Model Intercomparison Project : CMIP

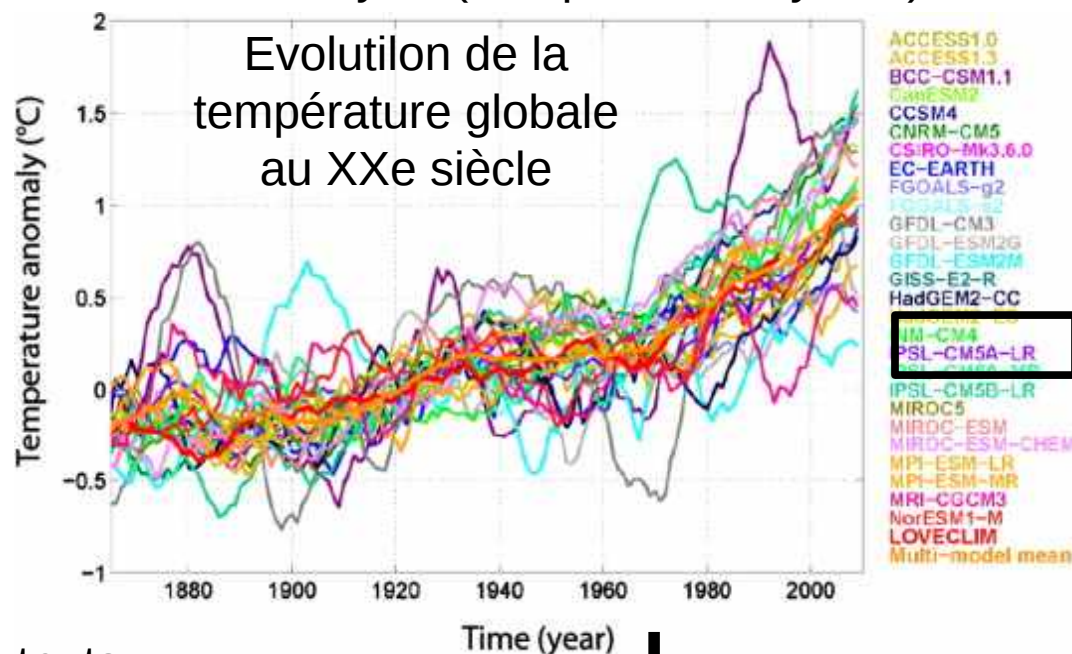


IPSL Earth System Model
 =
 Physical component (océan/atm/hydro)
LMDZ/NEMO/Orchidee
 +
 Cycle (CO₂, bio-chemistry, aérosols)

Simulations
 On computer centers



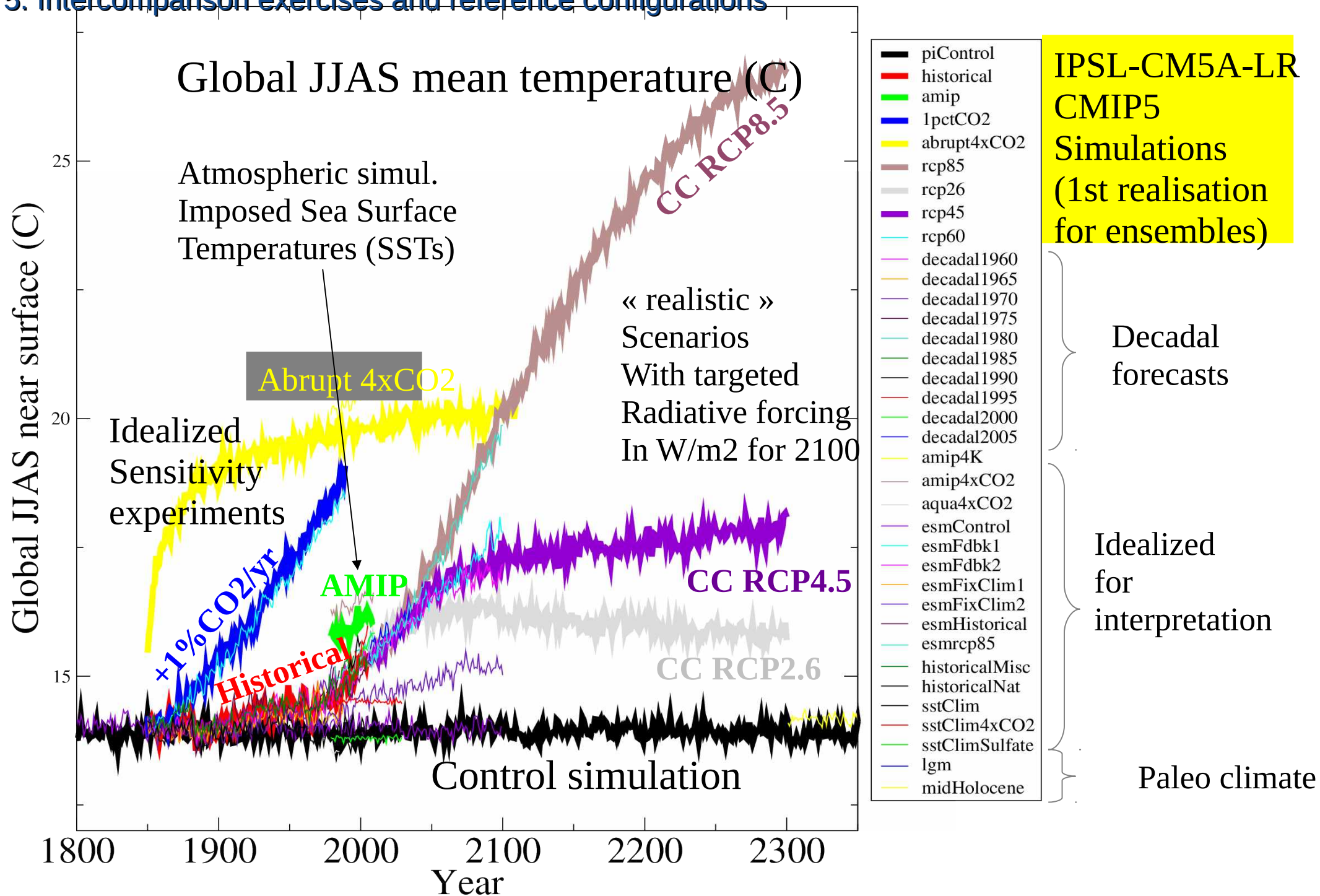
Result analysis (500 publis in 2 years)



Model outputs
 Distributed openly
ICM DATA / ISIS

IPCC Assessment Reports

5. Intercomparison exercises and reference configurations



Definition of model configurations

1. Horizontal resolution and vertical discretization
2. Physical content – Choice of a particular set of parameterizations
3. **Tuning of free parameters !**

Preparation of a configuration is a long process

Sensitivity tests to the grid, physical parameterizations, free parameters
Compromises. Can depend on team priorities.

For global climate coupled atmosphere/ocean modeling the tuning of the radiative forcing is a key issue. Several months of tuning for one version.

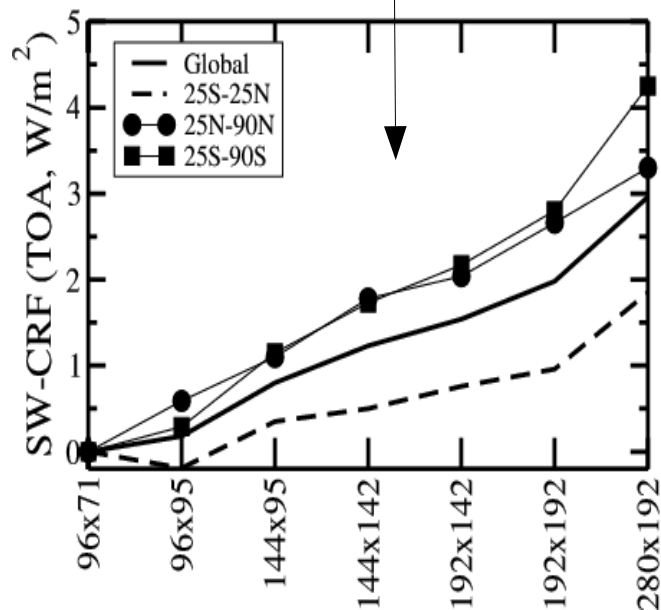
Participation to the last **CMIP5** exercise with 2 grids and 2 physical contents
Standard Physics, already used in CMIP3
New physics, with par

5. Intercomparison exercises and reference configurations

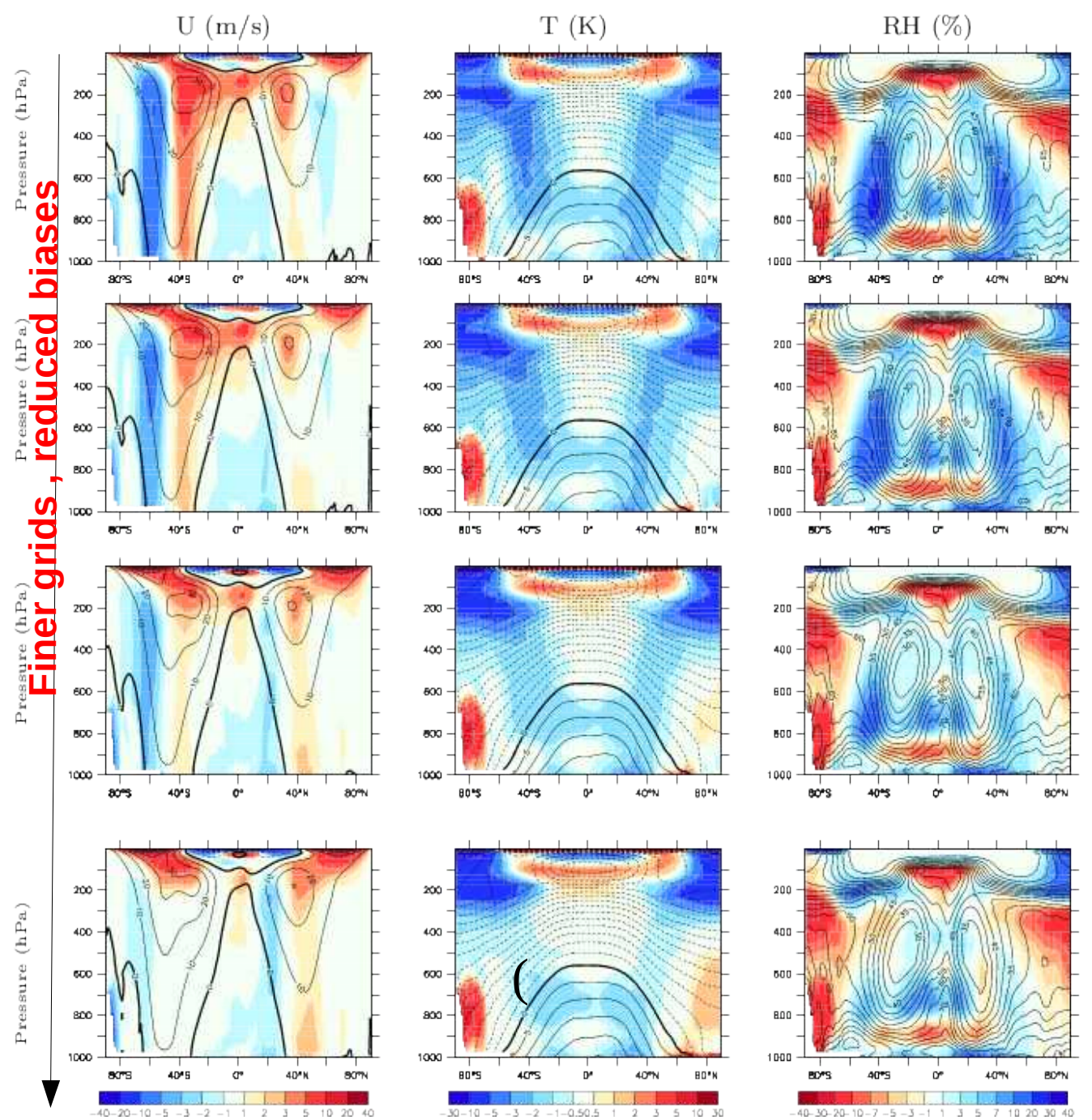
Dependance of model biases to the horizontal resolution.

Because of the number of simulations to be performed in CMIP exercises, the reference configurations are a compromise.

The global energy balance is sensitive to the horizontal resolution



LMDZ4:96 × 71
LMDZ4:96 × 95
LMDZ4:144 × 144
LMDZ4:280 × 192

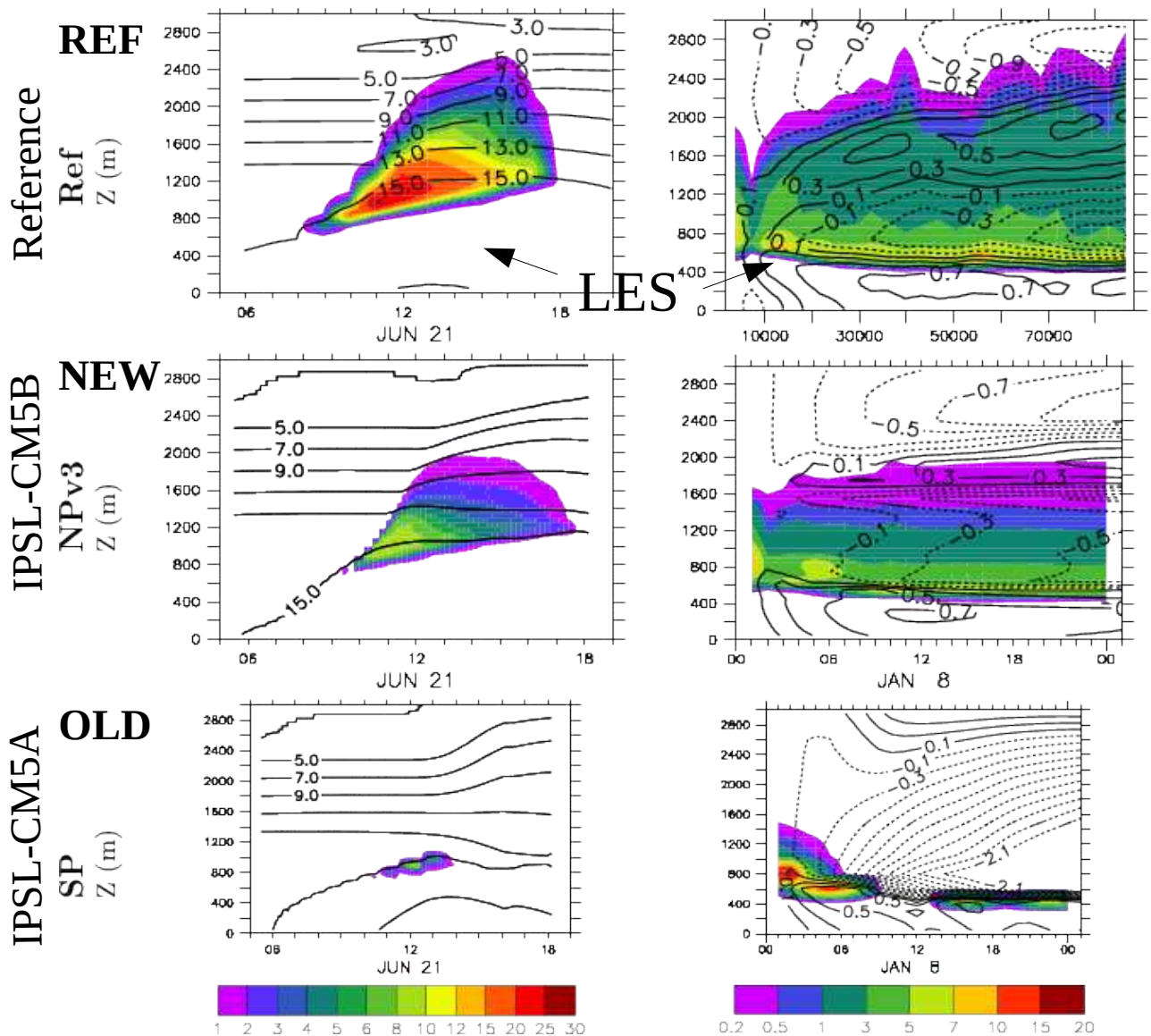


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New physics improvements (robust 1D&3D) of low clouds simulations

