

How to assess CMIP5 and Cordex projections of climate change in west Africa ?

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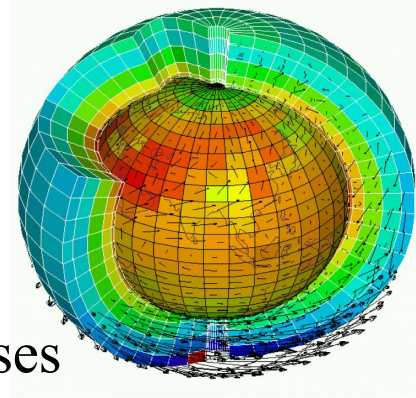
Illustrations based on

- ✓ CMIP5 multi-model simulations
- ✓ Ensemble simulations with the IPSL-CM model
- ✓ Regional simulations from the AMMA-Ensemble european project
- ✓ Impact oriented assessment with Sarrah

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Global Climate Models (or ESM) characteristics

- Based on conservation laws of physics
- Self-consistent
- Global but coarse grid (grid cells of 30 – 250 km)
- Approximate : numerical issues, parameterization of subgrid-scale processes
- Partially tuned with respect to present-day observations (radiative balance)

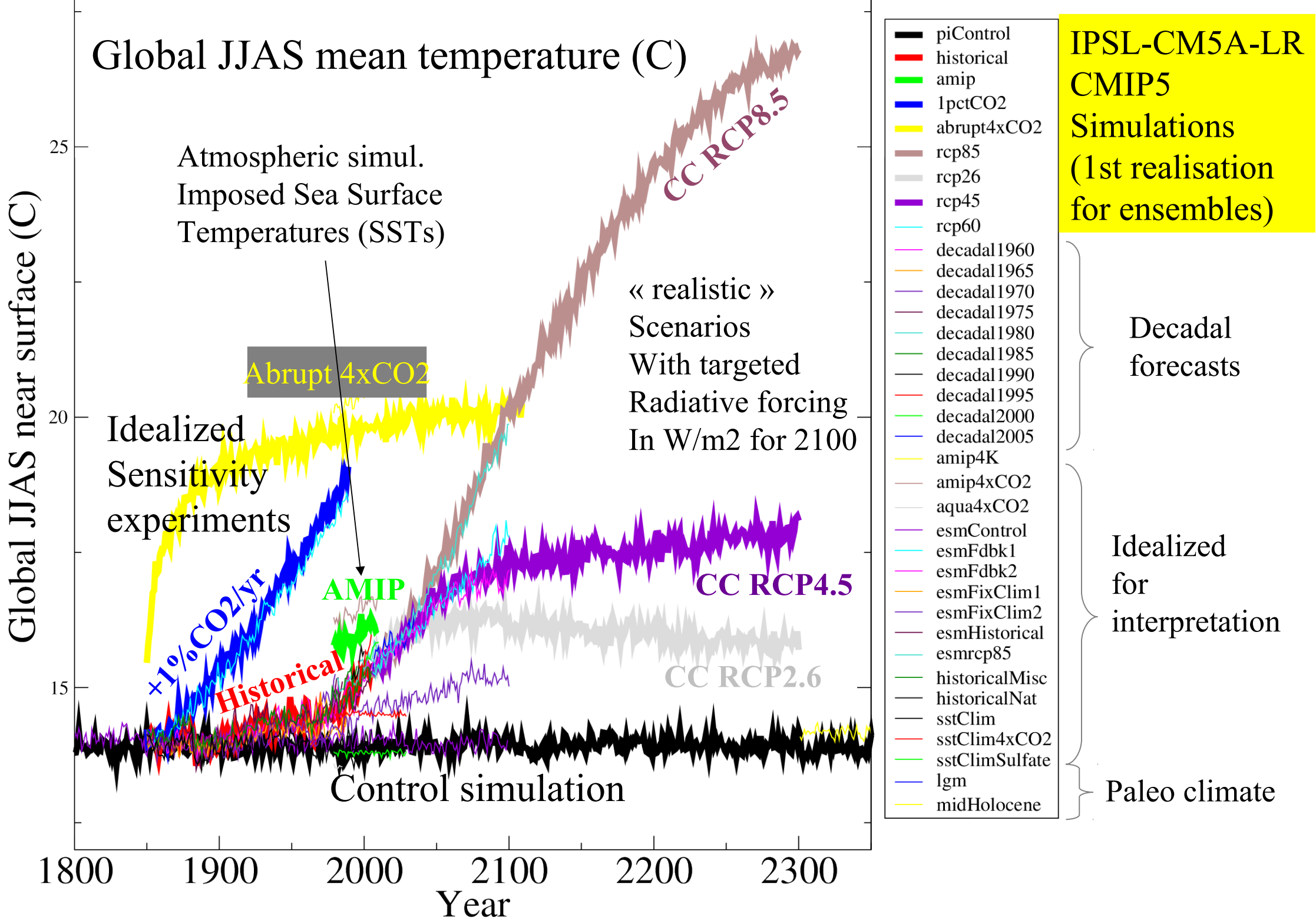


Use for CMIP

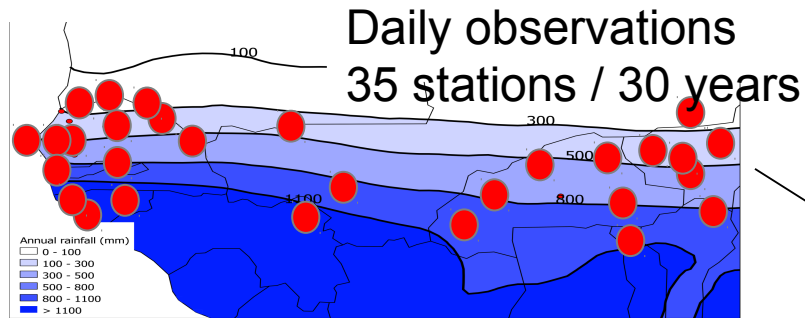
- Atmosphere coupled to ocean or forced by sea surface temperature
- Composition (greenhouse gases, aerosols, ozone) :
 - * imposed (issued from other simulation) or interactive
 - * present-day or evolving
- Initial state : issued from long control experiments or initialized for decadal forecasts

CMIP5 core experiments

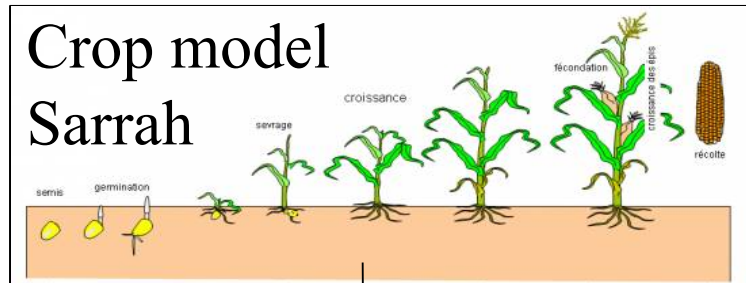
- “amip”: 1979-> 2009, Forced by sea temperature (SSTs), CO₂, aerosols, ozone
- “control” : coupled with ocean, constant forcing
- “historical” : 1850->2009, with varying forcing as observed
- “1pctCO₂” : idealized scenario +1% CO₂/year
- “rcpX” : scenario for future, imposed concentrations, effective forcing X W/m² in 2100



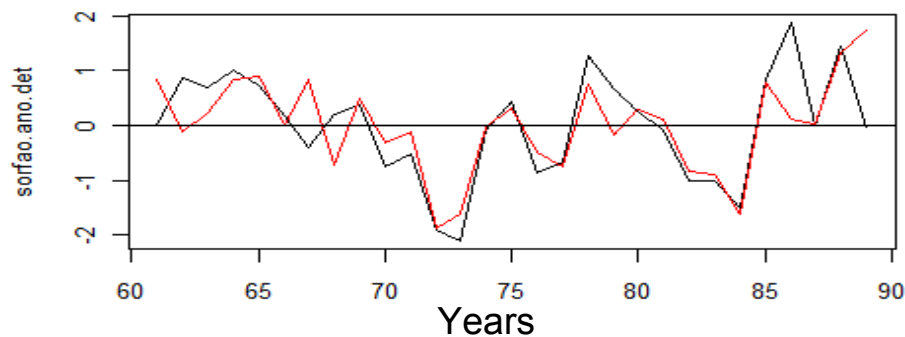
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P, T2m(av/min/max), RH2m, SW



SORGHO (R=0.71)



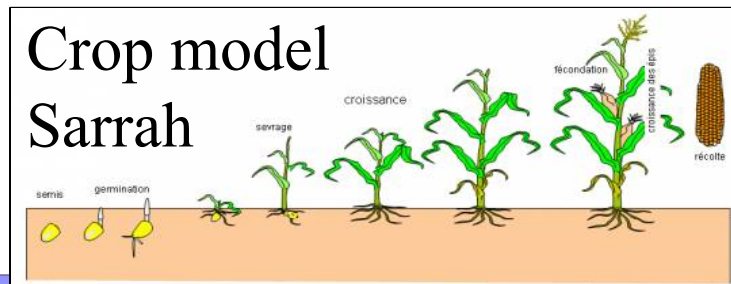
Correlations of Sarrah results vs FAO yields

Climate change : Delta method

$\Delta + T2m$ (observed 2m temperature)

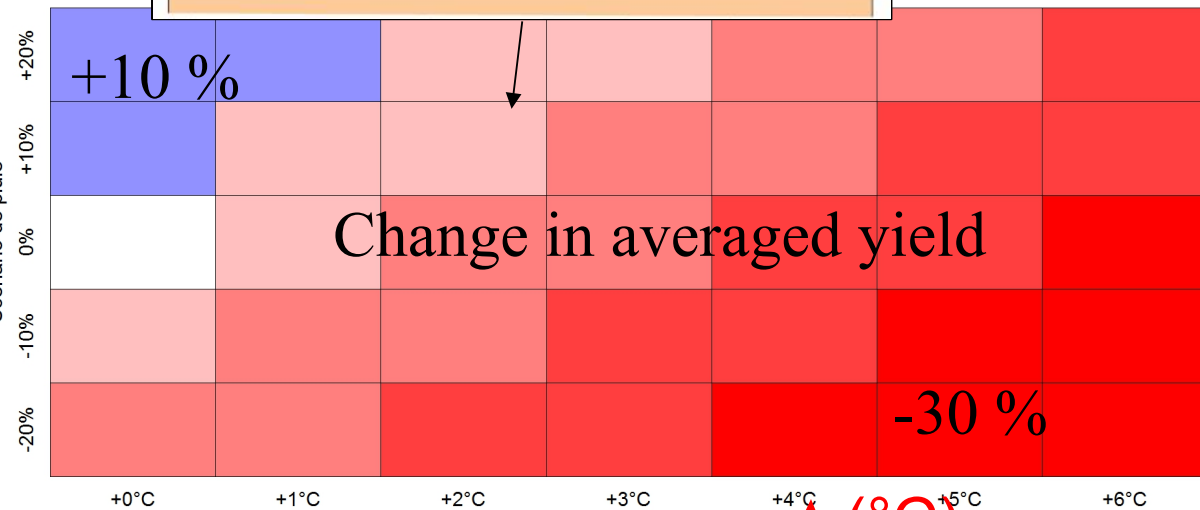
$(1+\Delta) \times P$ (Precipitation)

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Δ (%)