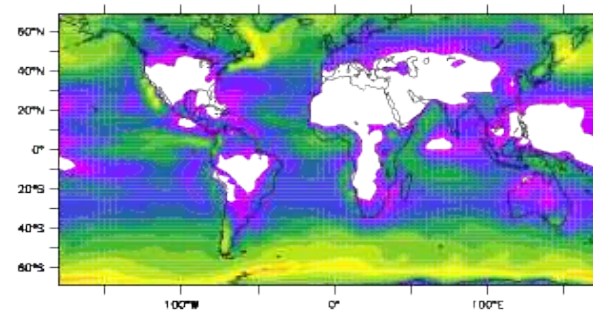
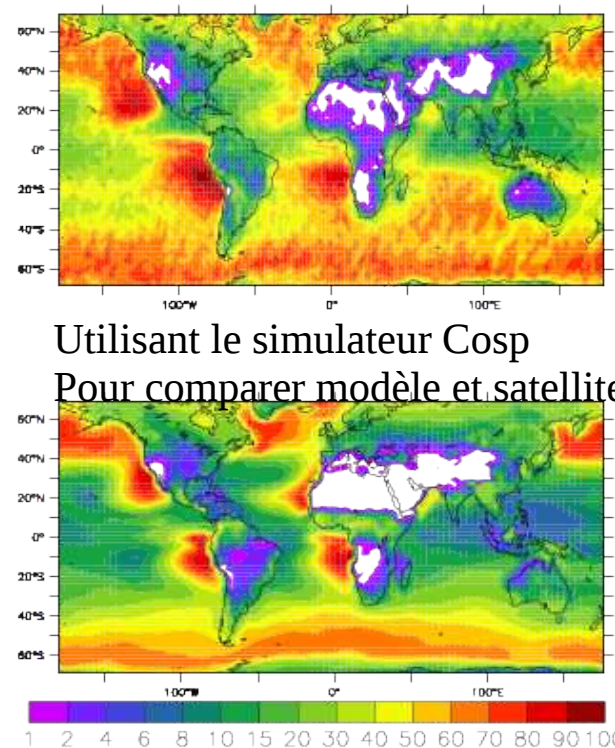
1D test cases

Cloud fraction (%) and water vapor (g/kg)
Eurocos Cumulus Rico



Simulations 3D

Low cloud cover (%)
Annual mean



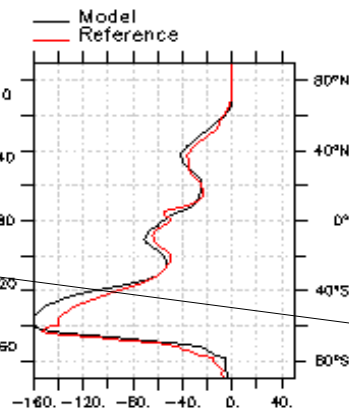
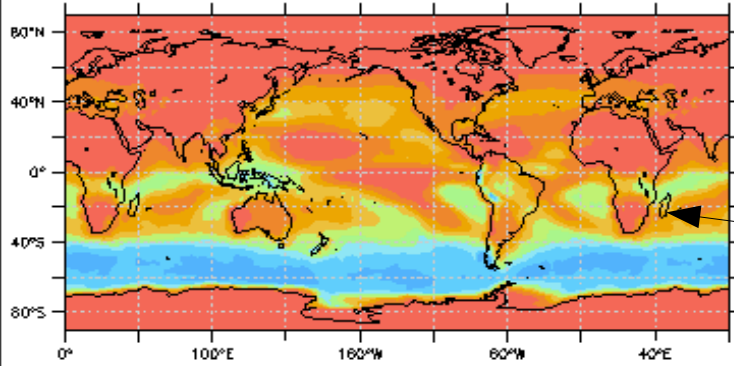
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CRFsw (W/m²): LMDZ4, EBAF



NPv3 1_SE_1984_1991_1M_histmth.nc
(tops[l=1]-tops0[l=1])

Weighted Avg: -55.657 Std: 47.711 Min: -208.044 Max: 0



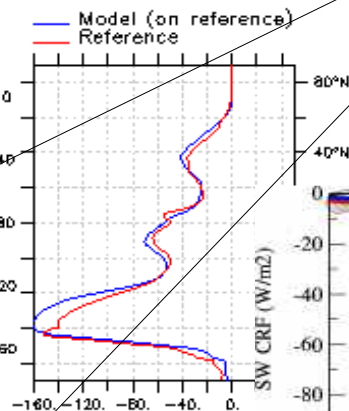
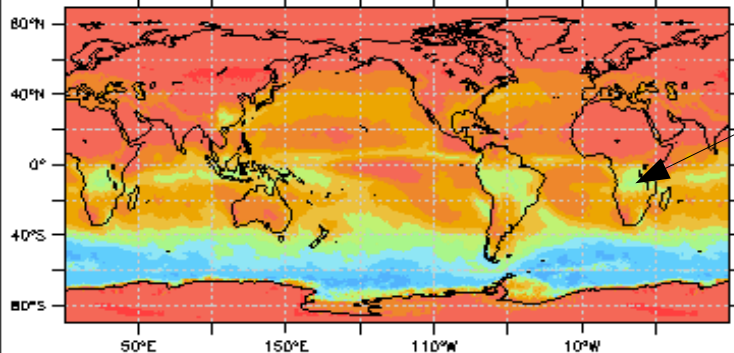
Importance of tuning of free parameters

SW cloud radiative effect SW-CRE at top-of-atmosphere, in W/m²

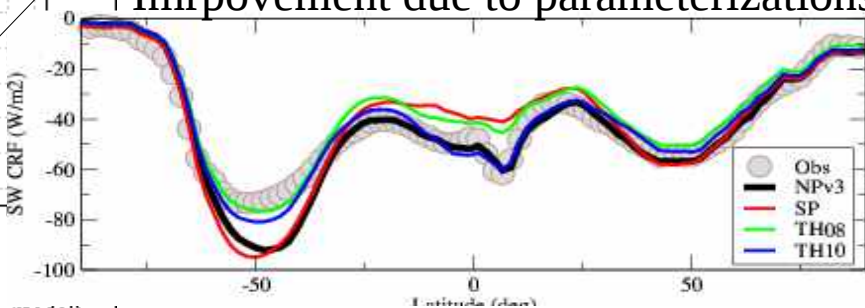
Model
Observations
Difference

CERES_EBAF_TOA_Terra_Edition1A_200003-200510_01-12.nc
clim_swcre[l=1]

Weighted Avg: -51.818 Std: 41.111 Min: -211.3 Max: 44

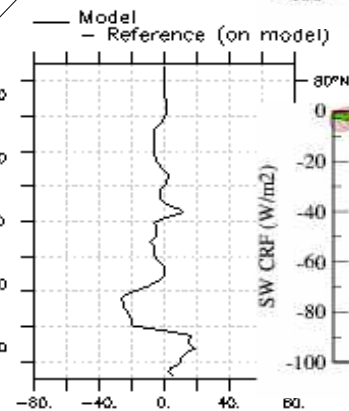
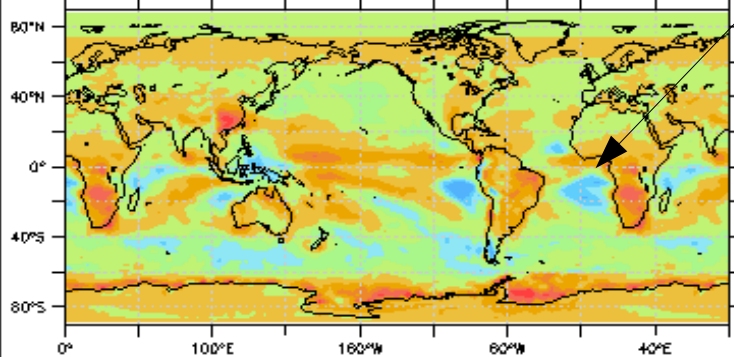


Improvement due to parameterizations change

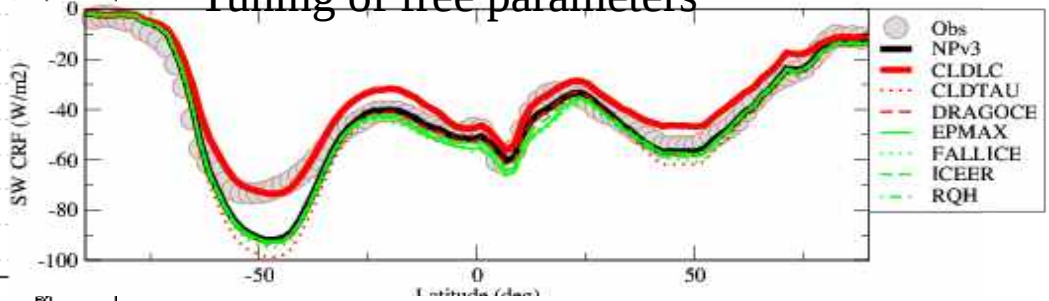


Difference
(tops[l=1]-tops0[l=1]) - clim_swcre[l=1]