Scénario de pluie

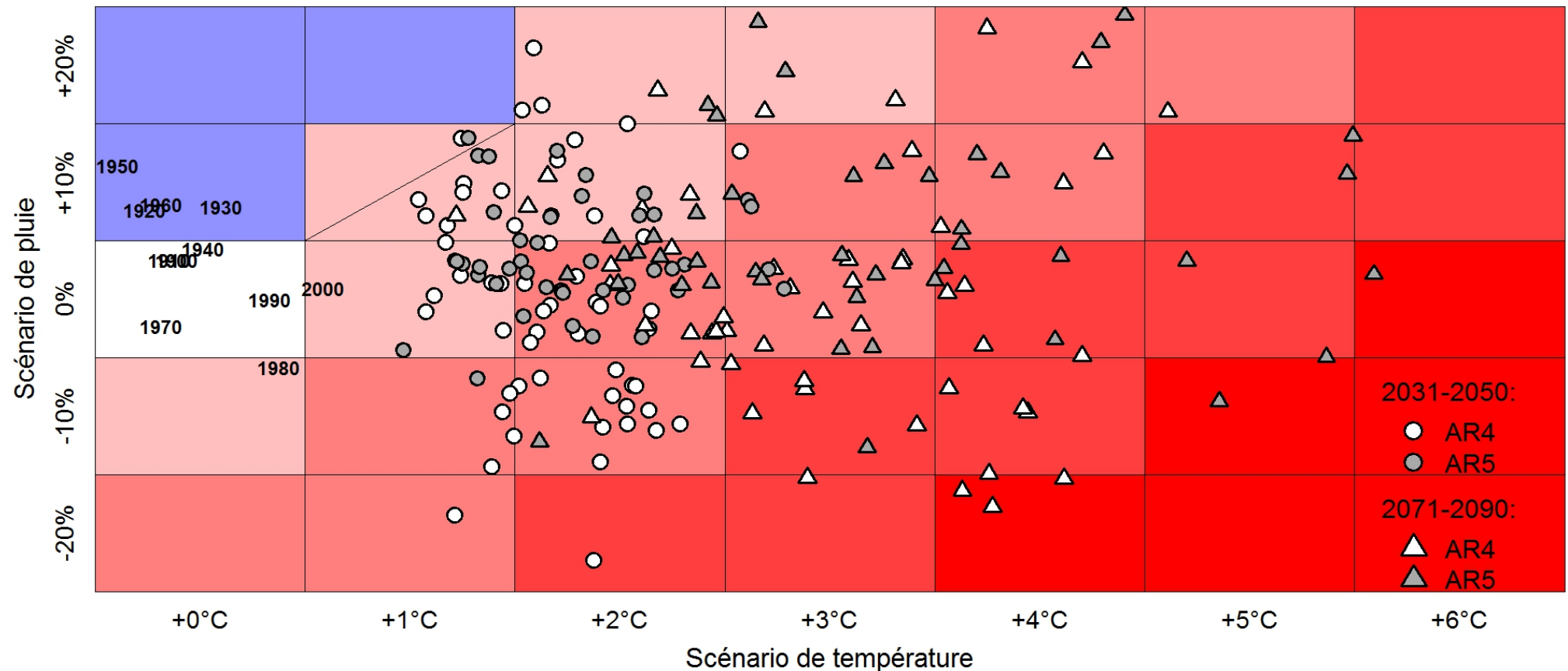


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➤ Average over: 6 varieties, 35 stations, 30 years

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Change of crops potential yields over Sahel



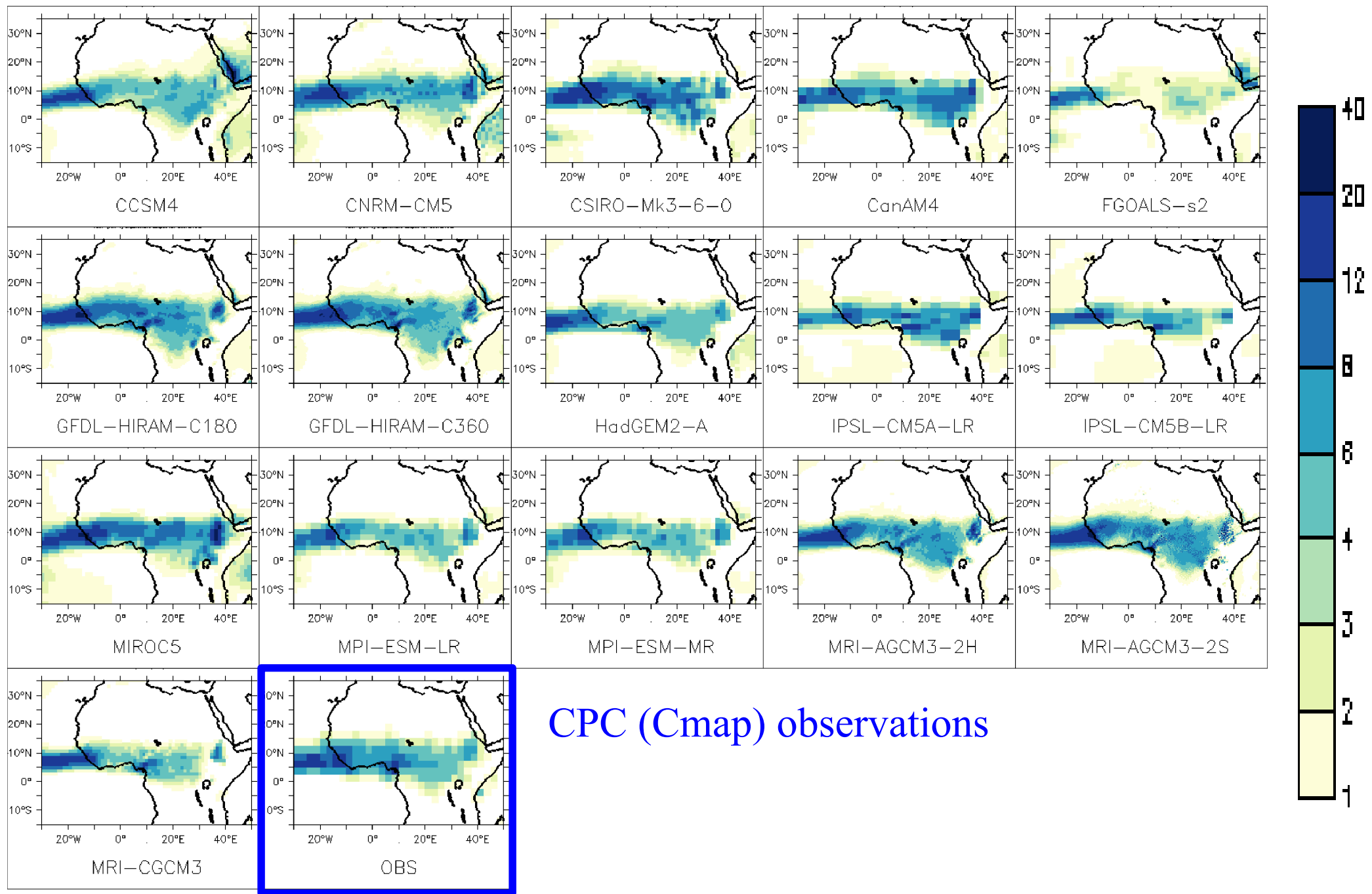
- Change in rainfall very uncertain within +/- 20%
- Warming in all the simulations. Sign is “robust”, amplitude uncertain (factor 2).
- Dispersion quite similar in CMIP3 (AR4) and CMIP5 (AR5) simulations

Which confidence to those results ? Assessment of CMIP5 simulations.

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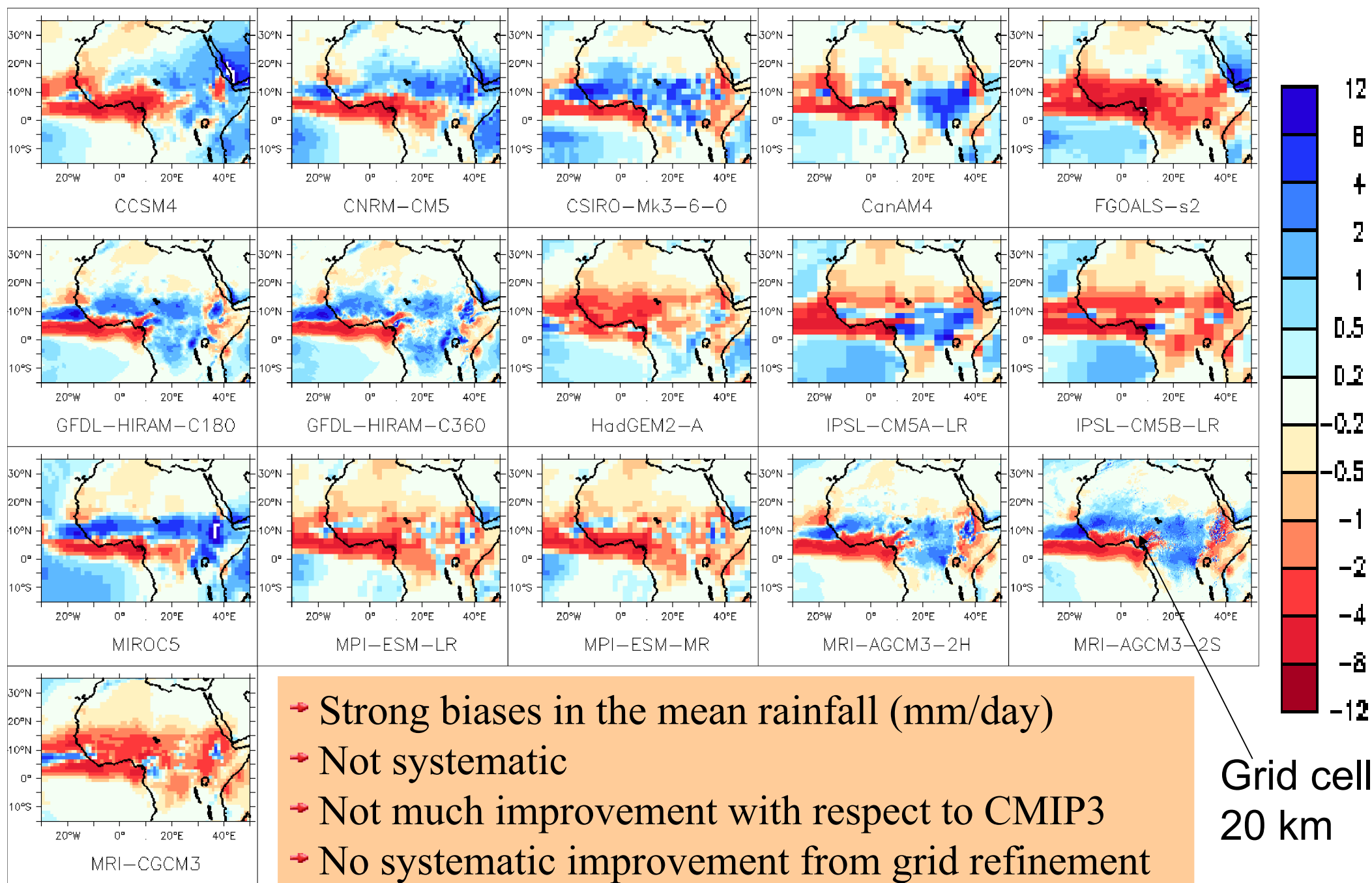
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JJAS mean precipitation bias (versus CPC) 1980-1999 (mm/day)

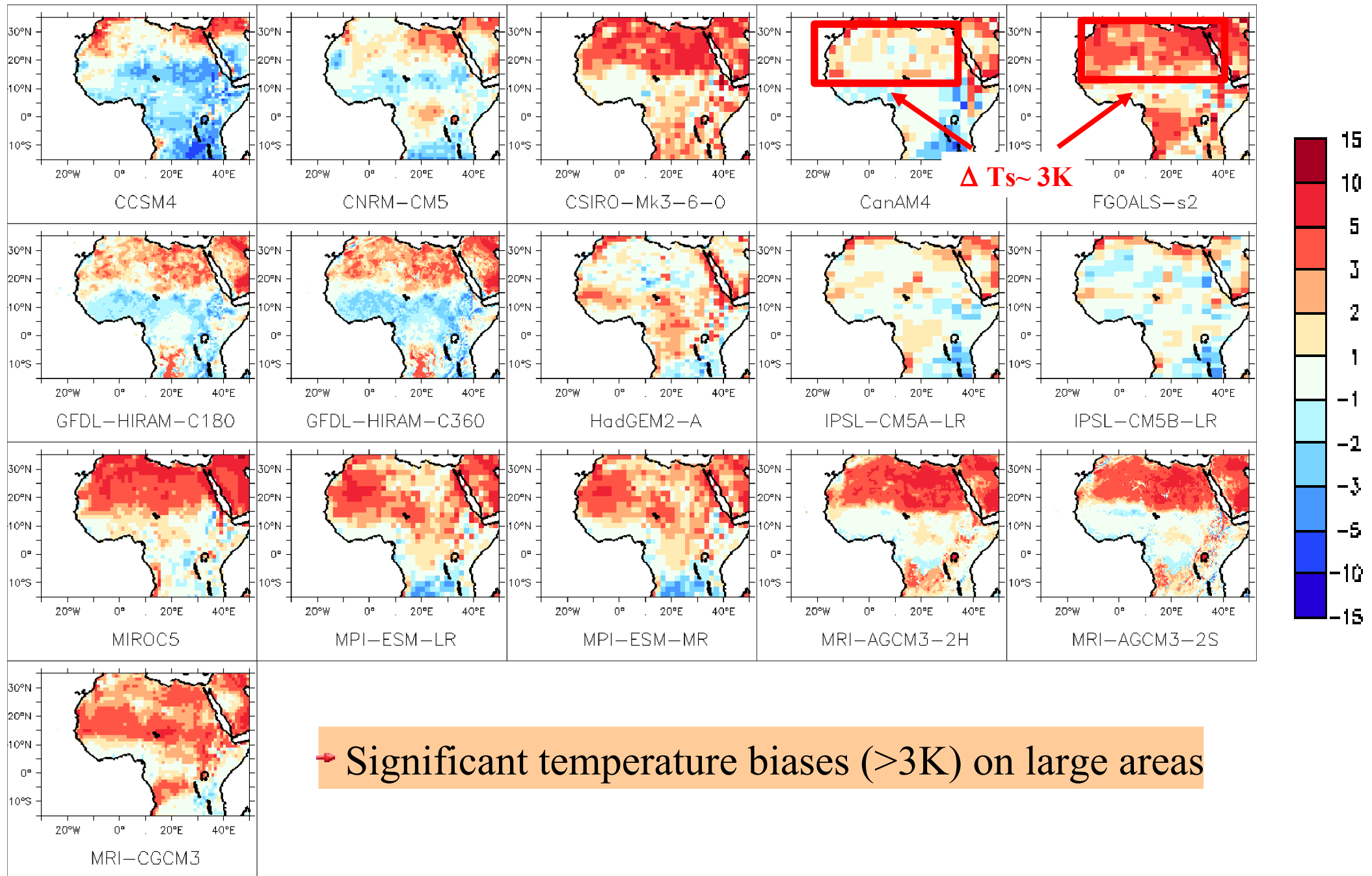
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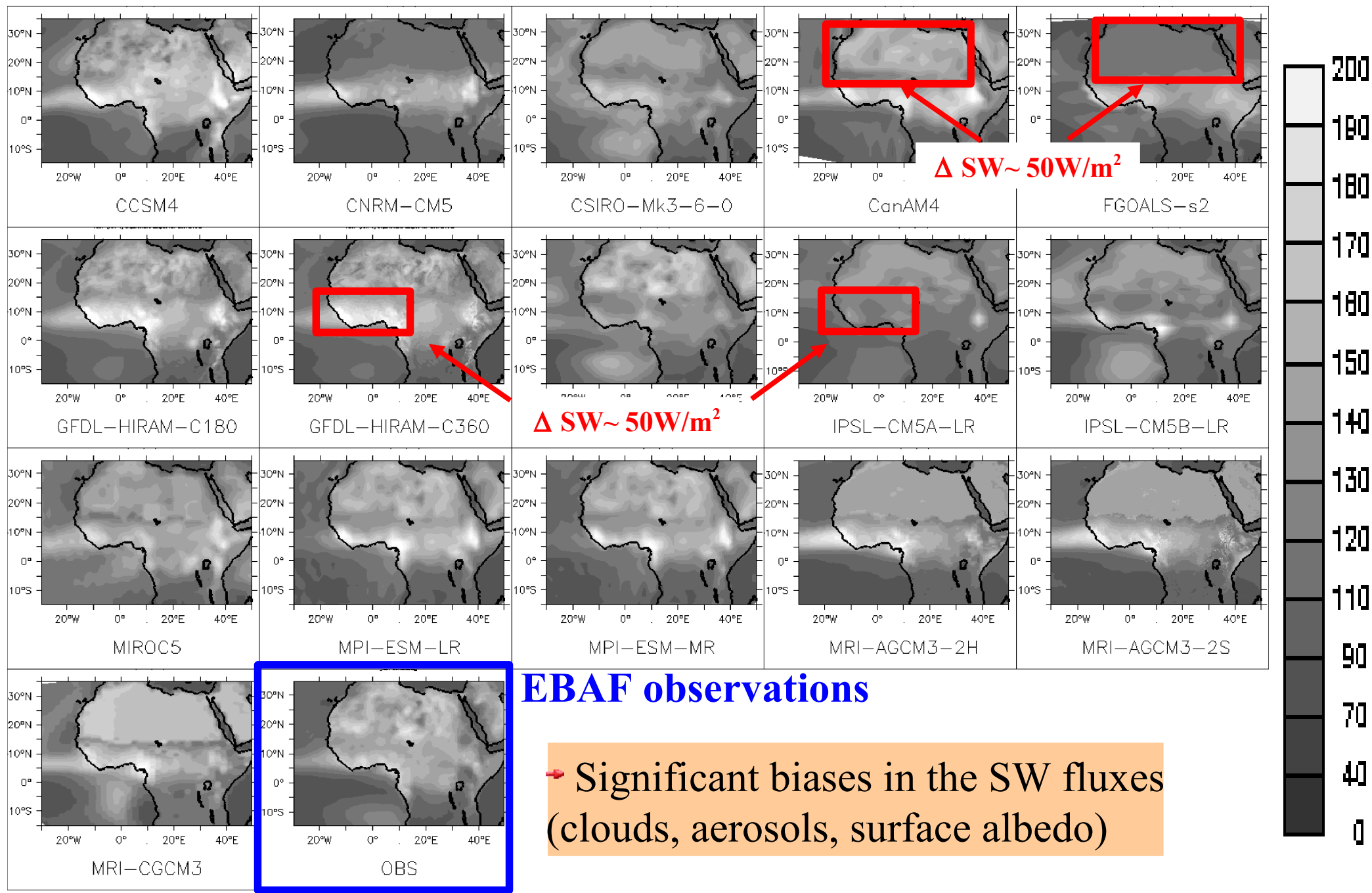
- Strong biases in the mean rainfall (mm/day)
- Not systematic
- Not much improvement with respect to CMIP3
- No systematic improvement from grid refinement

JJAS mean biases in JJAS mean T2m (/CRU) 1980-1999 (K)

Imposed-SST (amip) simulations



JJAS mean outgoing (reflected) SW radiation top-of-atmosphere 1980-1999 (W/m^2)

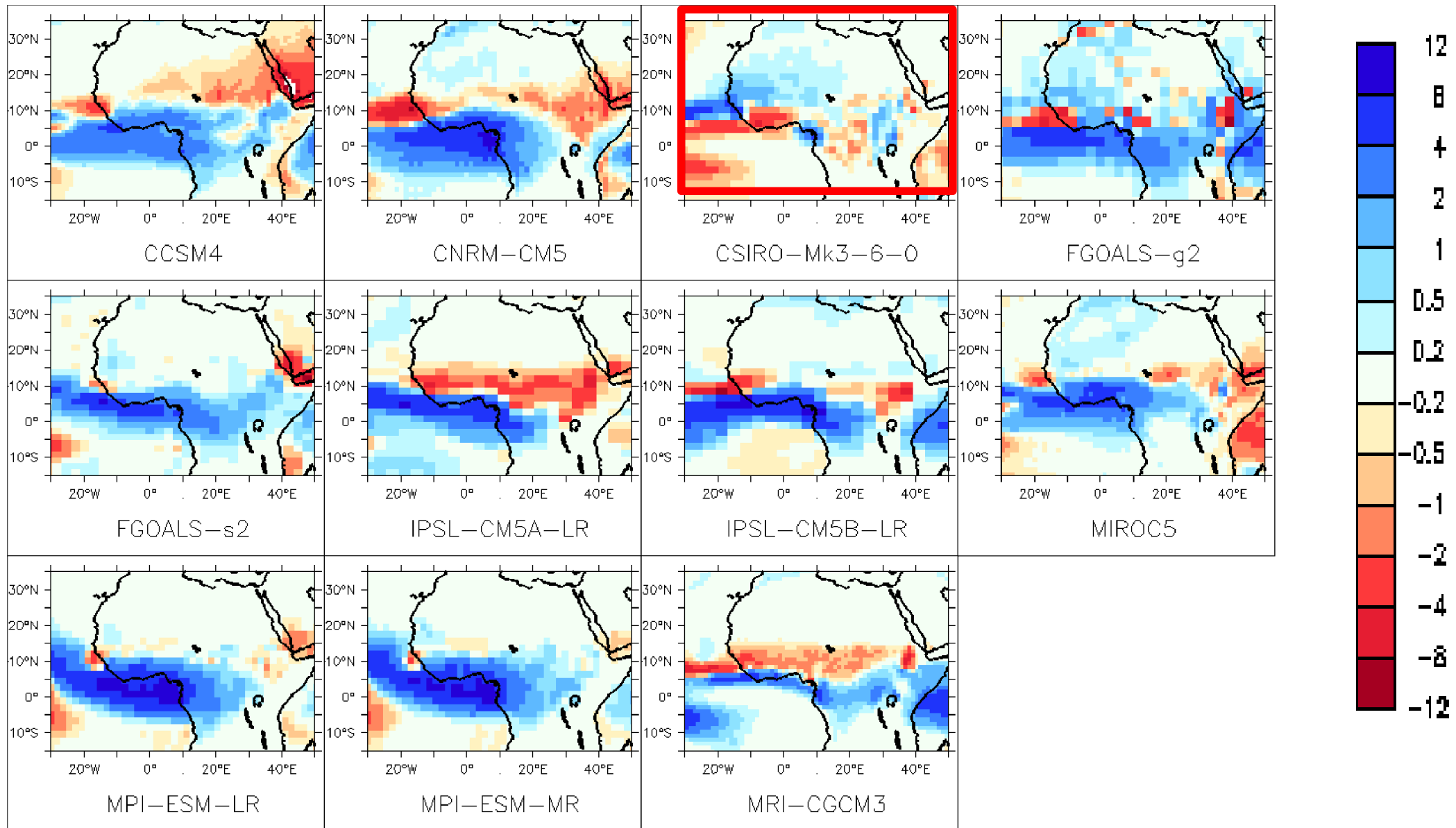


Impact of coupling with the ocean on the JJAS mean precipitation (mm/day)