Weighted Avg: -3.898 Std: 19.519 Min: -109.684 Max: 111.141

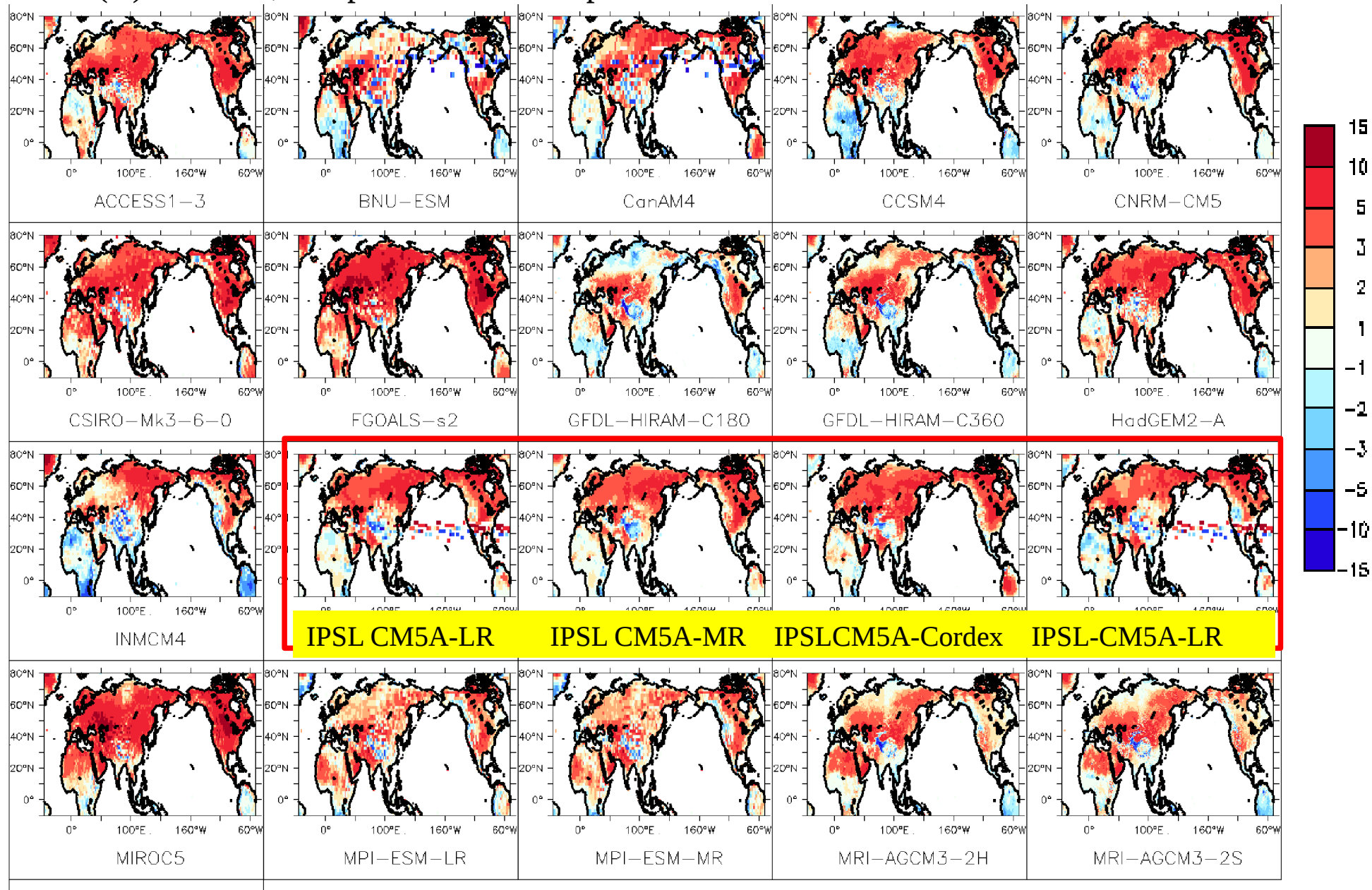


Tuning of free parameters



5. Intercomparison exercises and reference configurations

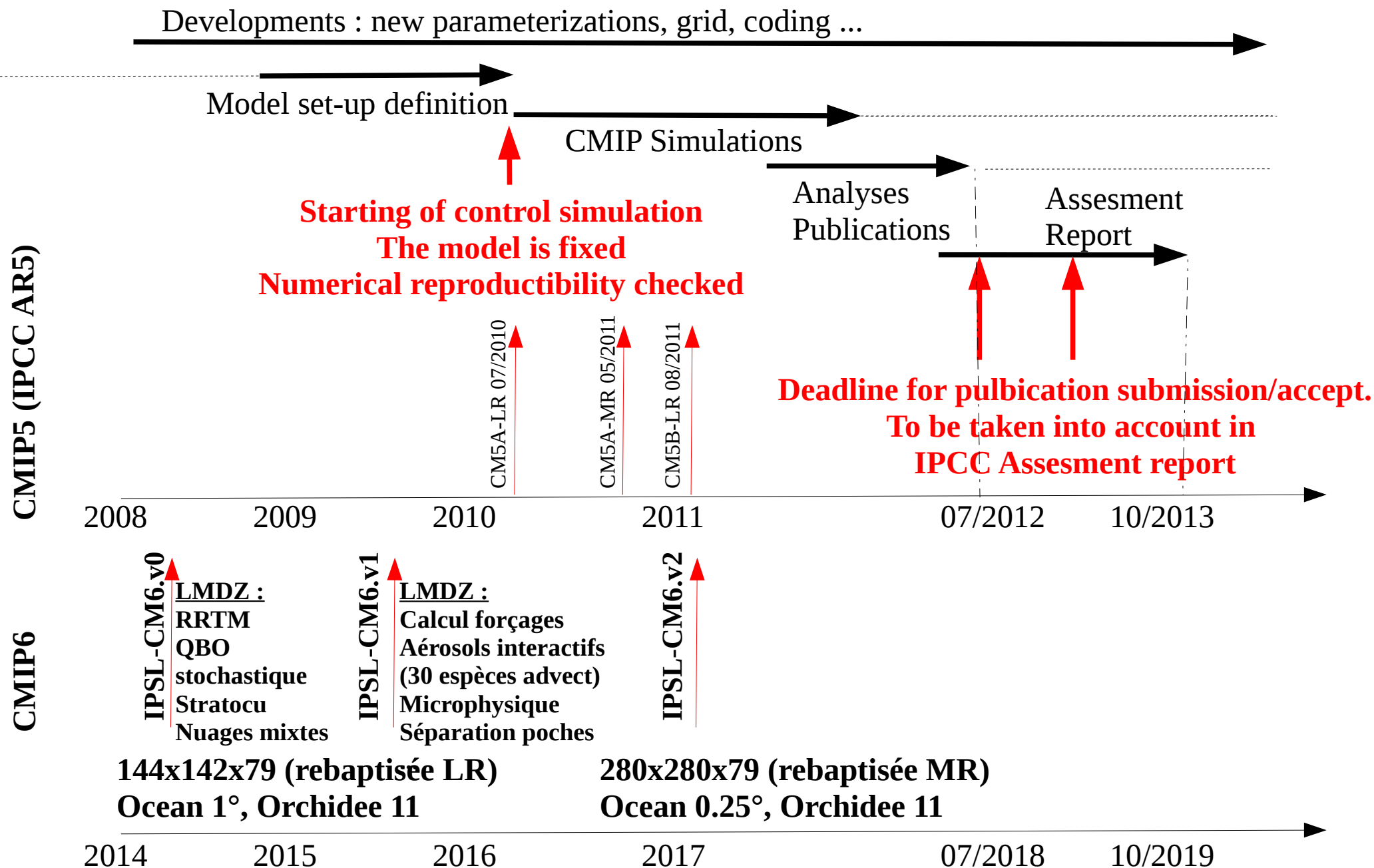
T2m (K) JAS bias, Amip/CMIP5 with imposed Sea Surface Temperature



Typical systematic biases

5. Intercomparison exercises and reference configurations

LMDZ development and CMIP « rendez-vous »



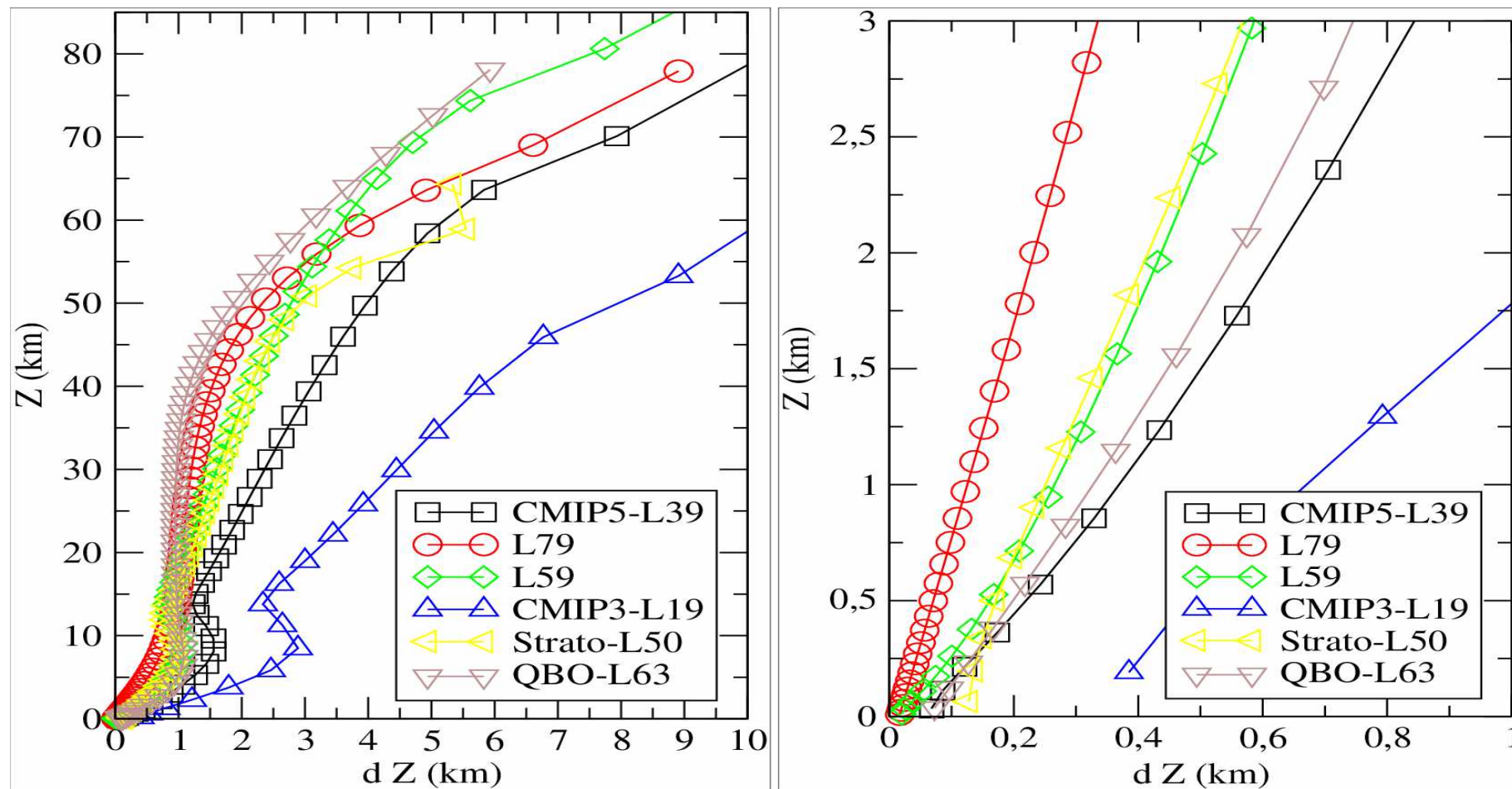
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Summary of reference climate configurations

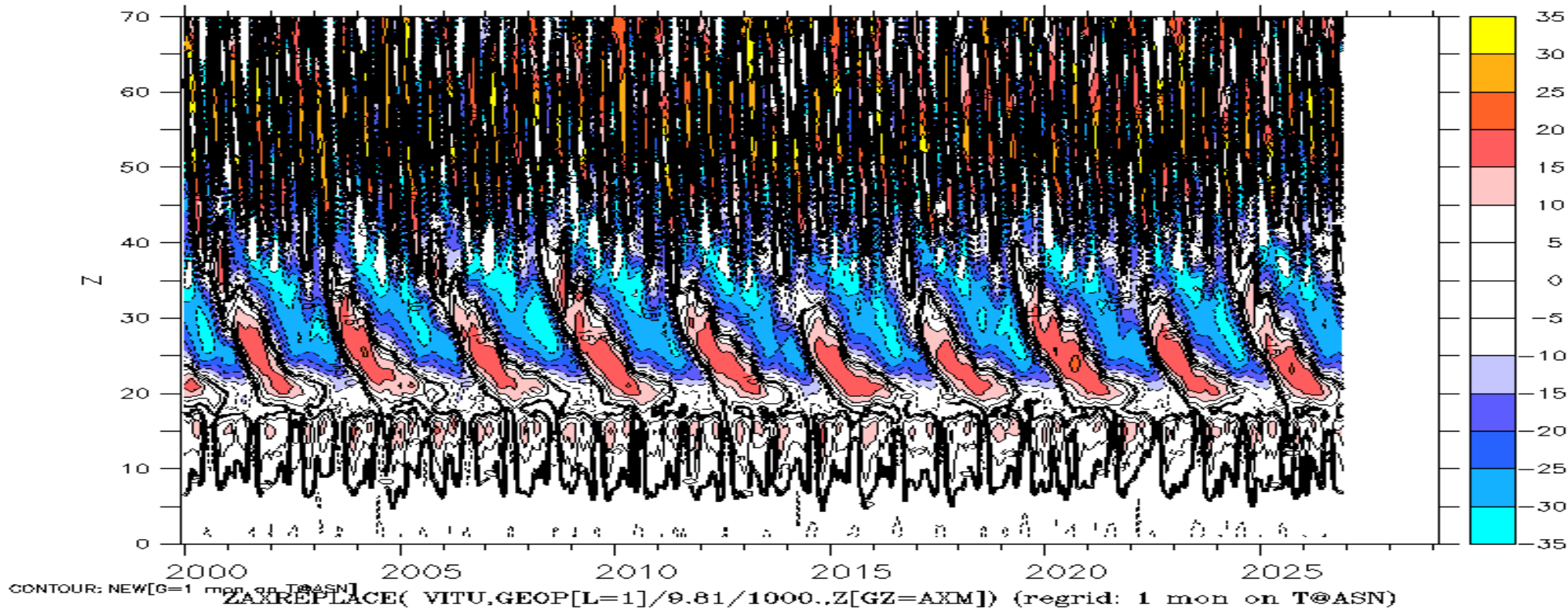
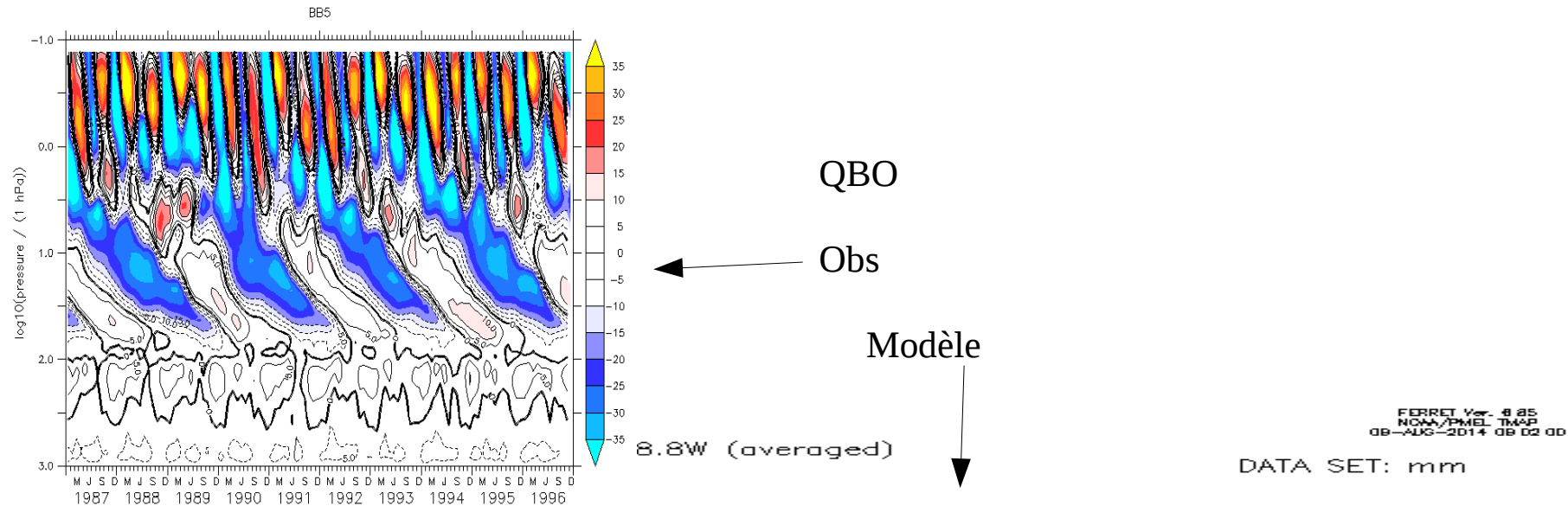
	Vertical resolution	Horizontal grid	Physical parameterizations	Name
CMIP3	L19	96x71	New convection scheme (Emanuel) Subgrid scale orography	IPSL-CM3 LMDZ4
CMIP5	L39 Extension to the stratosphere	LR = 96x95 MR = 144x143	2 versions A : Standard Physics (SP) same as CMIP3 B : New physics (NPv3) with thermal plumes and cold pools	IPSL-CMX LMDZ 5A-LR 5A-MR 5B-LR
CMIP6	L79	VLR = 96x95 LR = 144x143 MR = 280x280 ?	NP v4,5,6 New radiation Stochastic closure Improved clouds Non orog. gravity waves	

5. Intercomparison exercises and reference configurations

LMDZ4, 5, 6 vertical grids



5. Intercomparison exercises and reference configurations



General remarks

1. LMDZ is a flexible tools
2. For climate studies, a few reference configurations are defined which include, a long phase of tuning and evaluation.
3. The reference simulations are widely published, documented, distributed on LMDZ site or from CMIP database.
4. LMDZ shows some systematic biases as well as specific ones (part of which are linked to the rather coarse horizontal grid), and also some specific skills.
5. Climate models can not be ran as a black box.
6. Any study with such a model requires a phase of specific evaluation for the specific goals of the study