Difference : (coupled ocean-atmosphere) – (imposed SSTs)

“historical”

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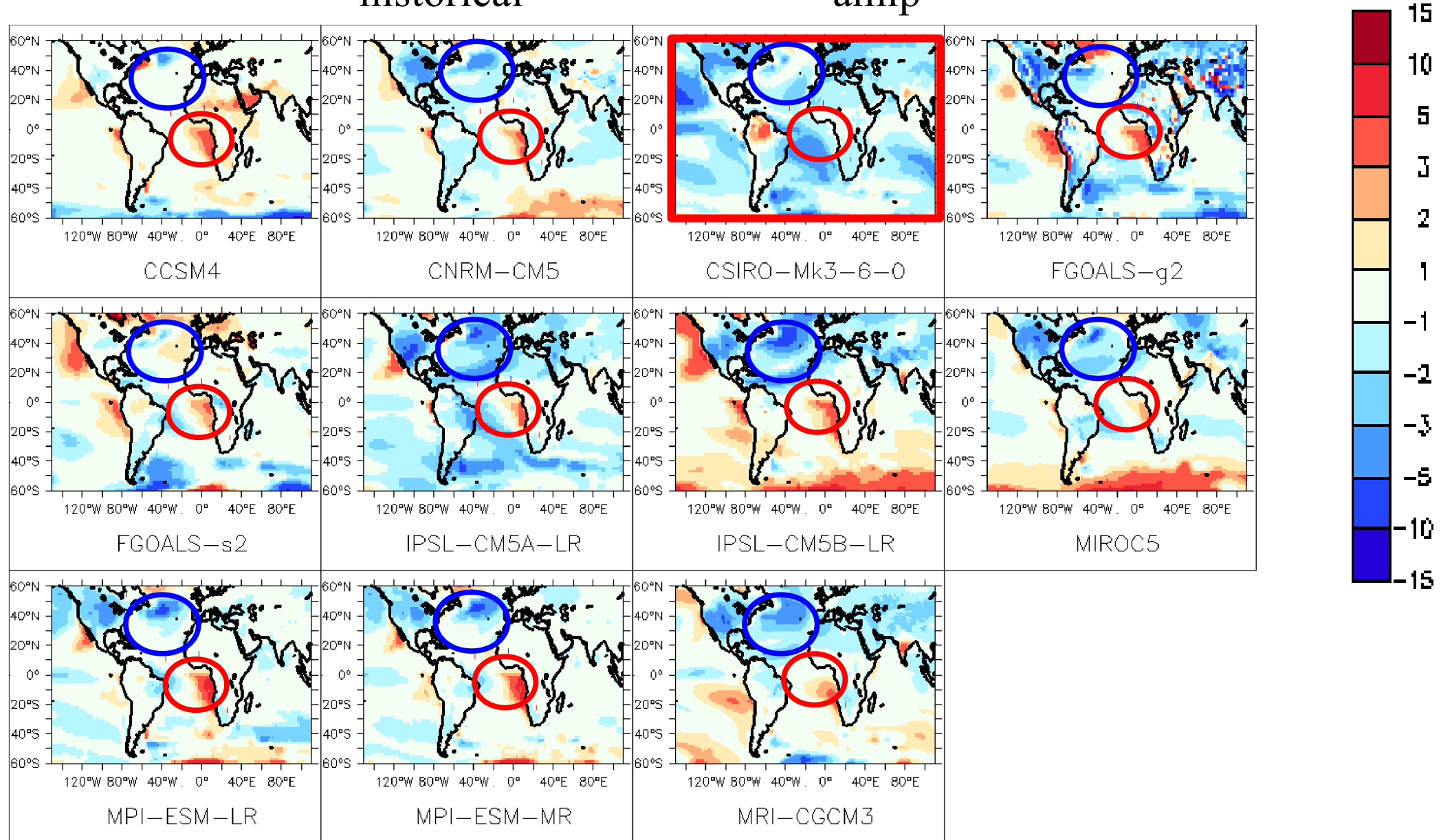
→ Coupling with ocean is at the origin of large biases on the regional rainfall

Impact of coupling with the ocean on the JJAS mean 2m temperature (K)

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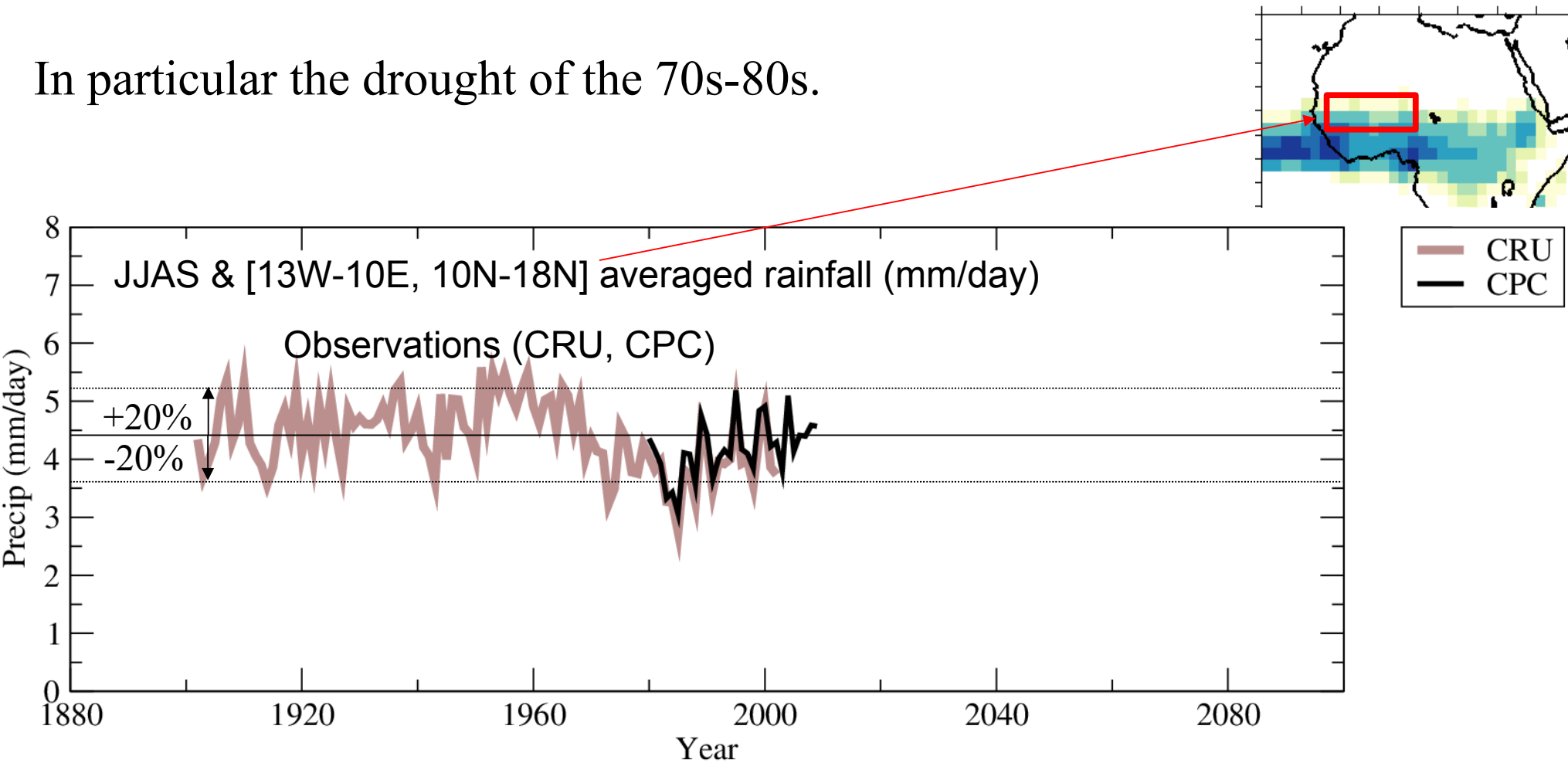


→ Large and robust biases in Sea Surface Temperature (SST) at the origin of rainfall biases