5. Intercomparison exercises and reference configurations

4. LMDZ : A tool for a wide community

230 users, 31 teams

- 13 IPSL teams
- 6 in france outside IPSL
- 12 abroad

Configurations

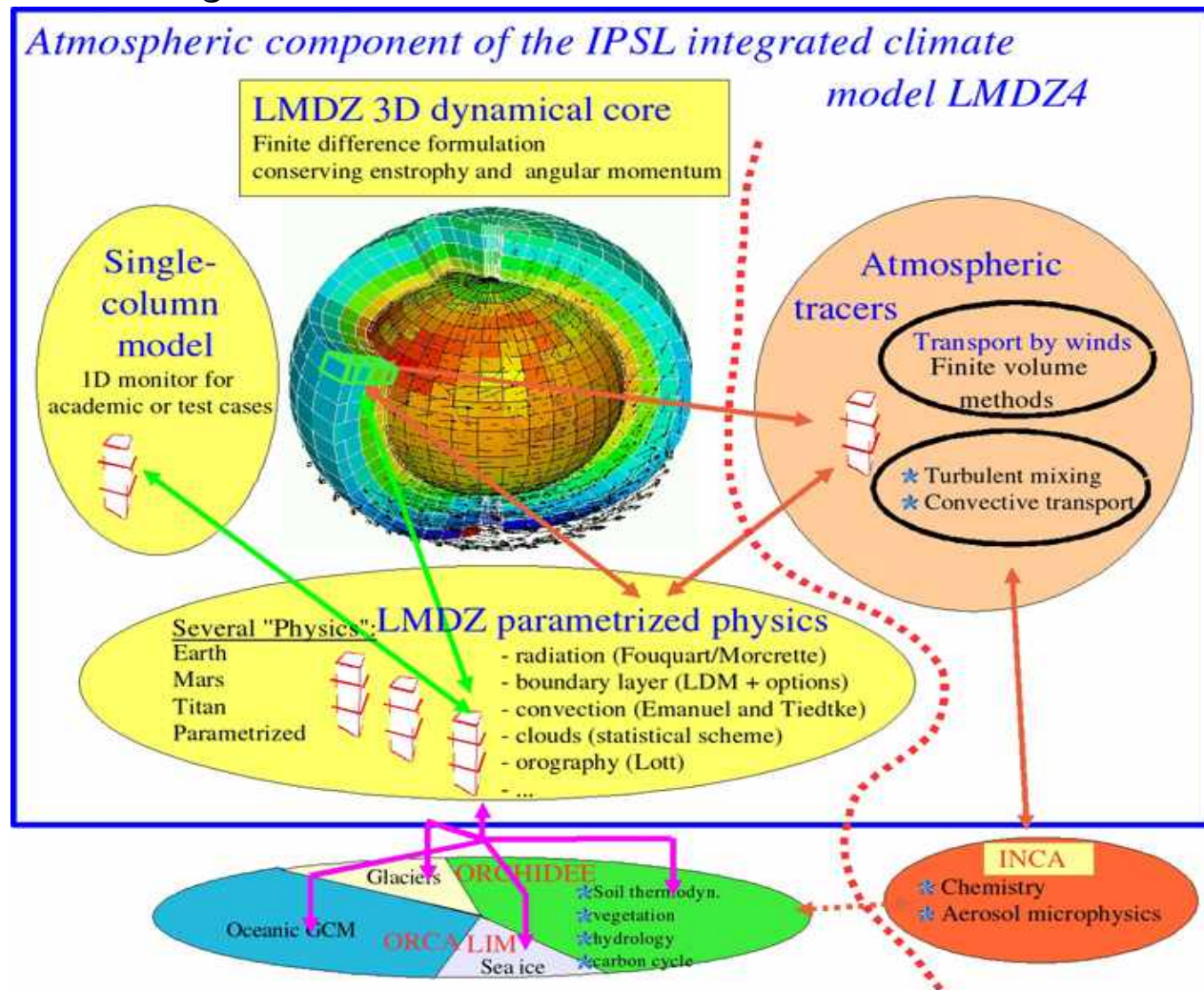
- Climate imposed SSTs (18 teams)
- Zoom (17 teams)
- nudging (16 teams)
- Climate coupled to ocean (11 teams)

Used for

- Tropical variability (13)
- Climate changes (12)
- Analysis of in situ observations (10)
- Climate studies in China (9)
- Model/satellite (8) , Planets, isotopic versions ...

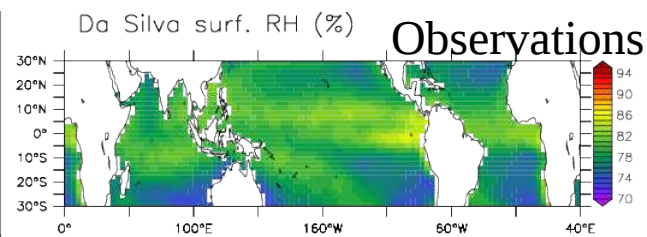
Organisation

- Weekly meeting of the development team (contribution from 8 other teams)
- Scientific comitee + users meeting (~1 each year)
- Mailing list, web <http://lmdz.lmd.jussieu.fr>, LMDZinfo
- training (1 or 2 each year, french and english)



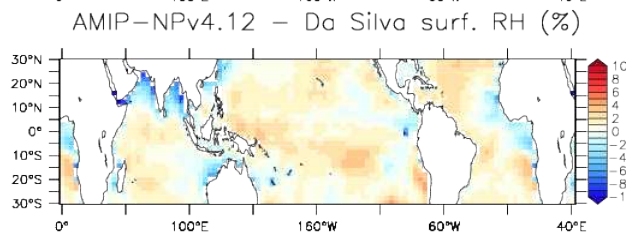
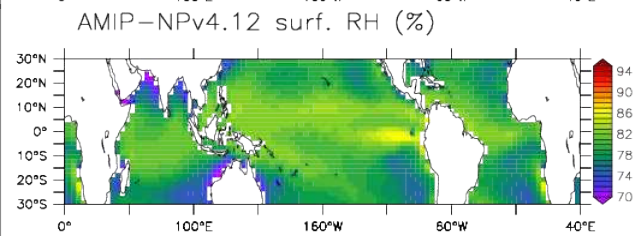
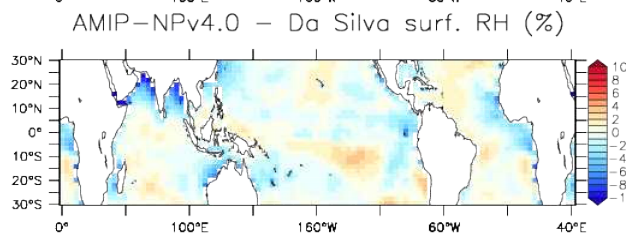
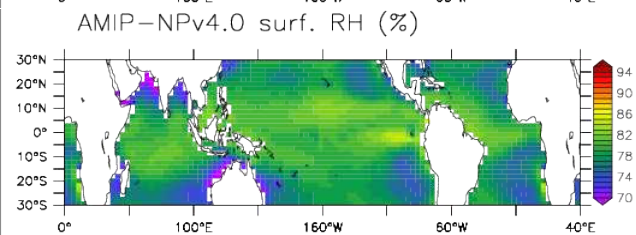
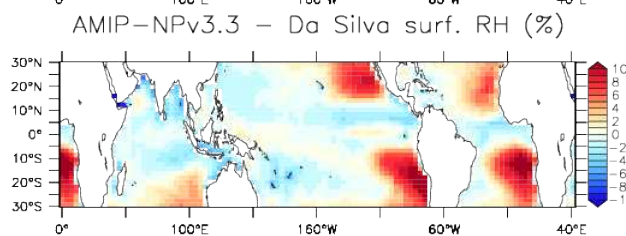
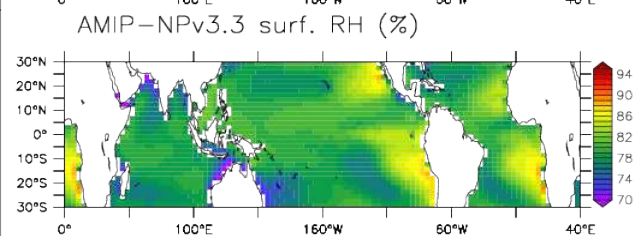
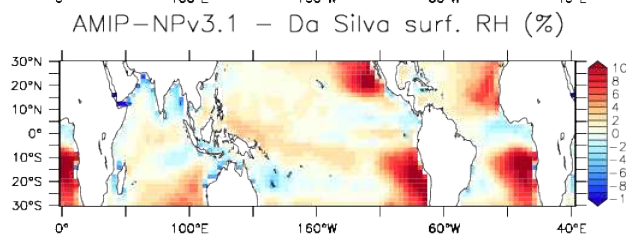
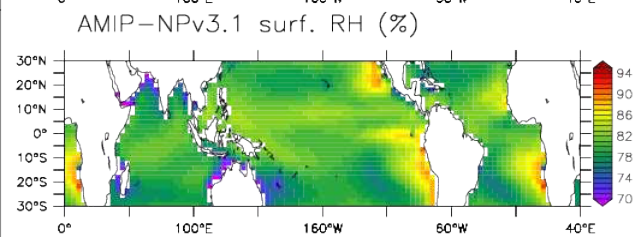
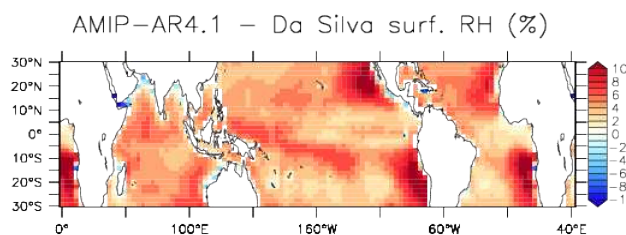
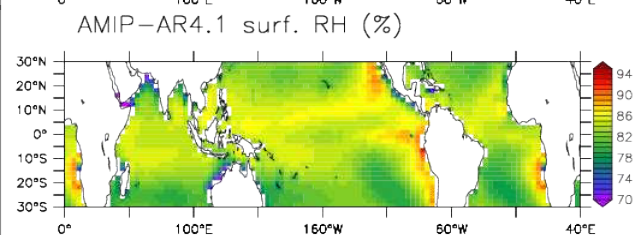
Results from a pool done in 2012

<http://lmdz.lmd.jussieu.fr/actualites-container/enquete-sur-les-utilisateurs-de-lmdz>



Humidité relative (%) en surface dans différentes configurations.

→ **L'activation des thermiques assèche la surface**



LMDZ5A « physique standard » L39

**Activation des thermiques
sauf sur les « bord Est »**

LMDZ5B « nouvelle physique » L39

**Changement resolution vert.
1ère couche 10m**

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**Nouvelle physique NPv4
Thermiques actifs partout**

LMDZ5B « nouvelle physique » L39

Ajustement du bilan radiatif

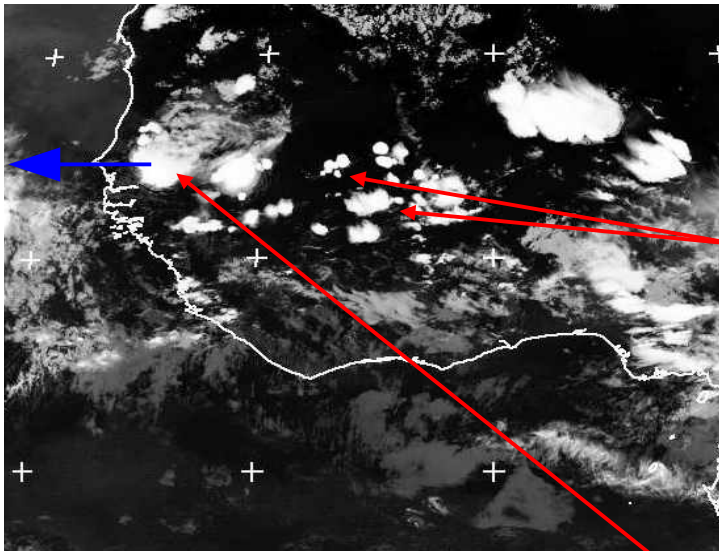
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Monsoon rainfall : multi-scale

Local thunderstorms to squall lines, propagating

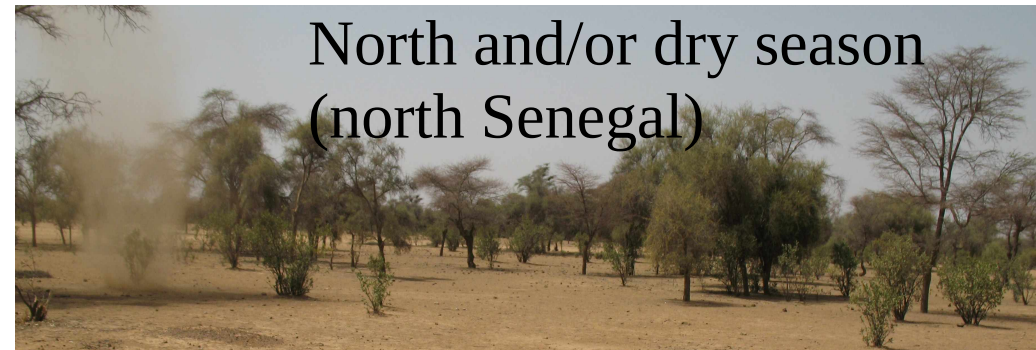
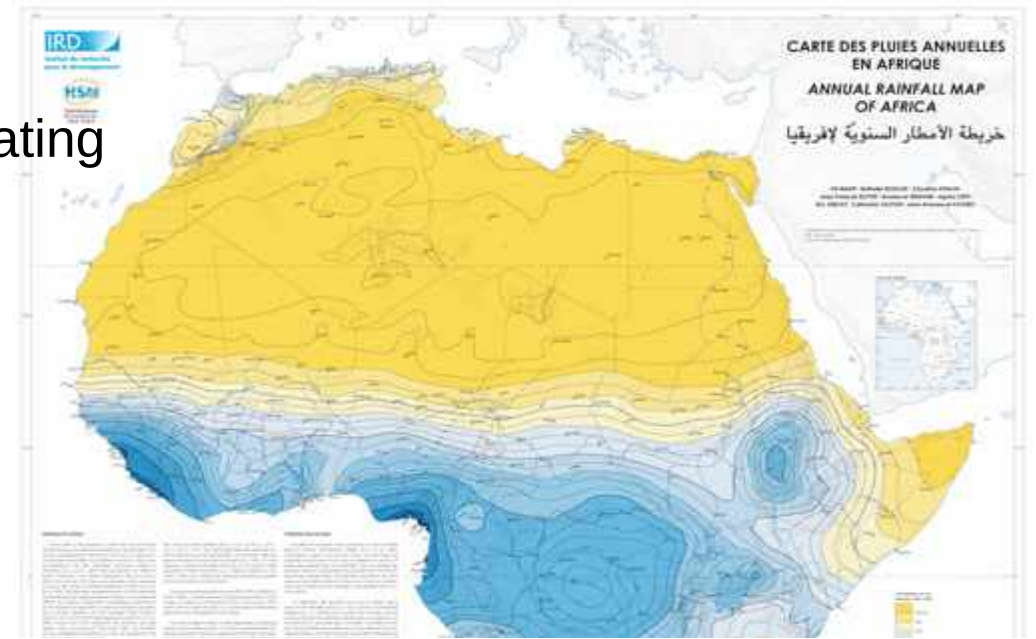
Locally : raining one hour each 3 day

Cumulated rainfall much more uniform



Local
• storms

Squall
• lines



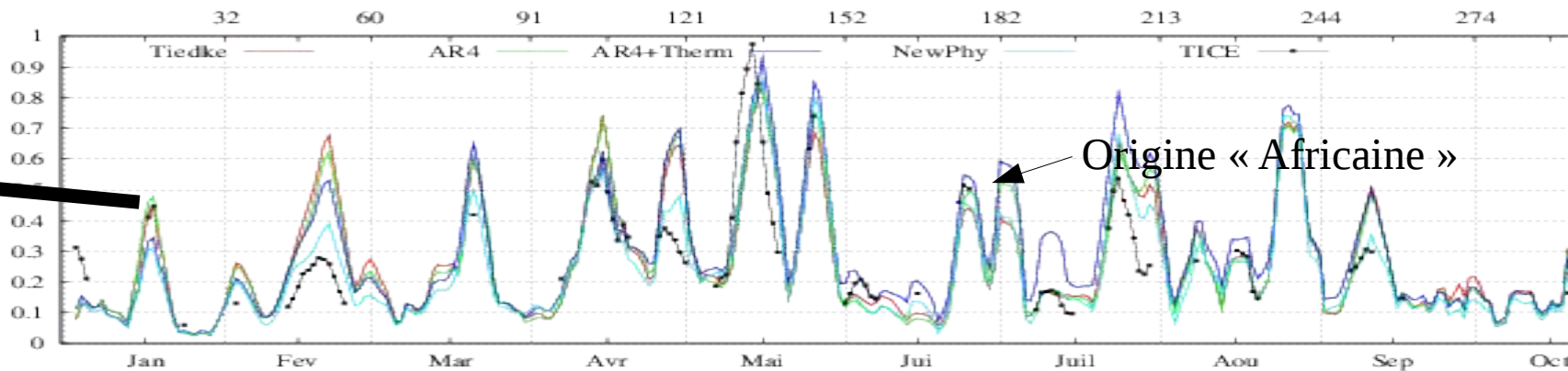
Validation des simulations de transport sur les données du TICE

Radio-éléments naturels. Ici le Pb_{210} , produit du radon émis par les continents.

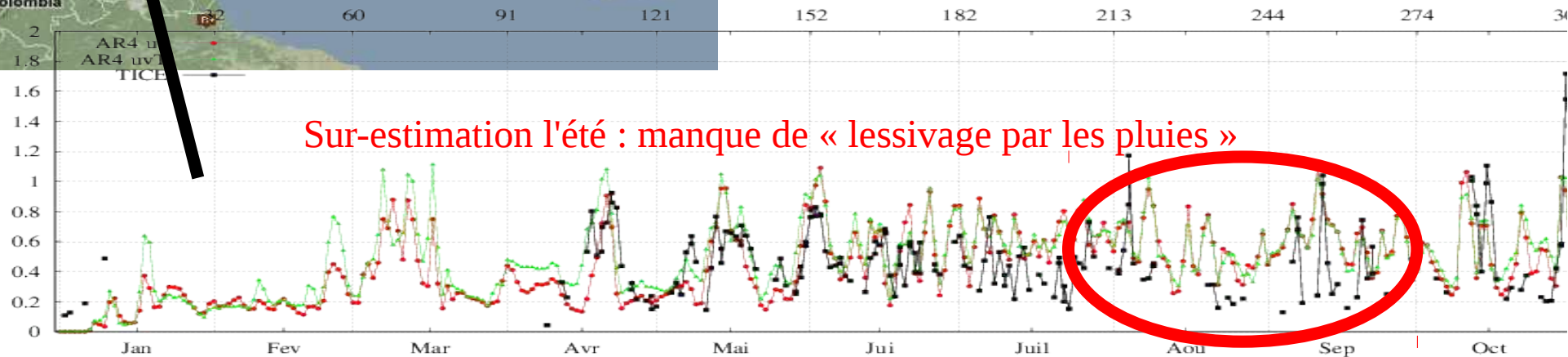
Philippe Heinrich et Anthony Jamelot

[2007, Melbourne] Moyenne glissante des concentrations sur 5 jours

Bonne simulation dans les moyennes latitudes, notamment sur les côtes



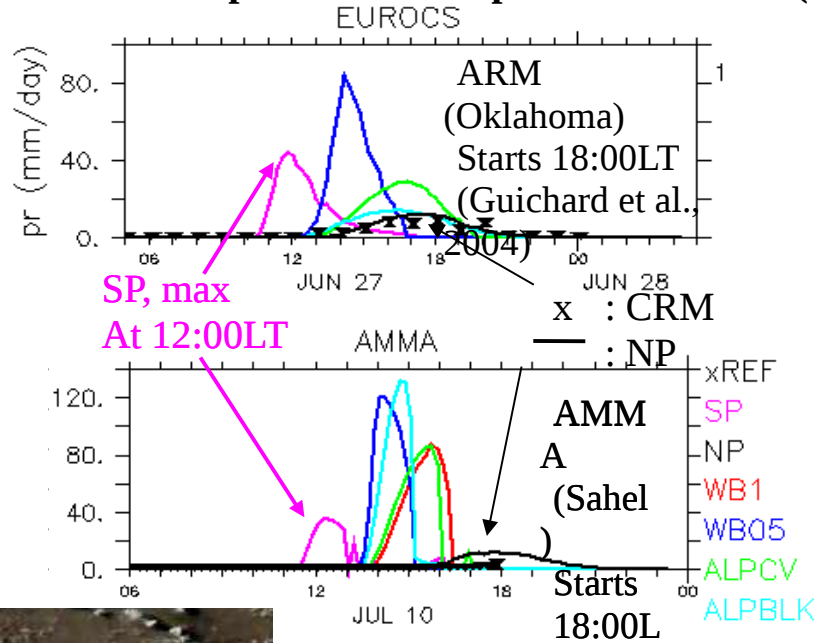
Concentration de ^{210}Pb en mBq/m^3 , Guadeloupe



Sur-estimation l'été : manque de « lessivage par les pluies »

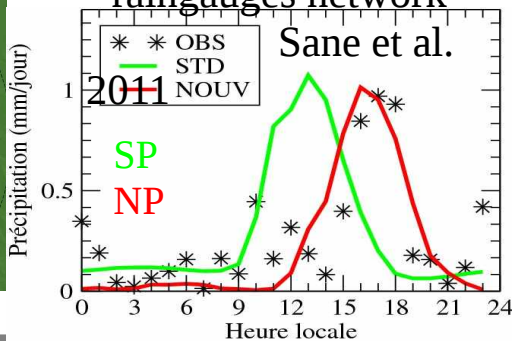
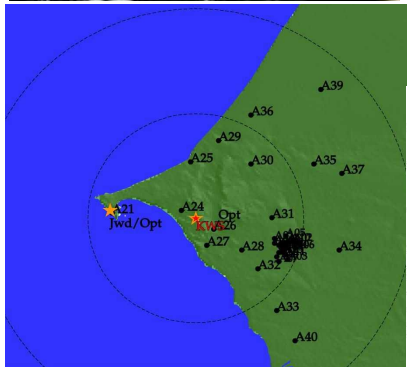
Shifting the diurnal cycle of convective rainfall : possible with parameterized convection

1D test cases/ comparison with explicit simulations (MesoNH)

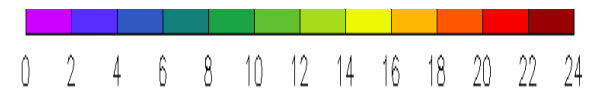
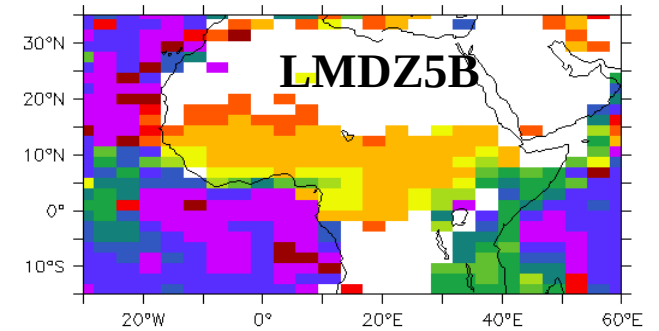
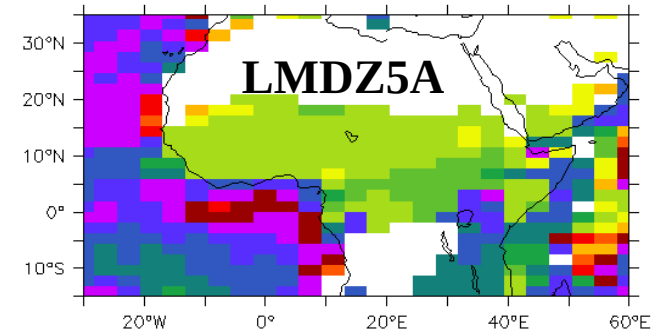
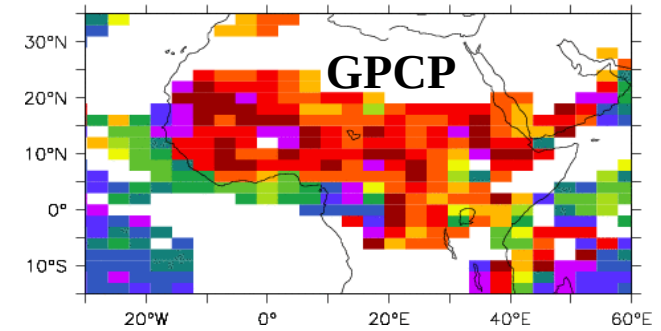


AMMA 10 July case, convection initiation, Niamey
Couvreur et al., 2012
Rio et al., 2012

Dakar LPAOSF/NASA raingauges network



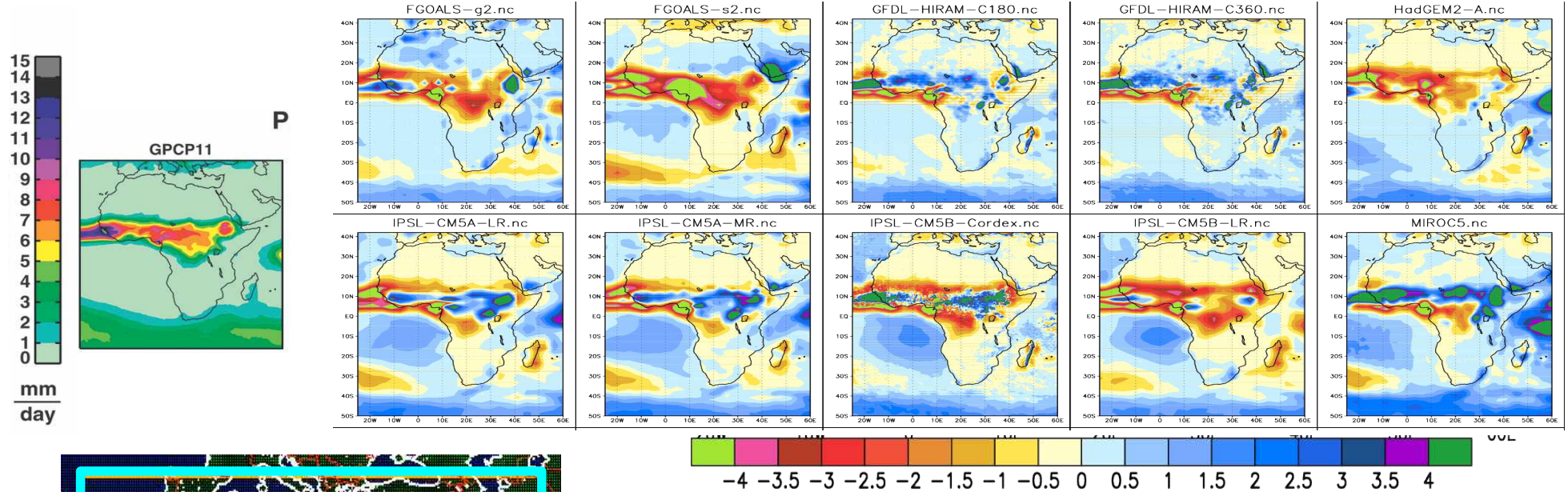
Local hour of maximum rainfall in July



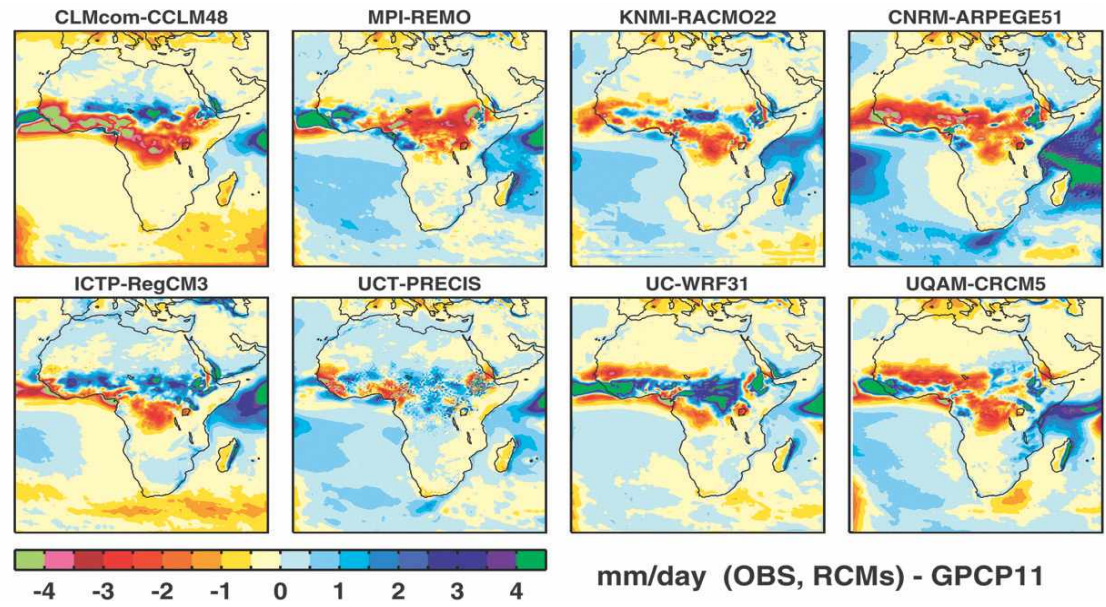
Evolution moyenne

Rainfall biases, July-August-September

subset of CMIP5 model



subset of Cordex models



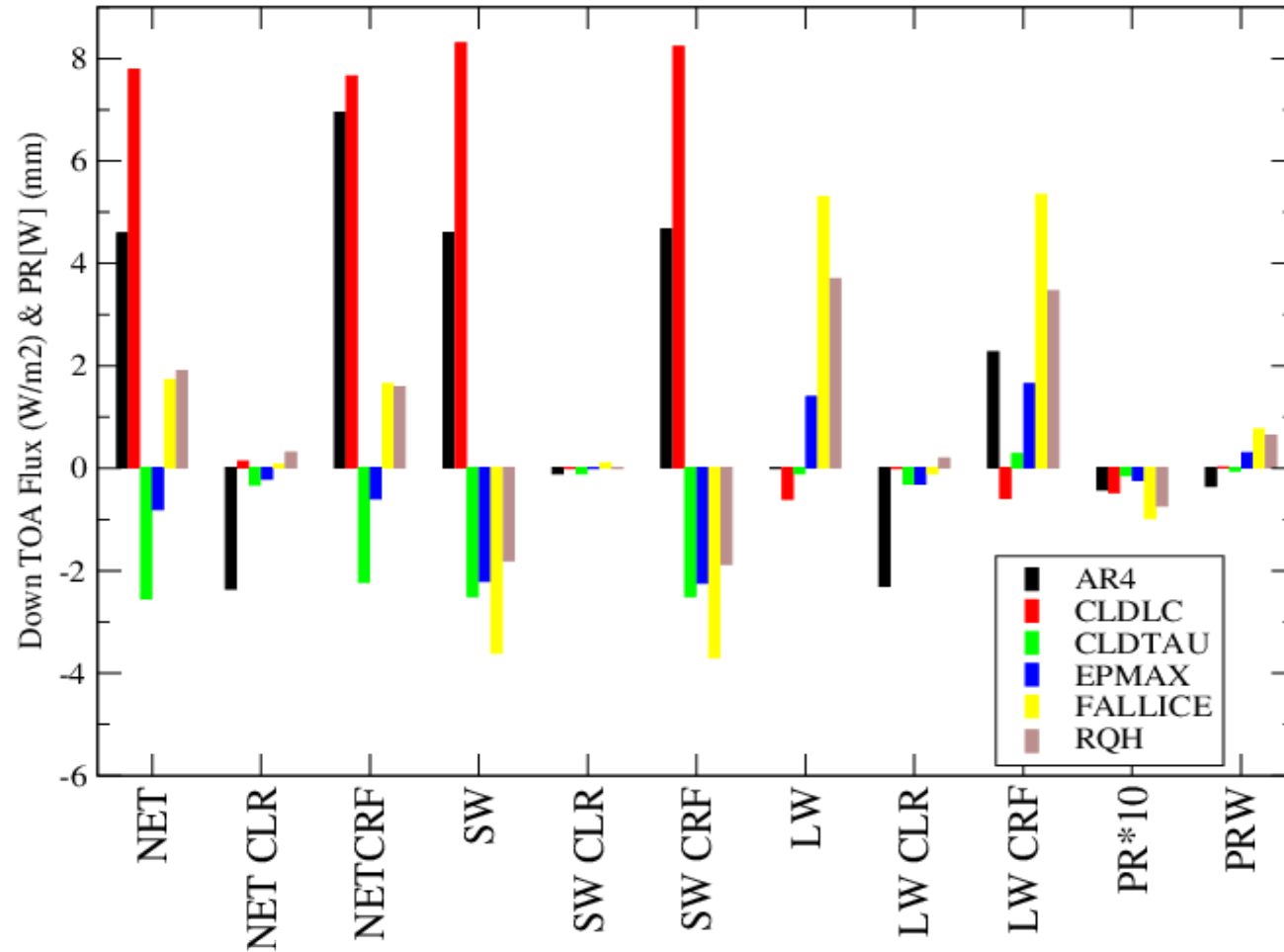
mm/day (OBS, RCMs) - GPCP11
 Nikulin et al., 2012, J. Clim.