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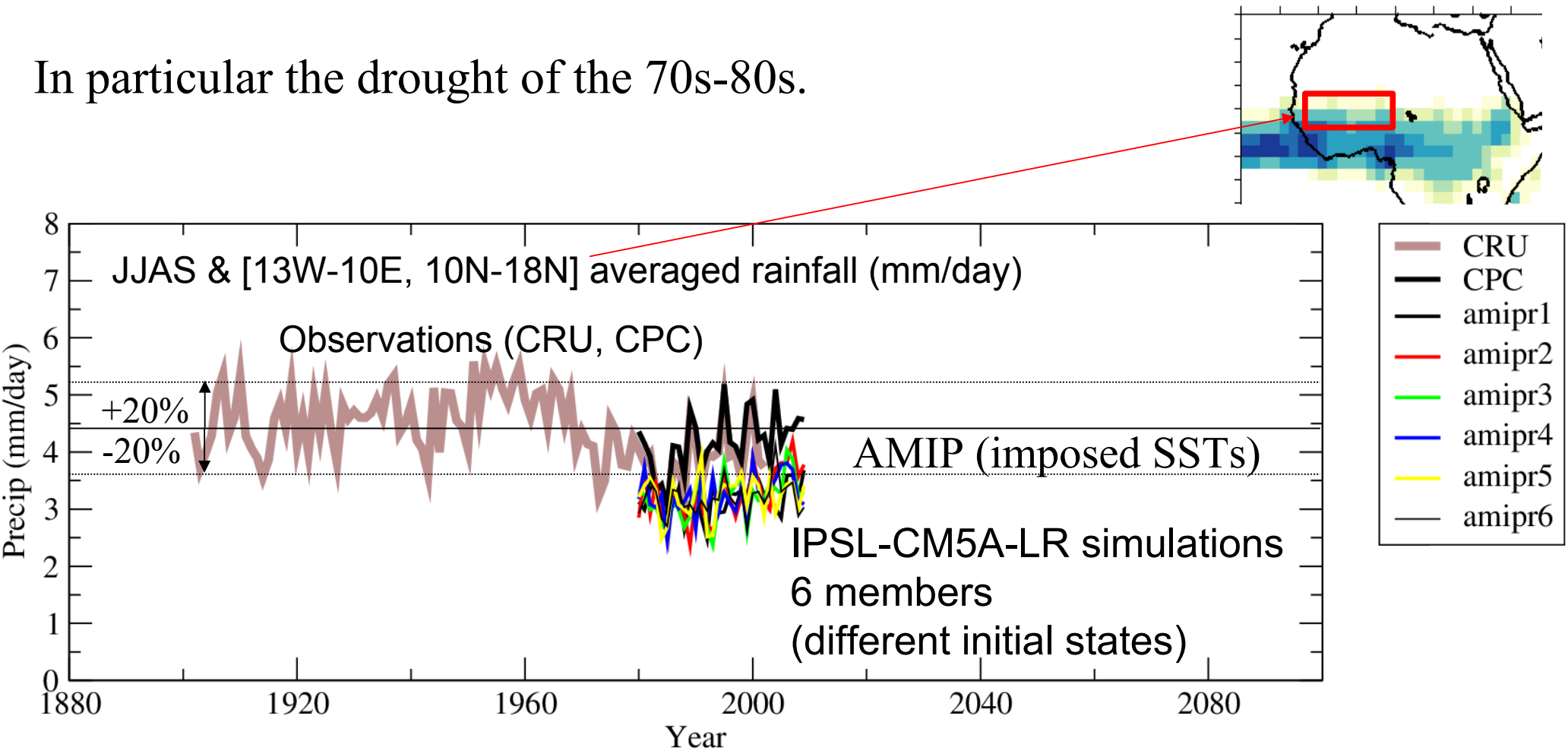
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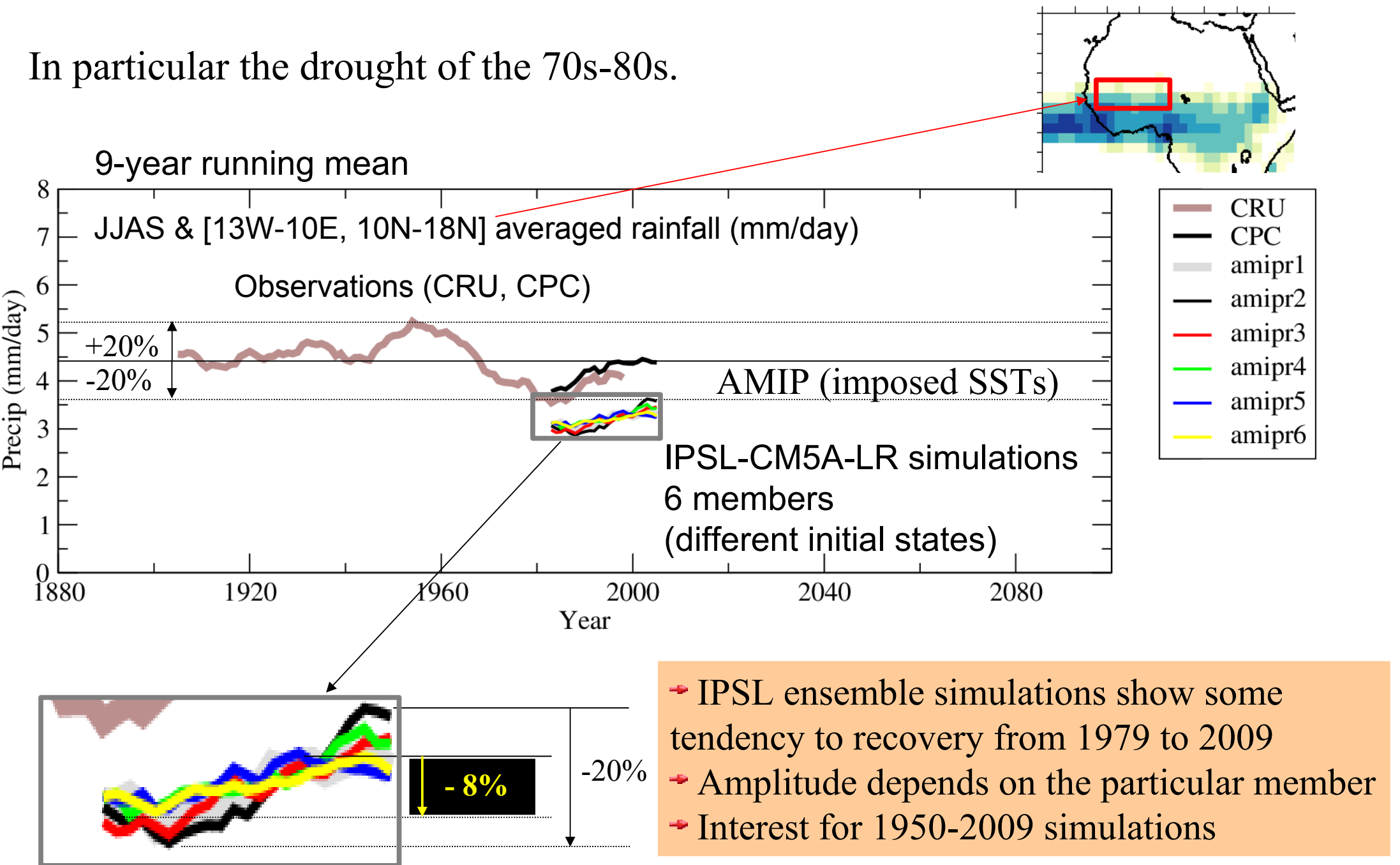
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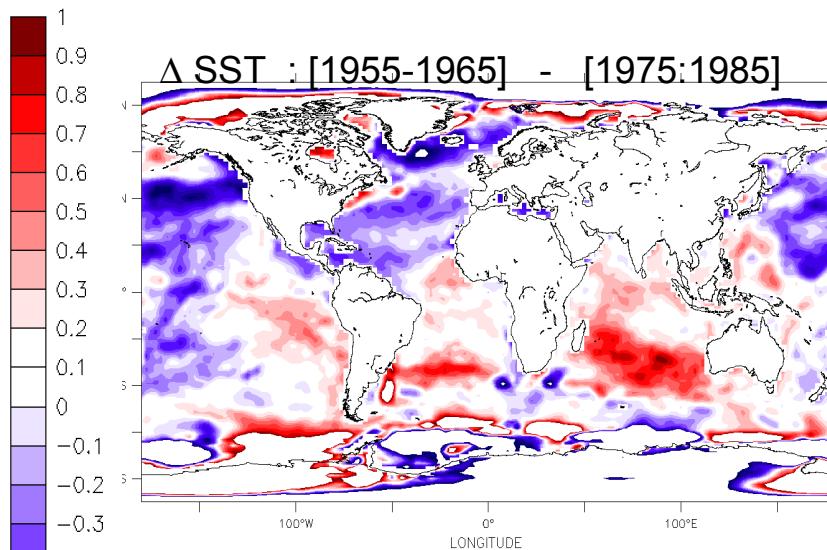
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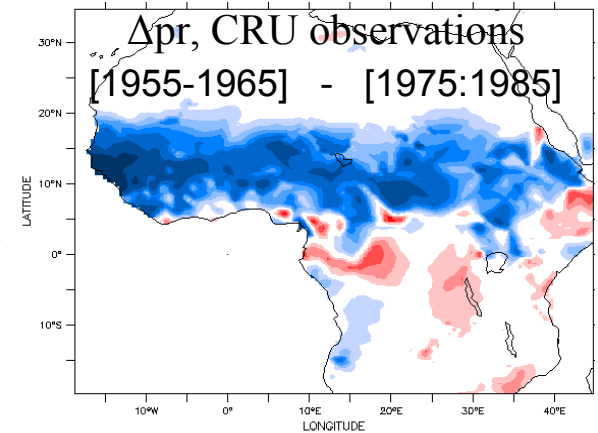
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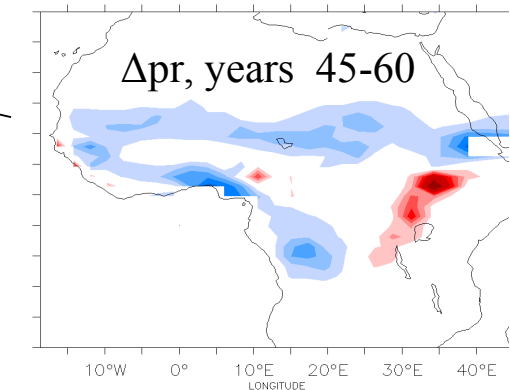
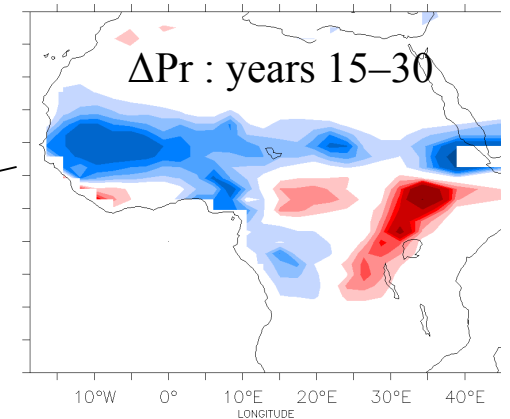
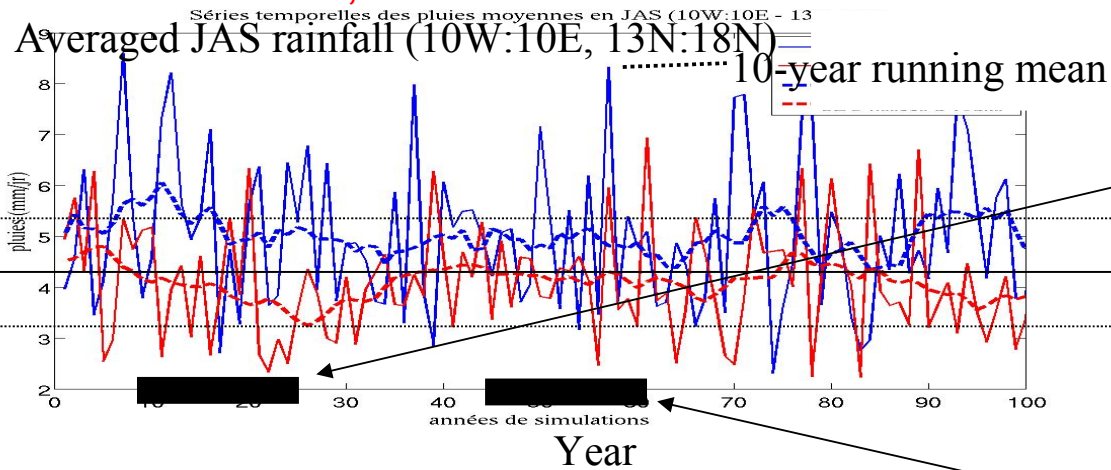
1975-1985 :
Warm SSTs in the south
Drought over Sahel