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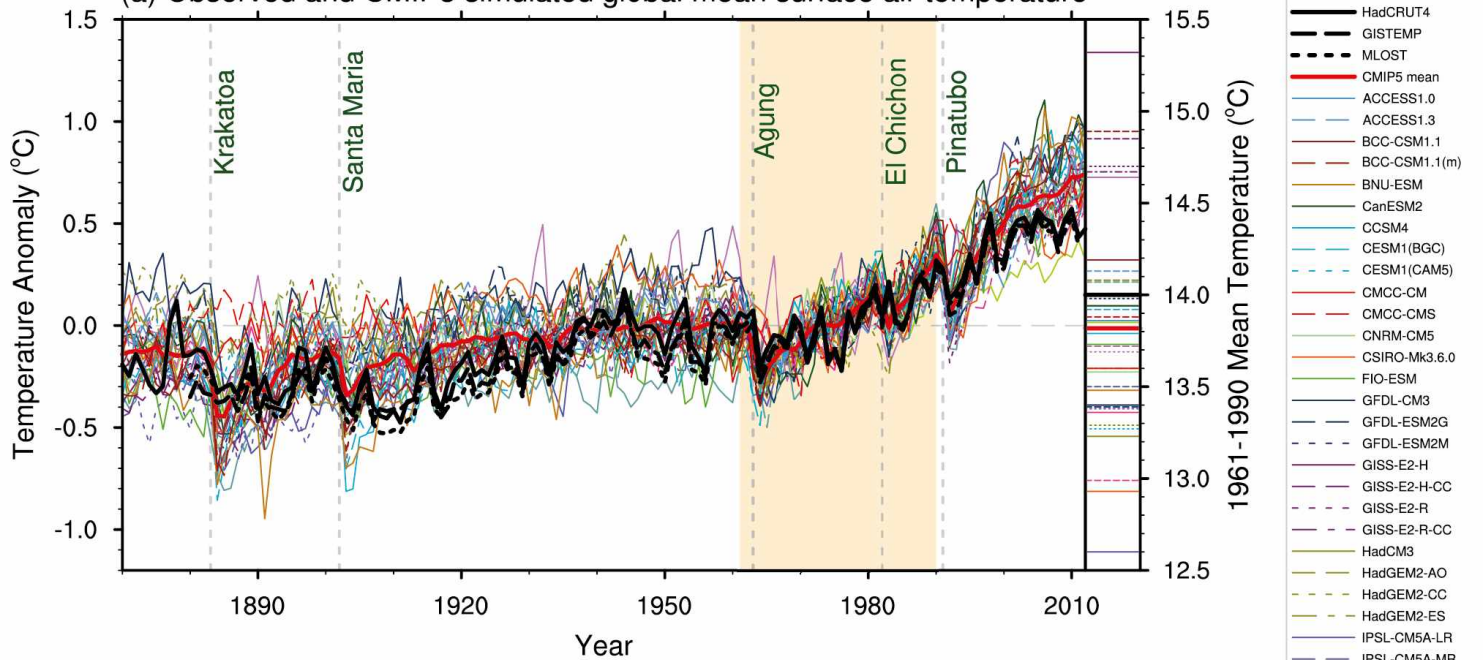
Simulations AMIP papier LMDZ5B

Moyennes globales sur plusieurs années

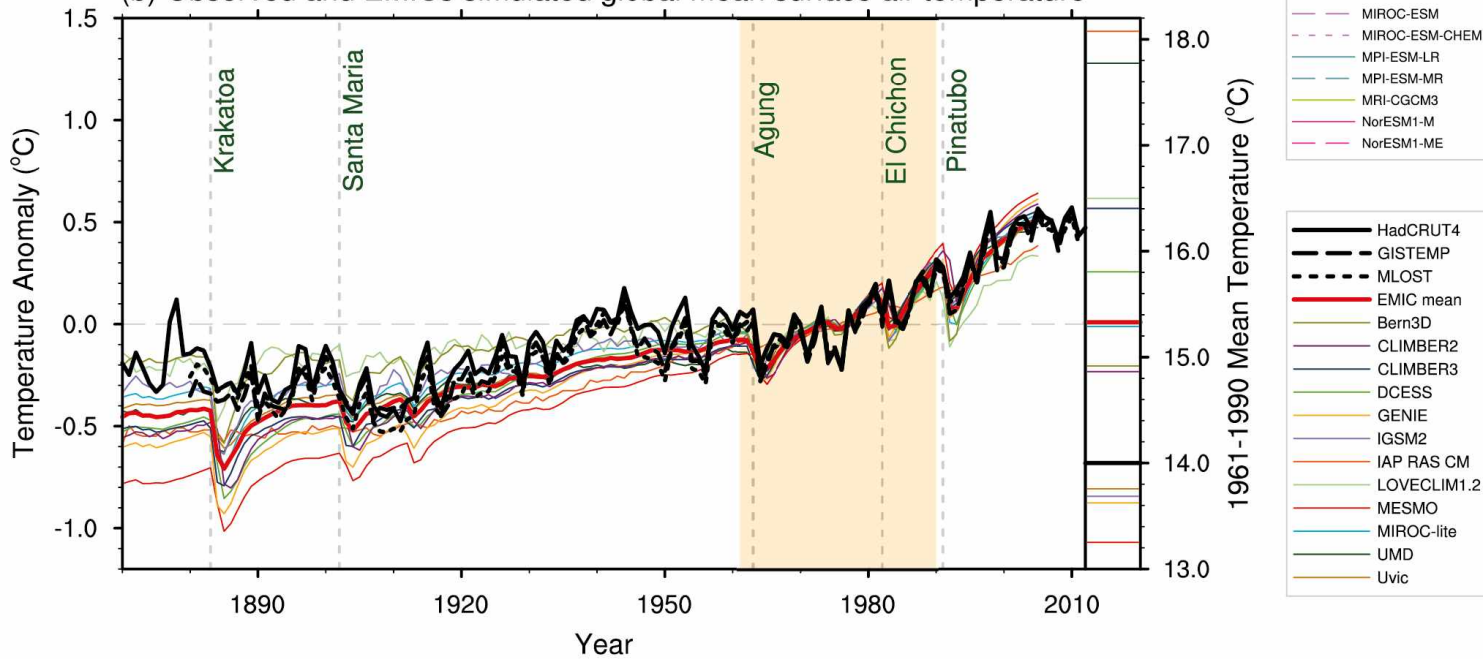
Différence par rapport au run de contrôle NP

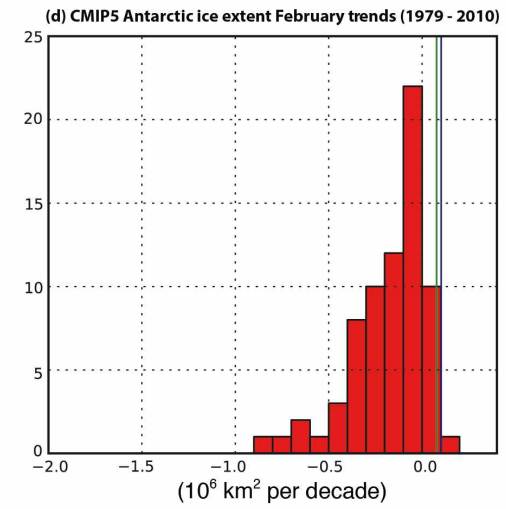
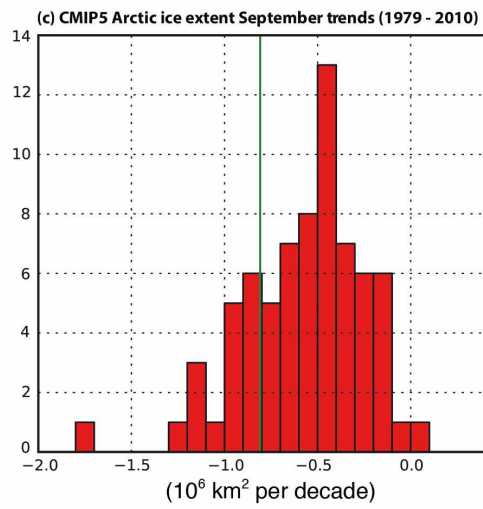
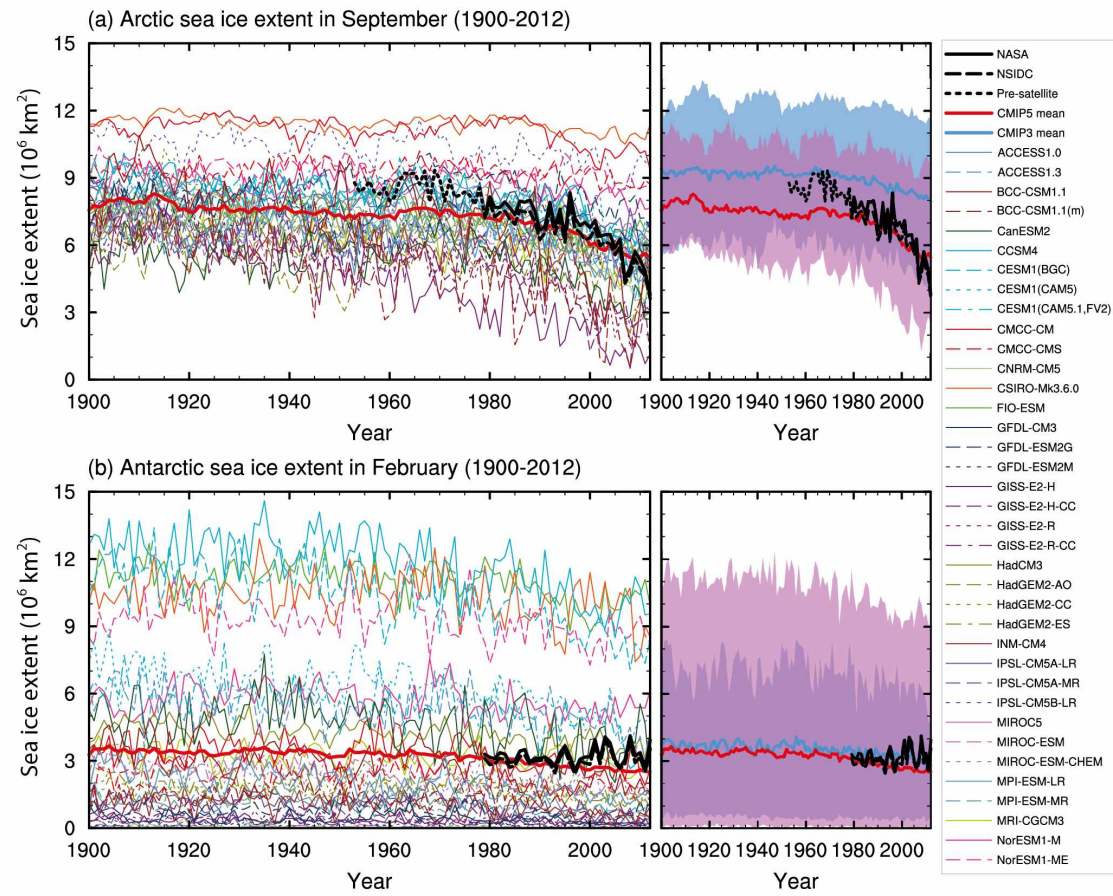


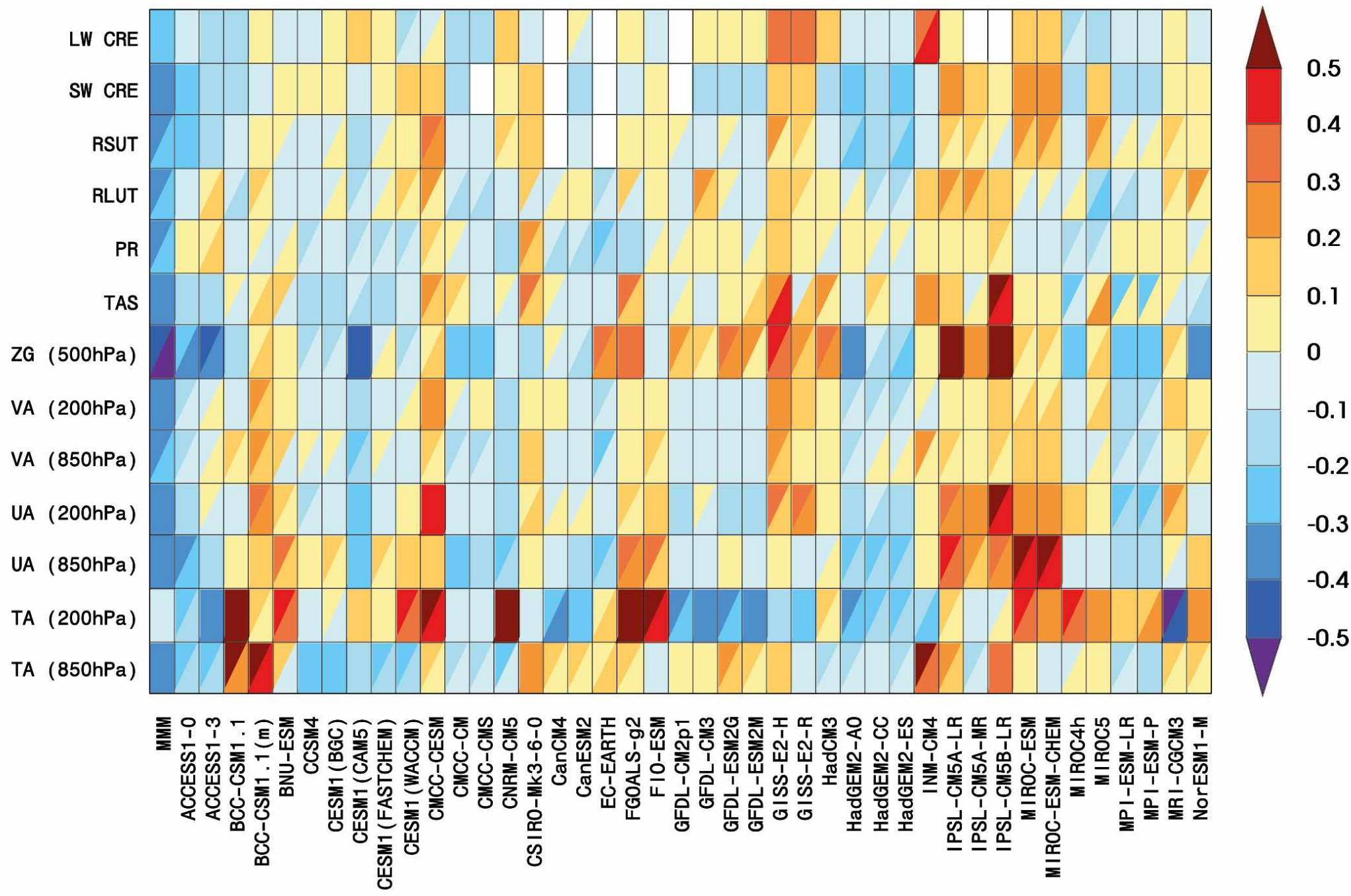
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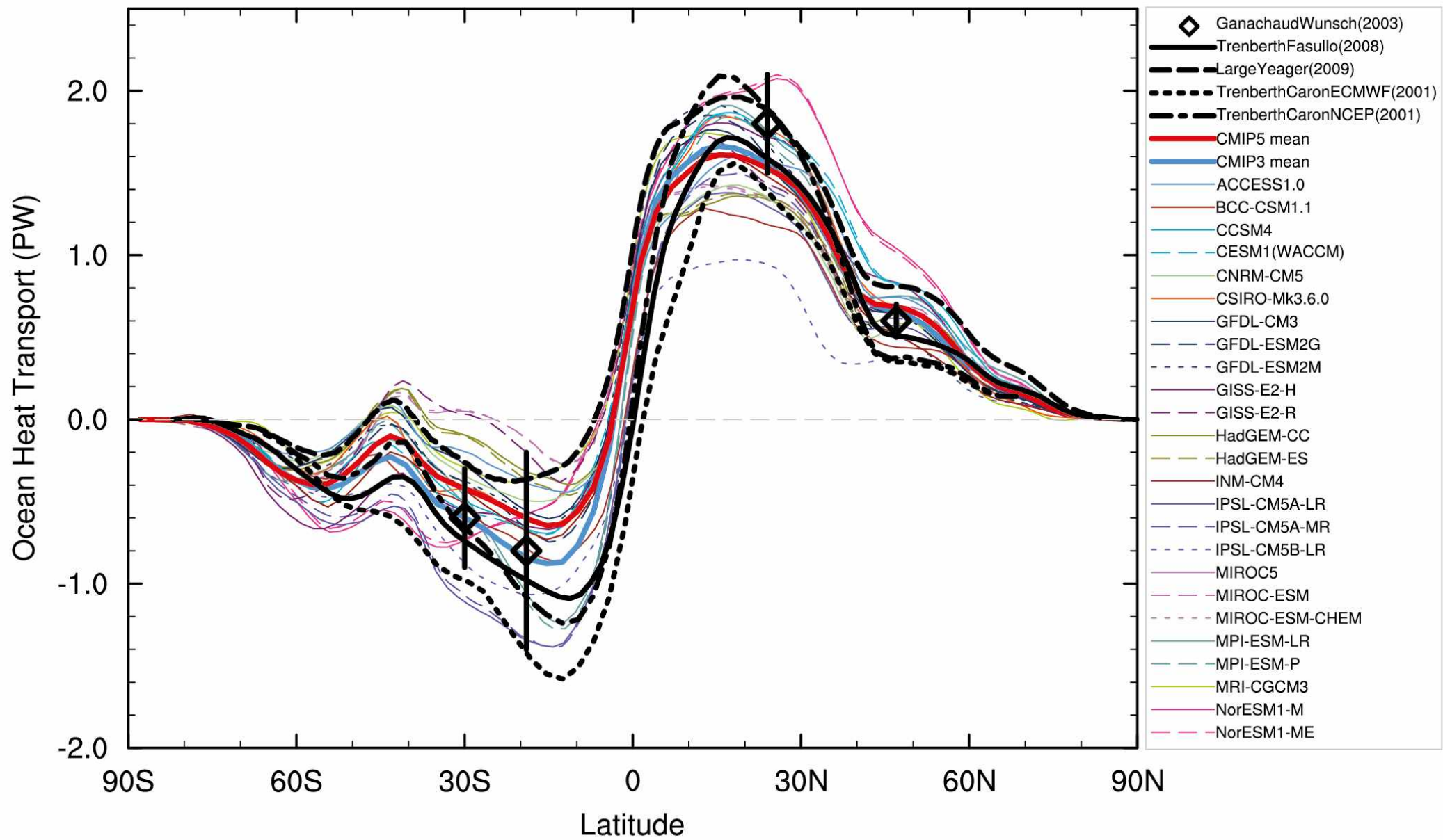


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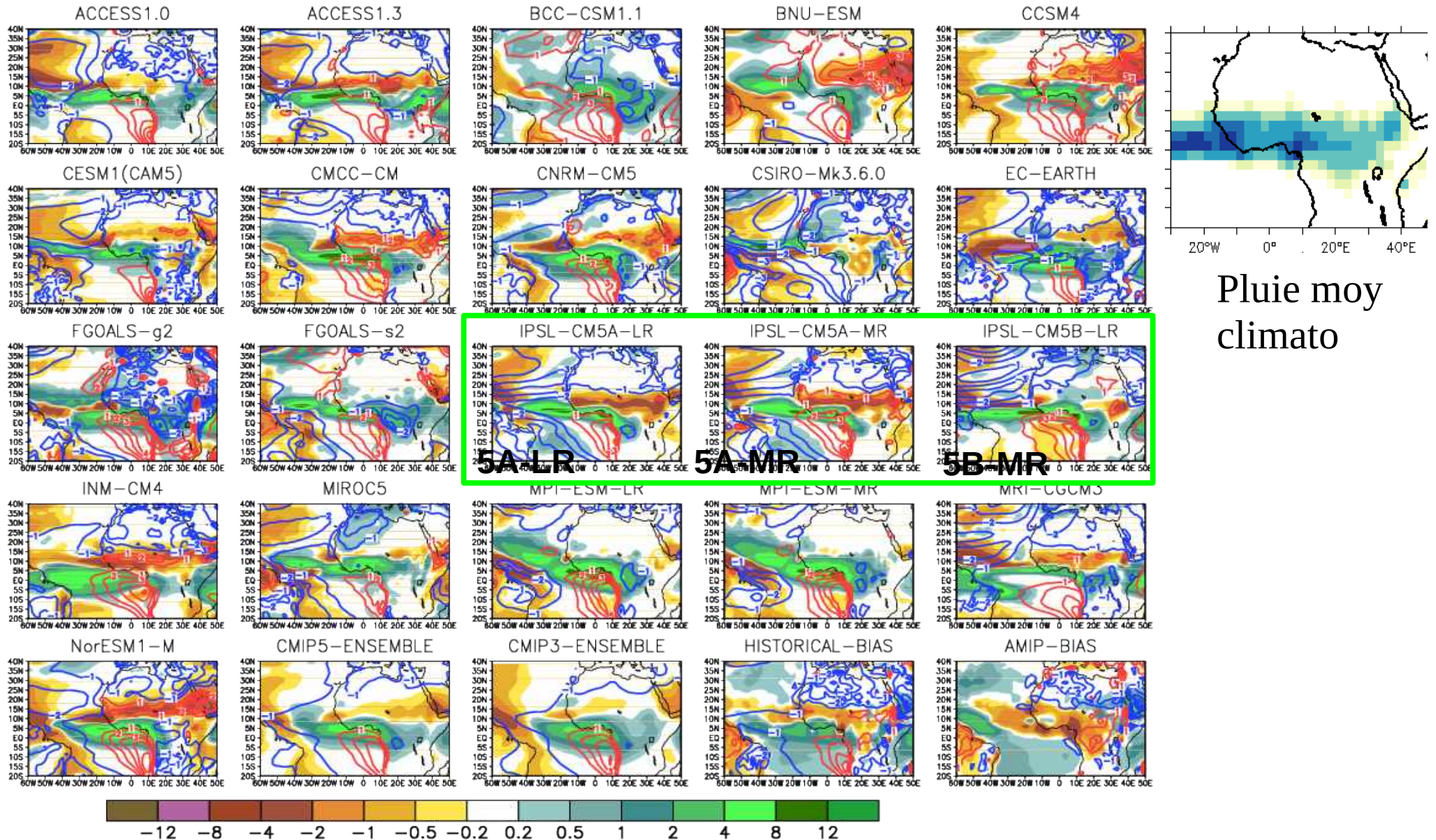




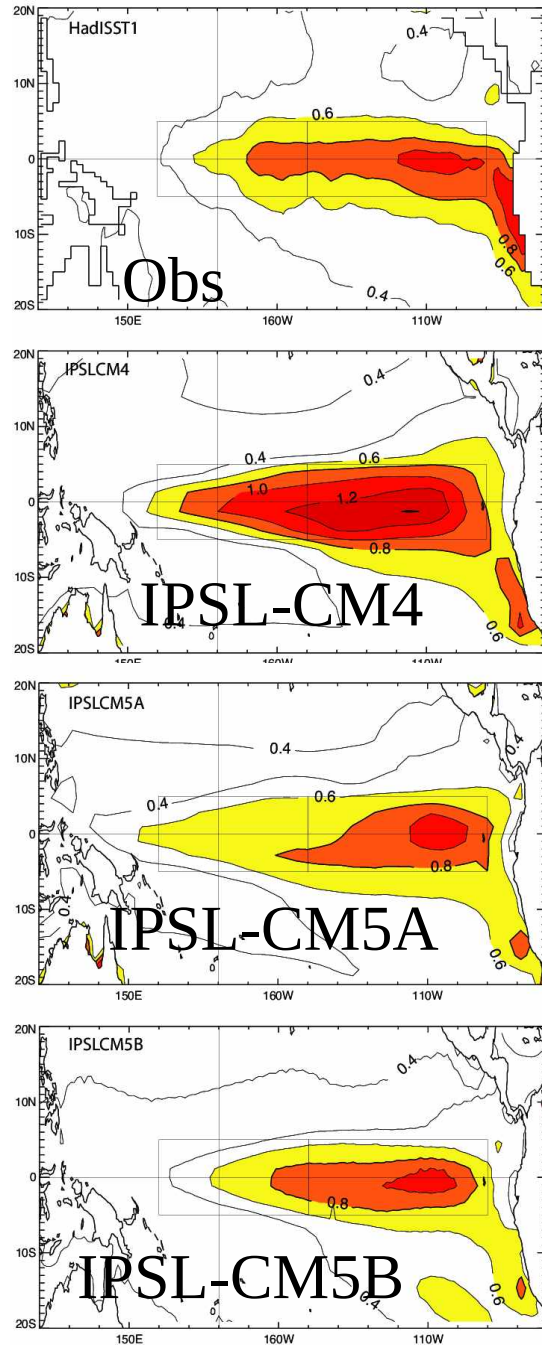


Biais de température (quasi systématique) et leur effet sur la précipitation

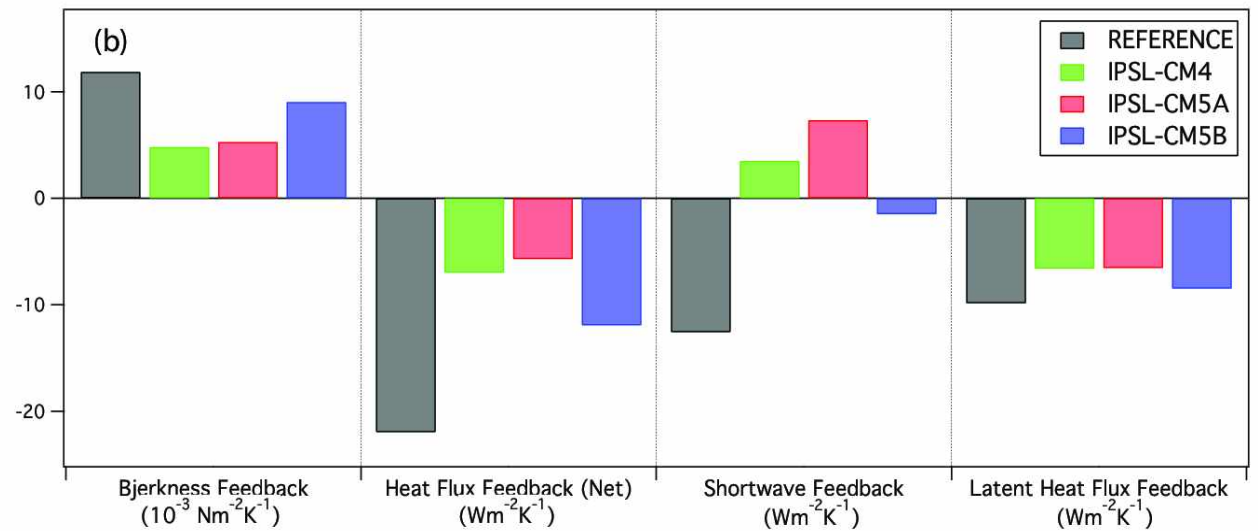
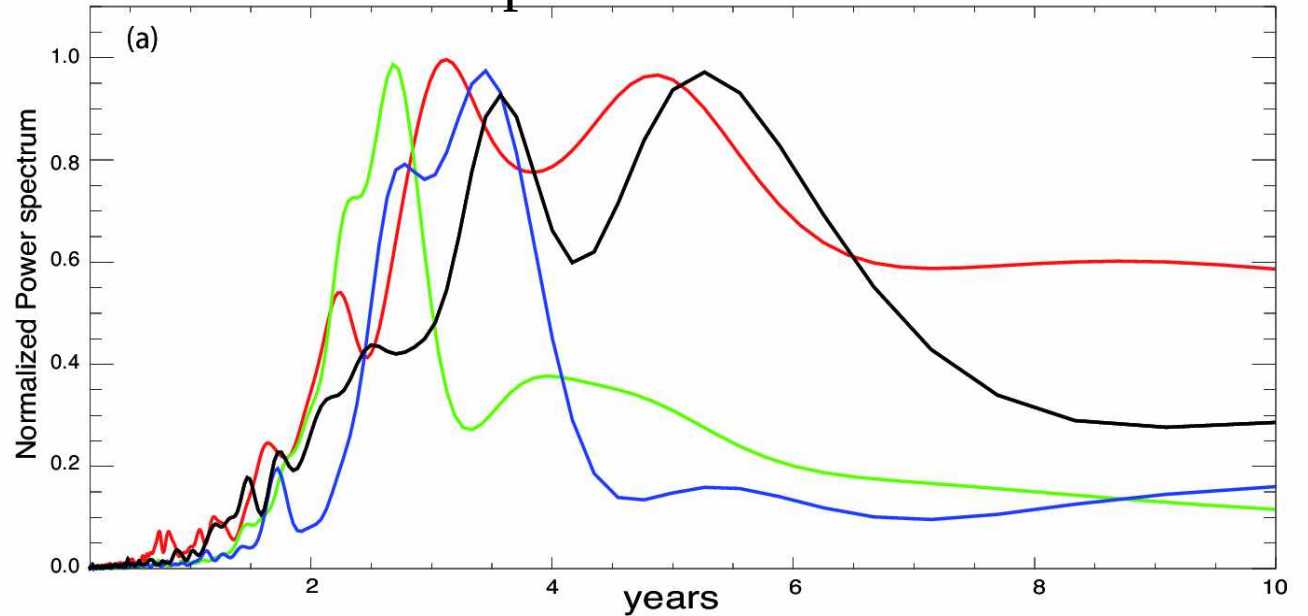
Différence historical-Amip : T2m (contours, K) et Précip (à plat de couleur, mm/j)