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

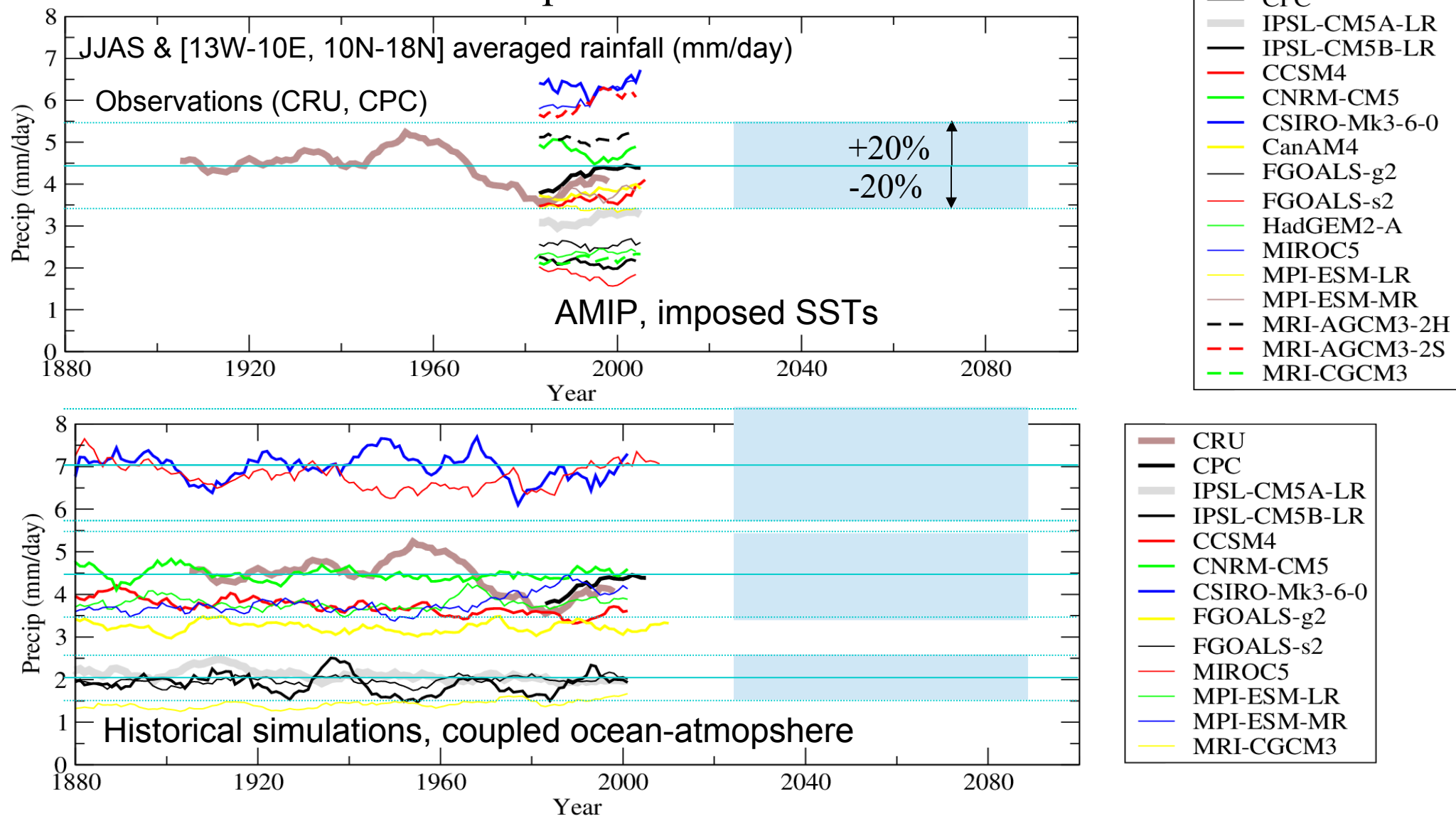
— « MOIST » simulation, SST 1955-1965

— « 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

Mutli-model simulation of the past decades



- ➔ Simulations with imposed SSTs do not all show the late 1979-2009 recovery
- ➔ Coupled ocean-atmosphere simulations often underestimate the decadal variability
- ➔ Oscillations not in phase with observations (coupled ocean-atmosphere variability)
- ➔ **Need to assess the part of the decadal variations due to greenhouse gases increase**

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Scale issues : contribution from regional climate models ?

Regional Climate Model

Limited area model forced at boundaries

Horizontal grid resolution 5-50 km

Assessment with forcing from reanalysis

Climate change : snapshot forced by global models

AMMA-Ensemble

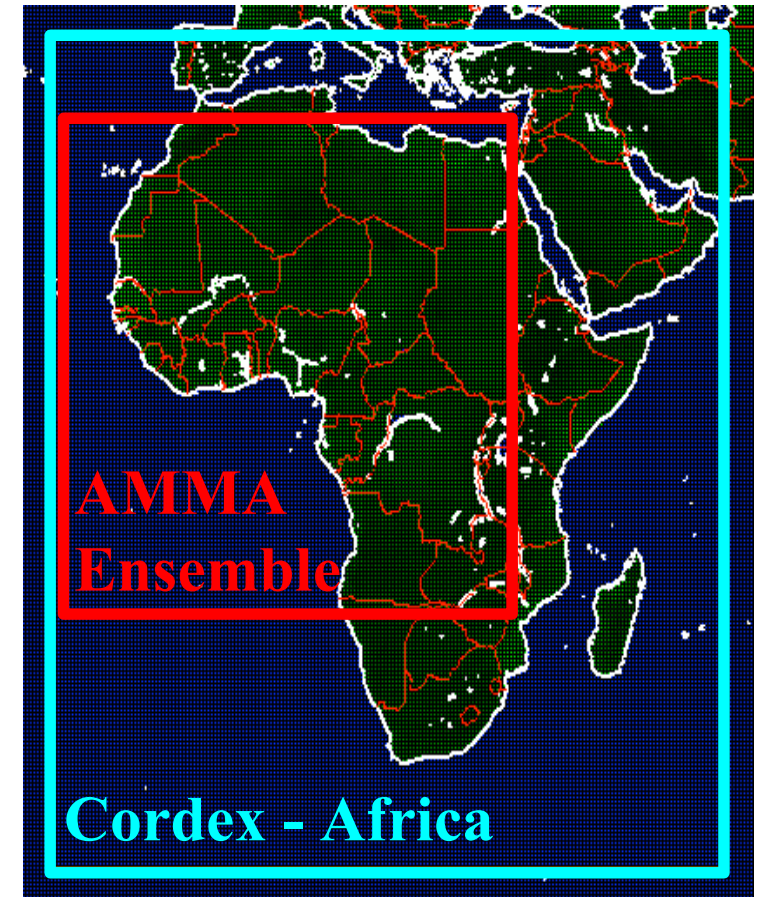
Downscaling experiments designed in the frame of the Ensemble EU project

Cordex

International inter-comparison exercise

Resolution <50km

Parallel to CMIP5 but for regional models



Goal : answer scientific questions

Added value due to the better representation of surface heterogeneities ?

Added value from better representation of local couplings (rainfall/soil moisture , Taylor et al.) ?

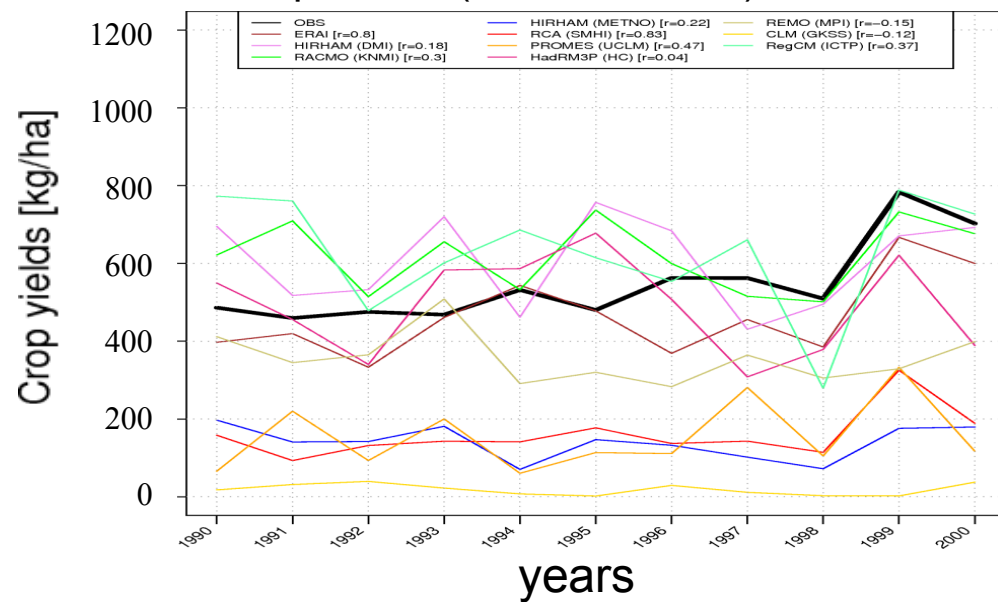
Additional source of uncertainties and biases due to inconsistency with large scale forcing ?

Convection and clouds are parameterized as in global models

Explicit convection (simulation of MCS, convection life cycle) requires much finer grids