El Nino dans les versions successives de IPSL-CM



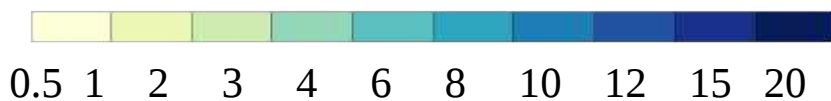
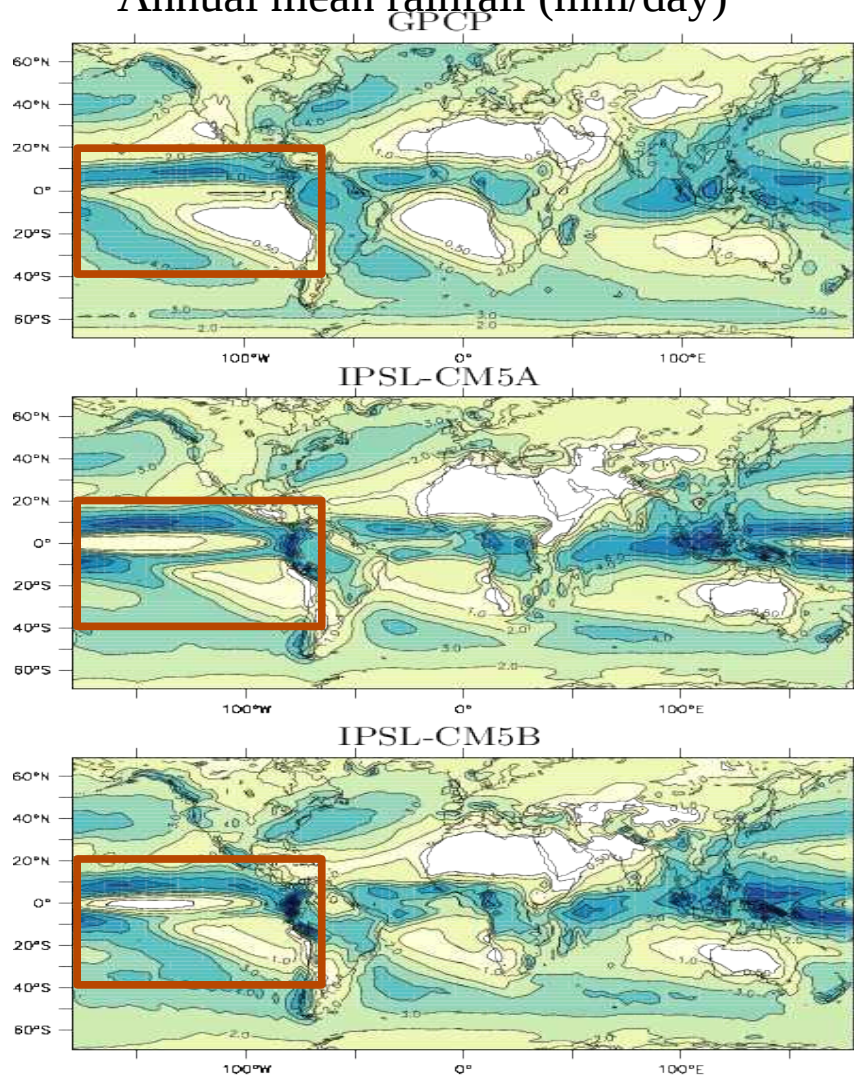
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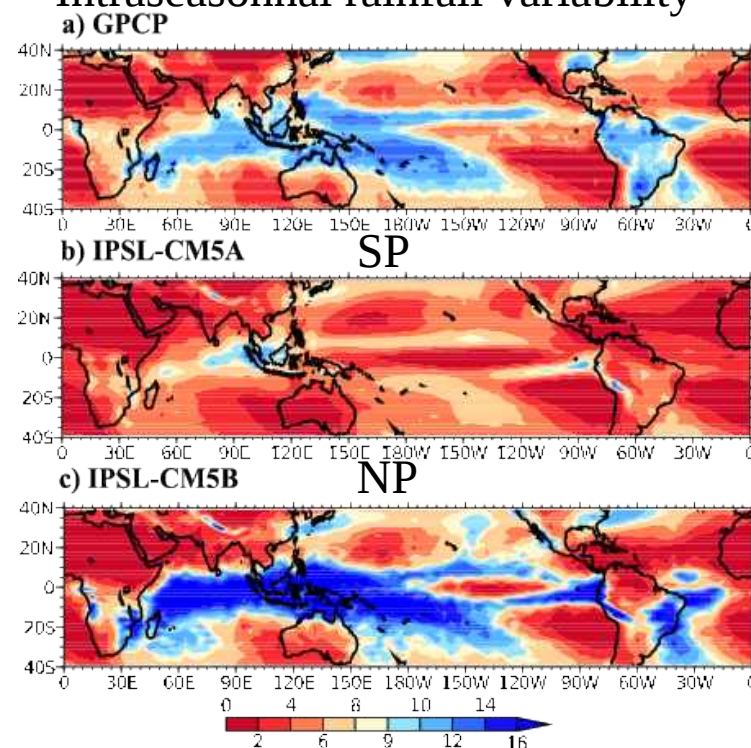
5. Intercomparison exercises and reference configurations

3. La convection profonde

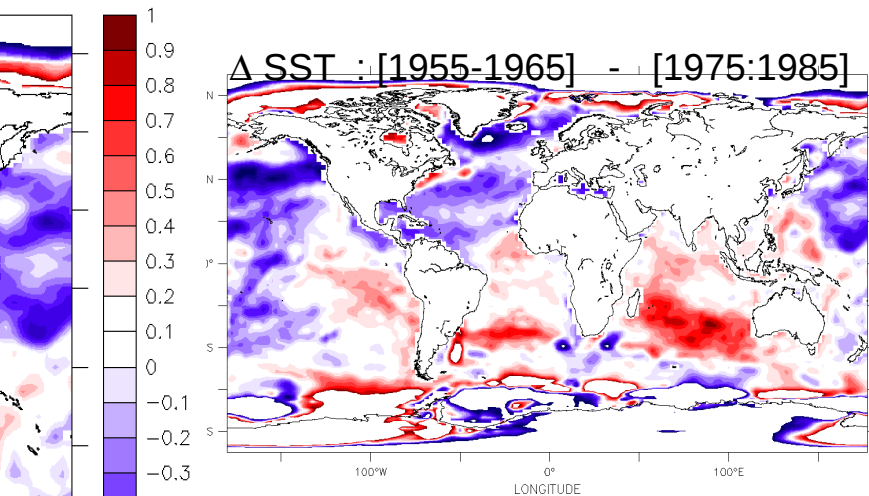
Slight bias reduction for
Annual mean rainfall (mm/day)



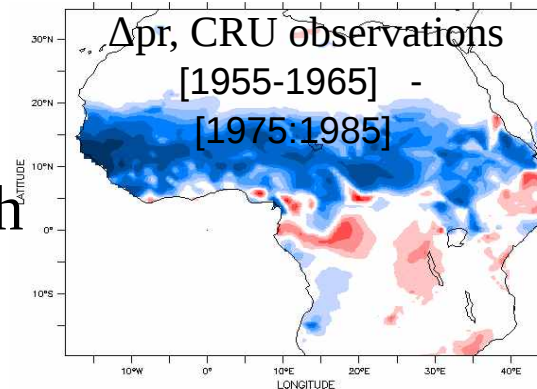
Large positive impact on the
Intraseasonal rainfall variability



Standard deviation of daily rainfall anomalies (mm/day) of the a) GPCP dataset (1996-2009), b) IPSL-CM5A and c) IPSL-CM5B preindustrial simulations, for the winter season (November to April - NDJFMA)



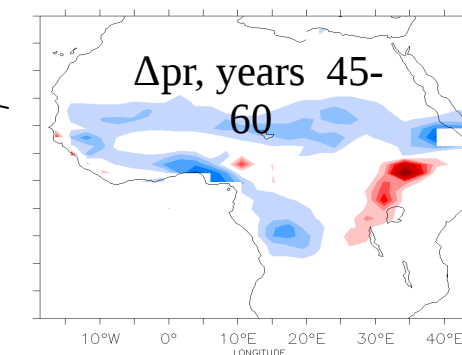
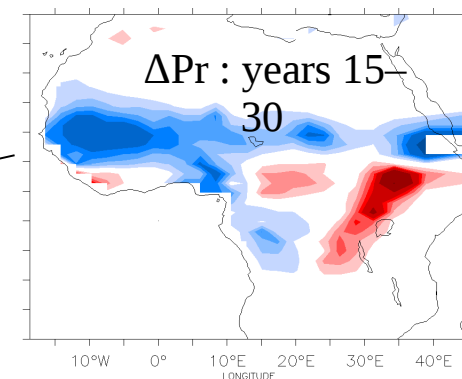
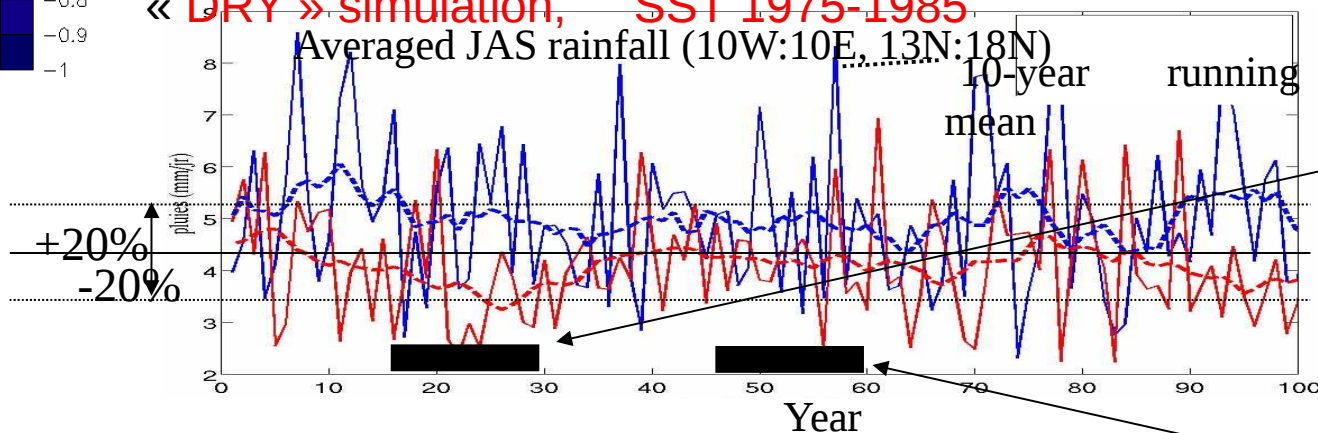
1975-1985 :
Warm SSTs in the south
Drought over Sahel



Idealized experiments with IPSL-CM5A-MR, Imposed SSTs, mean seasonal cycle

« MOIST » simulation, SST 1955-1965

« DRY » simulation, SST 1975-1985



- ➔ Confirms the role of SSTs on decadal rainfall (Gianini et al., Cook et al., Zeng et al., ...)
- ➔ Strong year-to-year variability (obs and models)
- ➔ Strong signature at decadal scale (20%)
- ➔ Historical records too short to assess decadal rainfall amplitude to less than a factor 2

Une variabilité intra-saisonnière ... pitoyable, mais ...

a) Ratio of model OLR intraseasonal variance to that of NOAA OLR [5N-20N, 10W-10E]

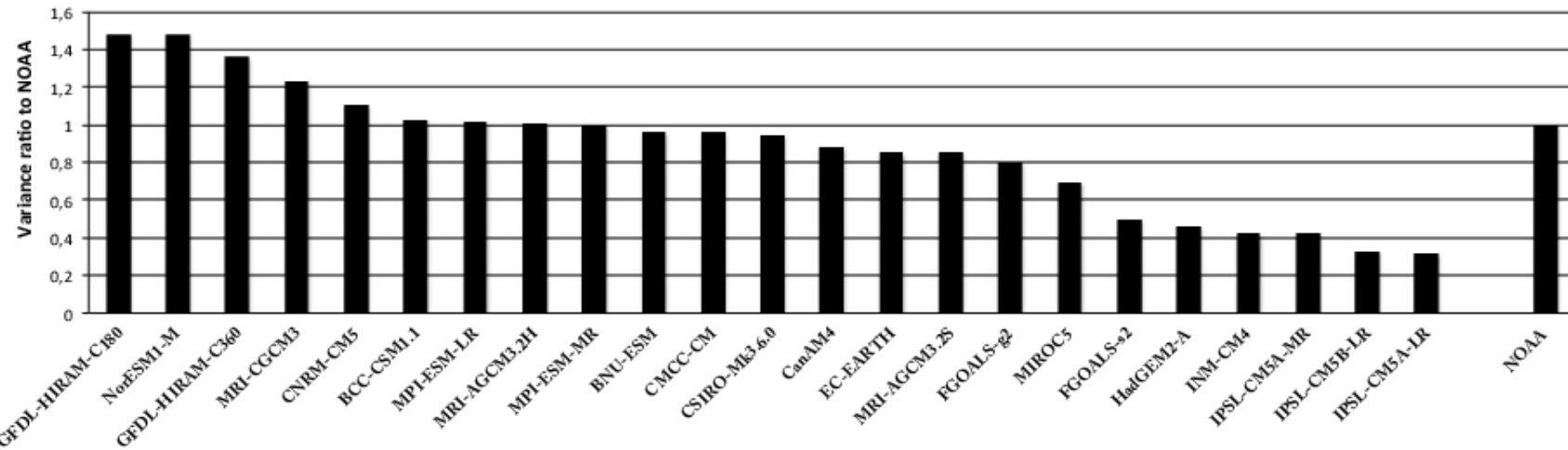


Fig : précipitation journalière en mm/j sur 3 été (JAS) successif. Point 0W-13N