Assessment of Ensemble/AMMA simulations

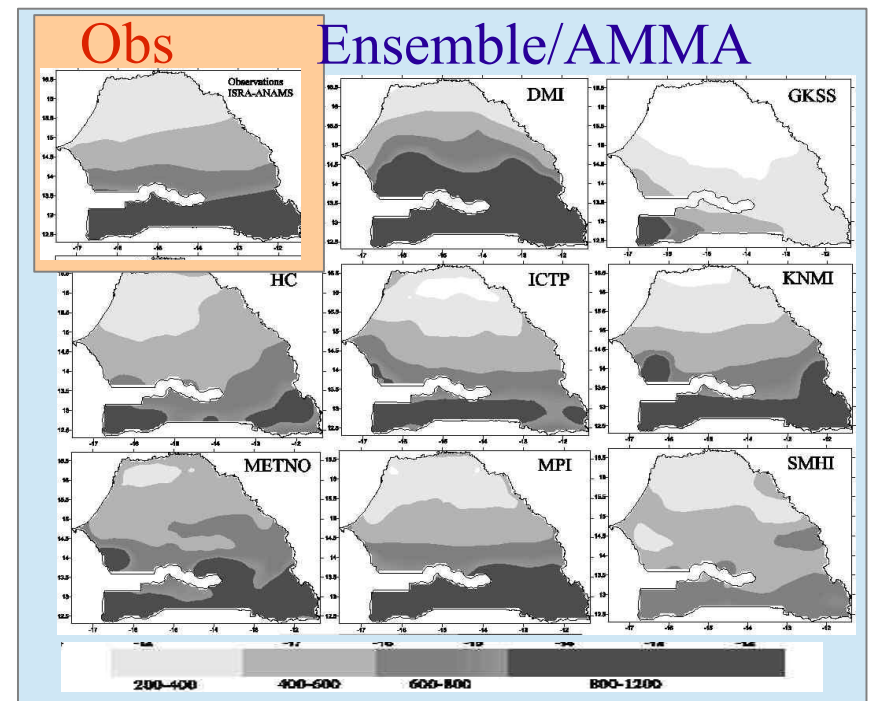
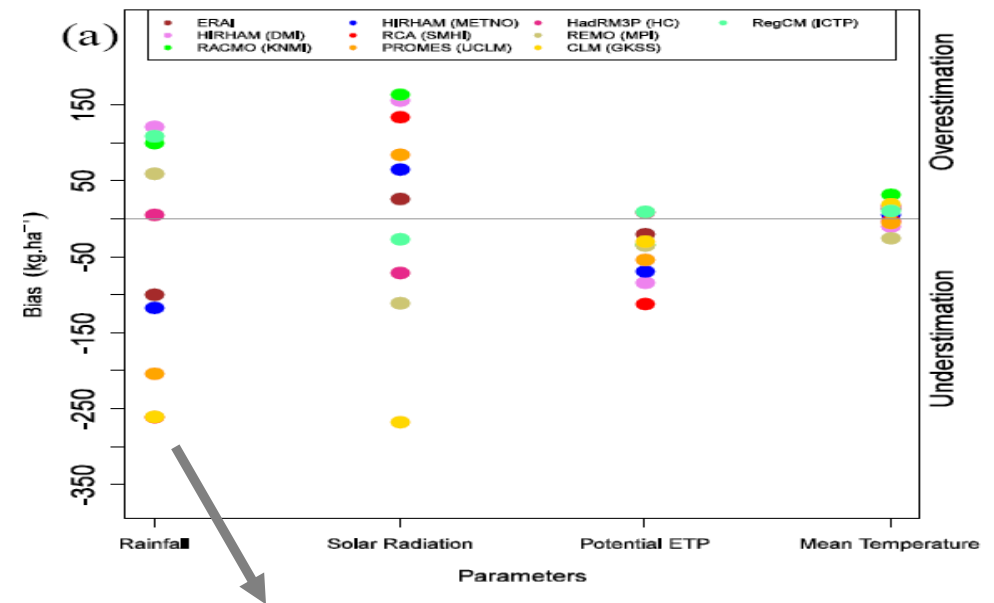
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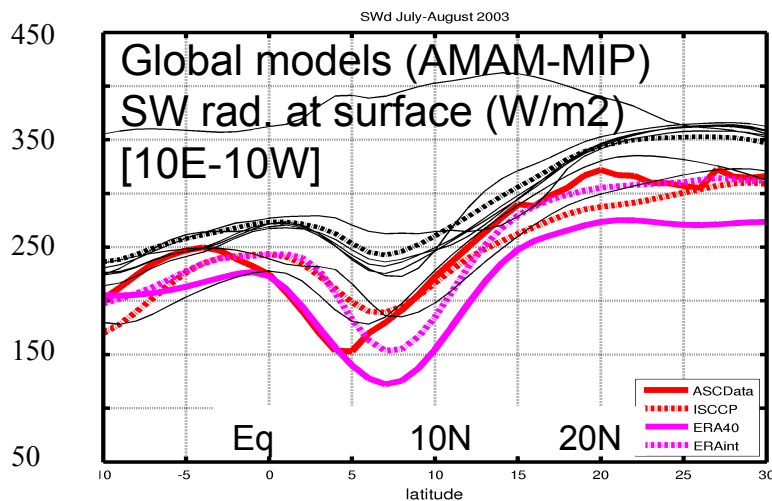
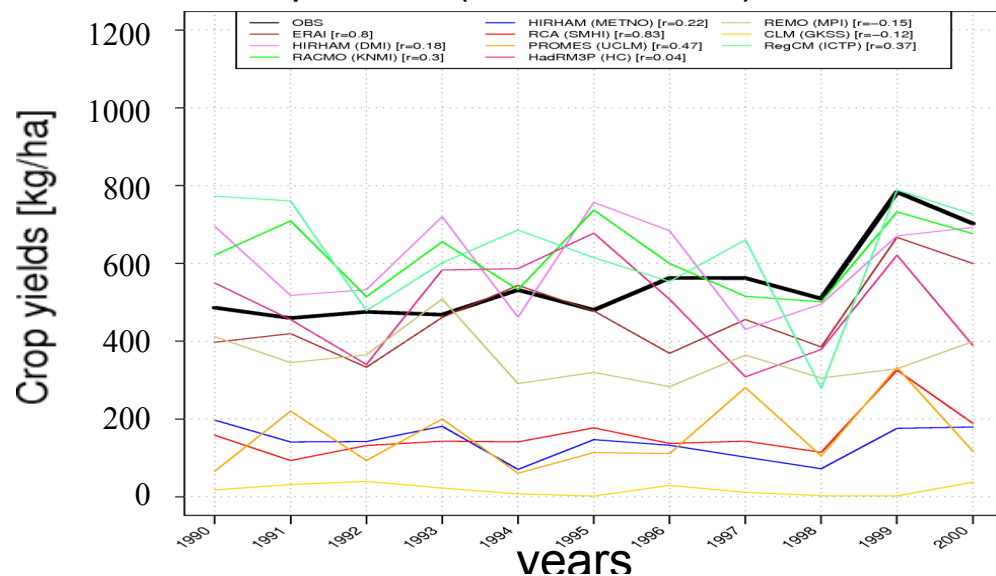
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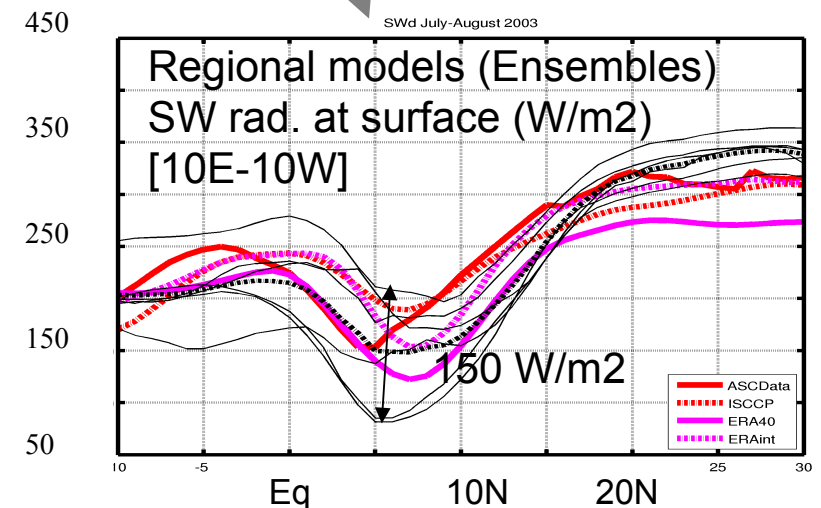
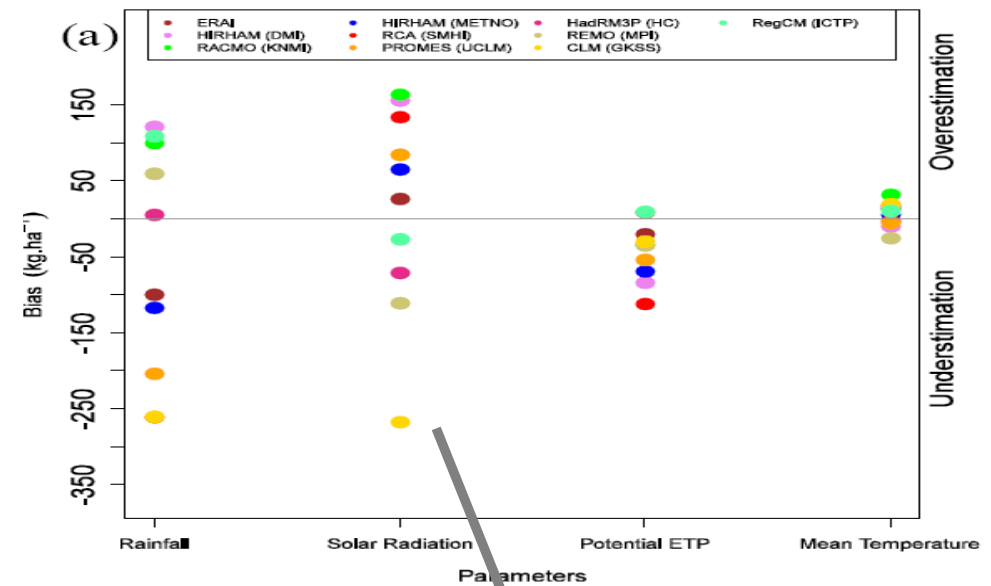
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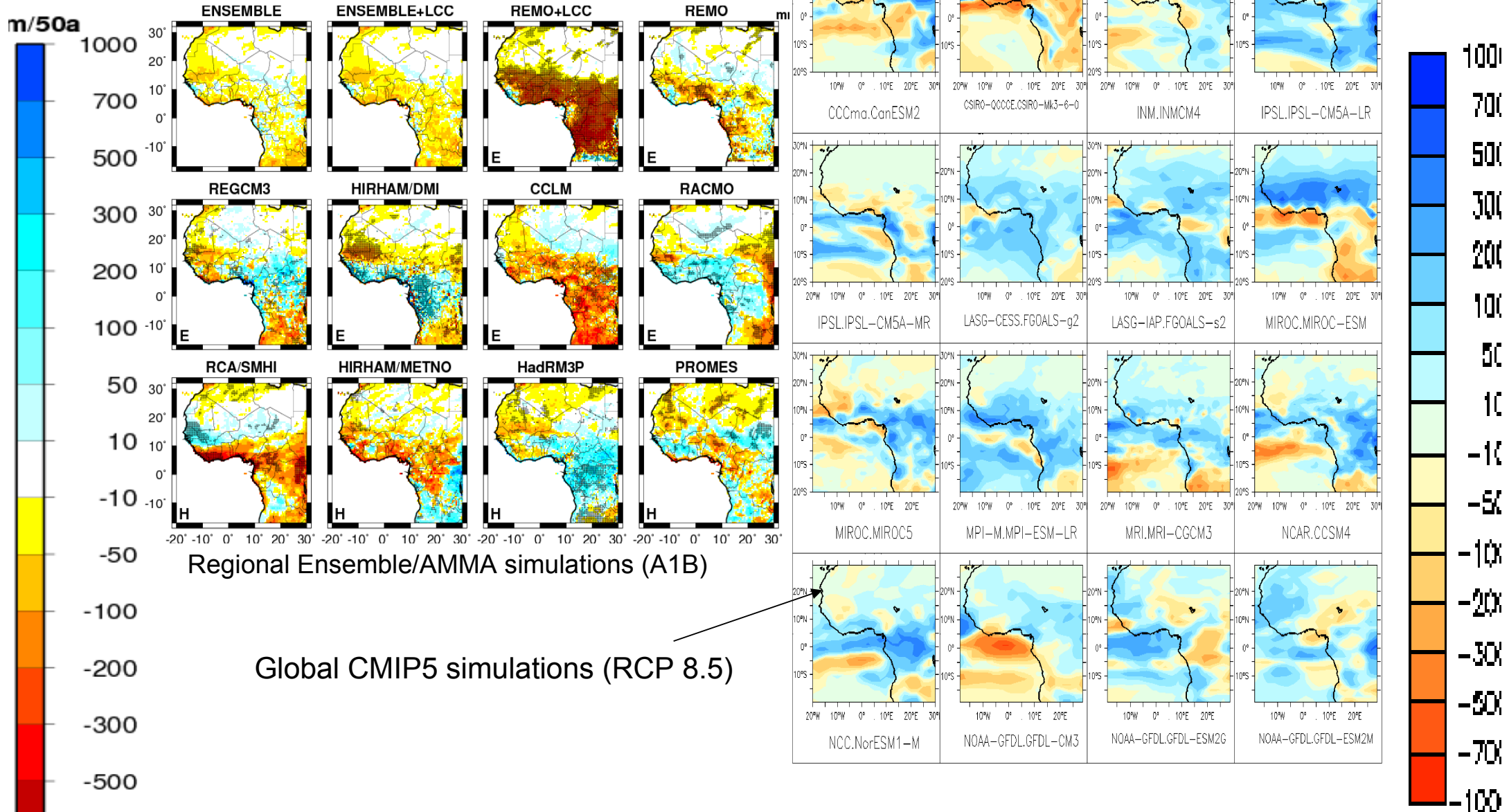
Ruti et al (2010)
ASL AMMA Special issue

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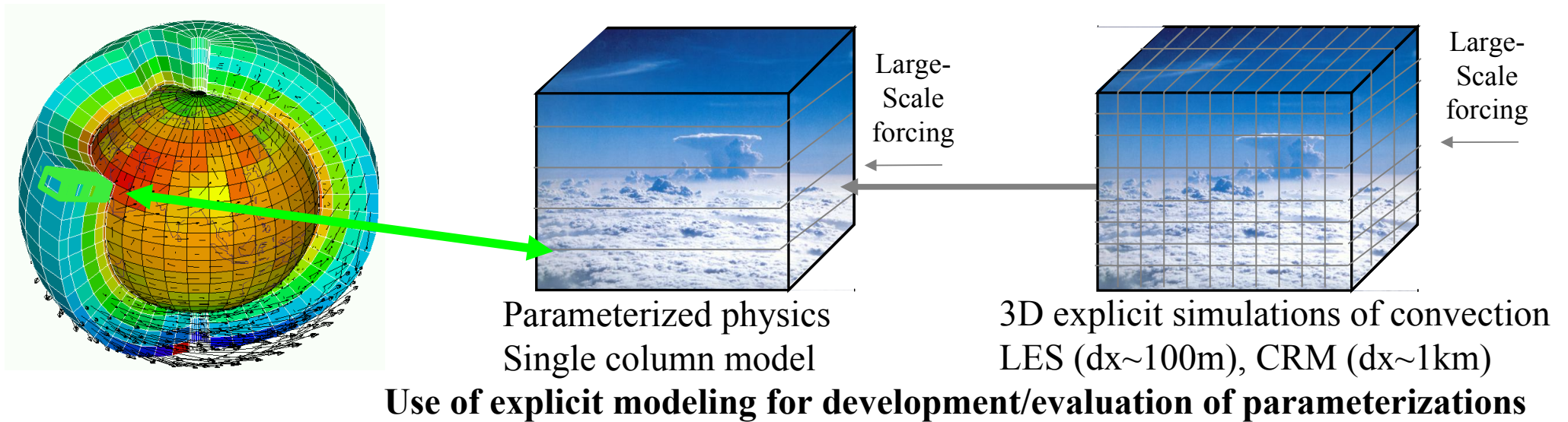
- ➔ Huge dispersion in rainfall and SW fluxes
- ➔ Both are important for yield computations
- ➔ Not better represented in regional than in global models

Trend (linear) in rainfall change for future (mm/50 years)

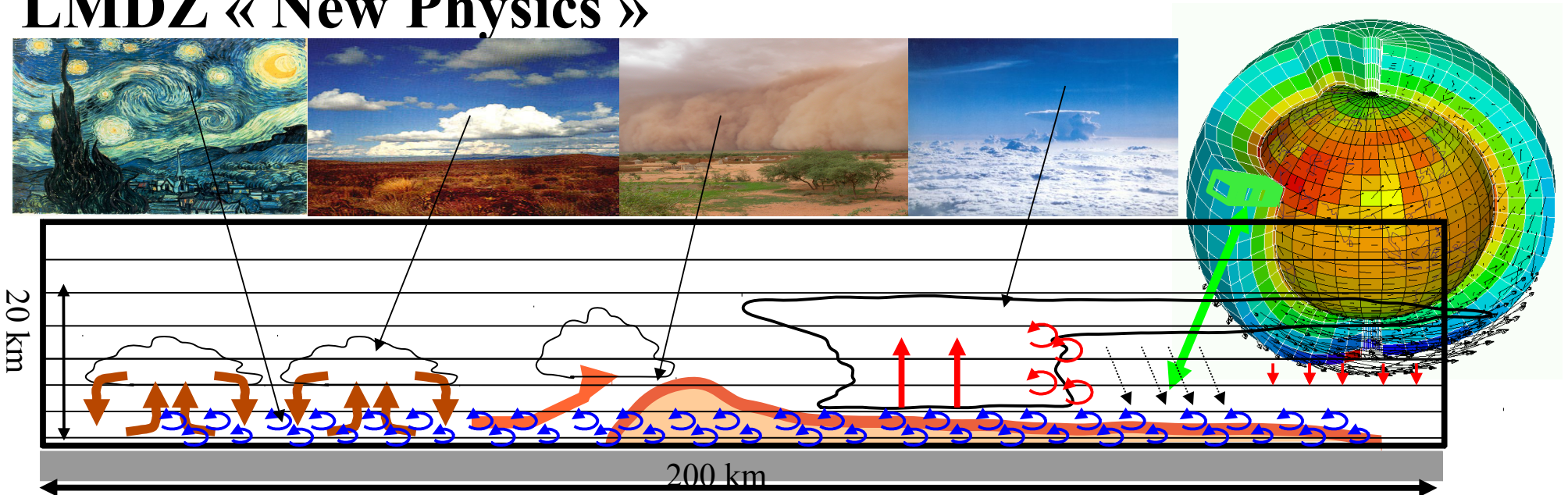


- ➔ Dispersion in future projections similar in regional and global simulations
- ➔ Mostly in large scale patterns (resolved by both global and regional models)
- ➔ Not only due to the large scale forcing (additional internal feedbacks / consistency ?)

Scale issues : explicit versus parameterized convection



LMDZ « New Physics »

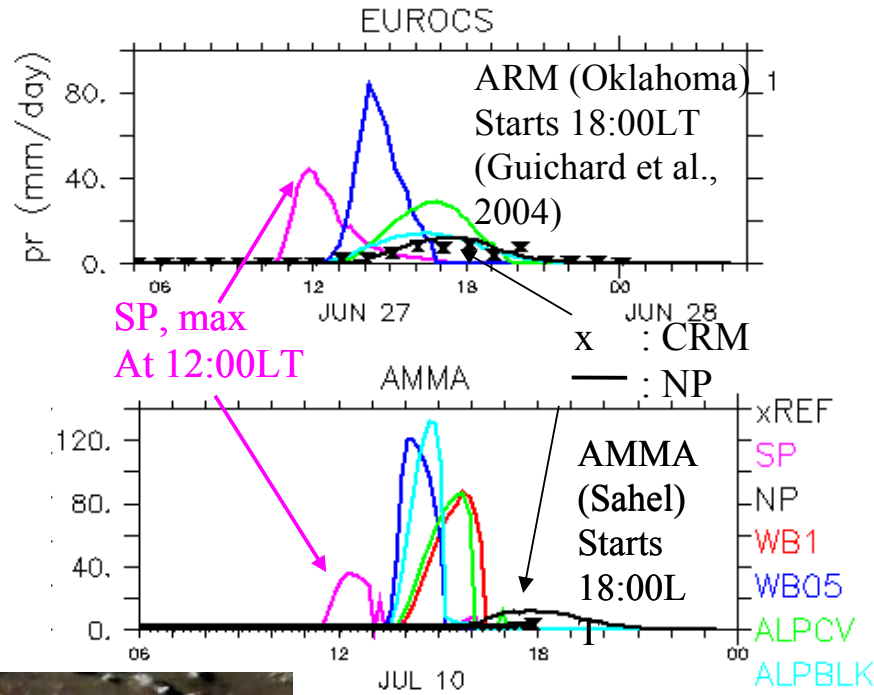


New Physics = Mellor & Yamada + thermal plume model + new closure for convection
+ cold pools or wakes + cloud scheme coupled to thermal plumes and convection

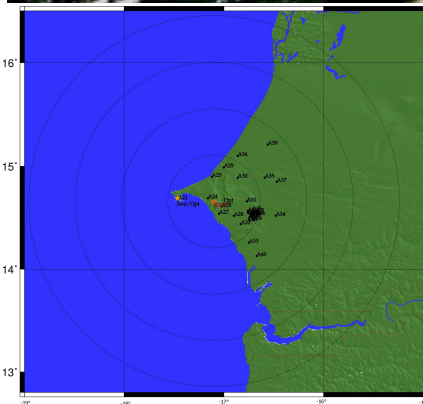
Rio et al., 2008, 2009, 2010, Grandpeix, Lafore et al., 2010a,b

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

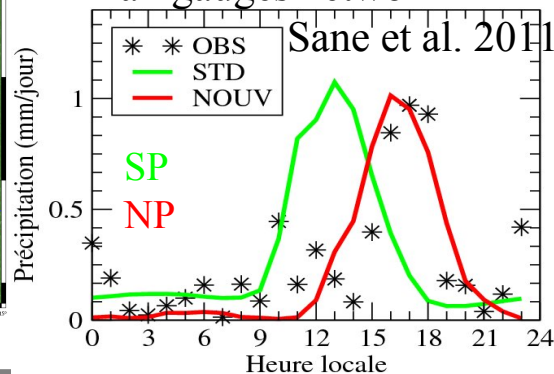
1D test cases/ comparison with explicit simulations (MesoNH)



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



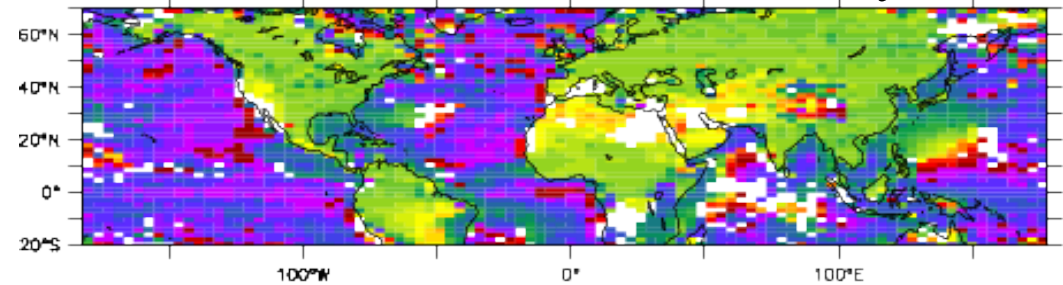
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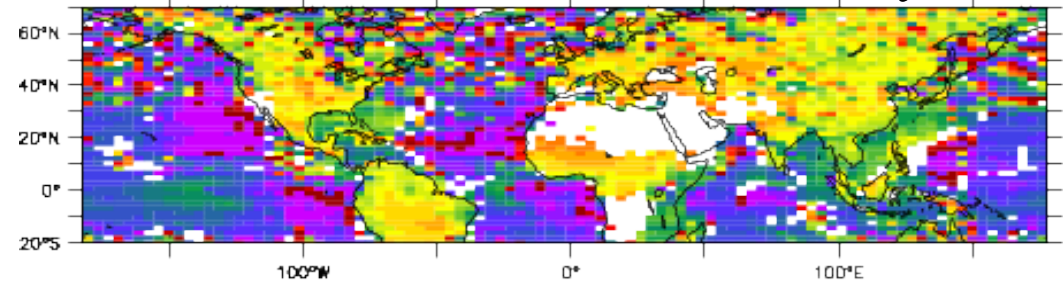
3D simulations

Local time of maximum rainfall

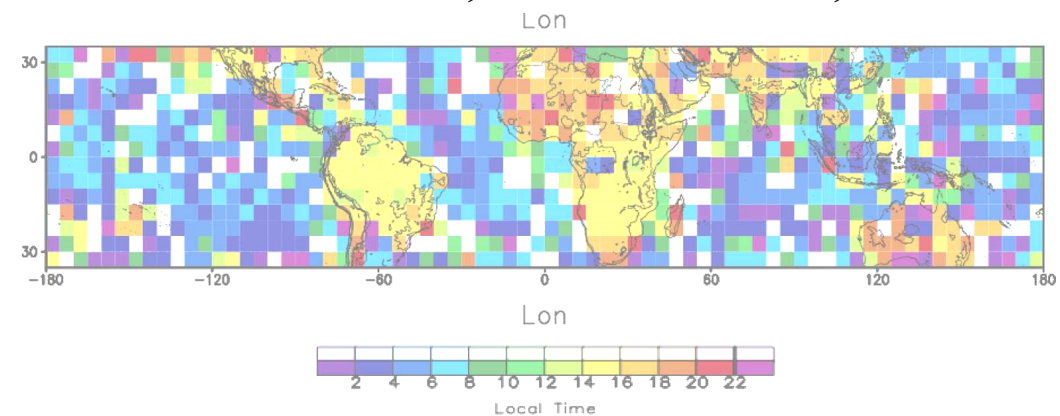
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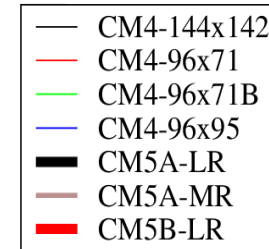
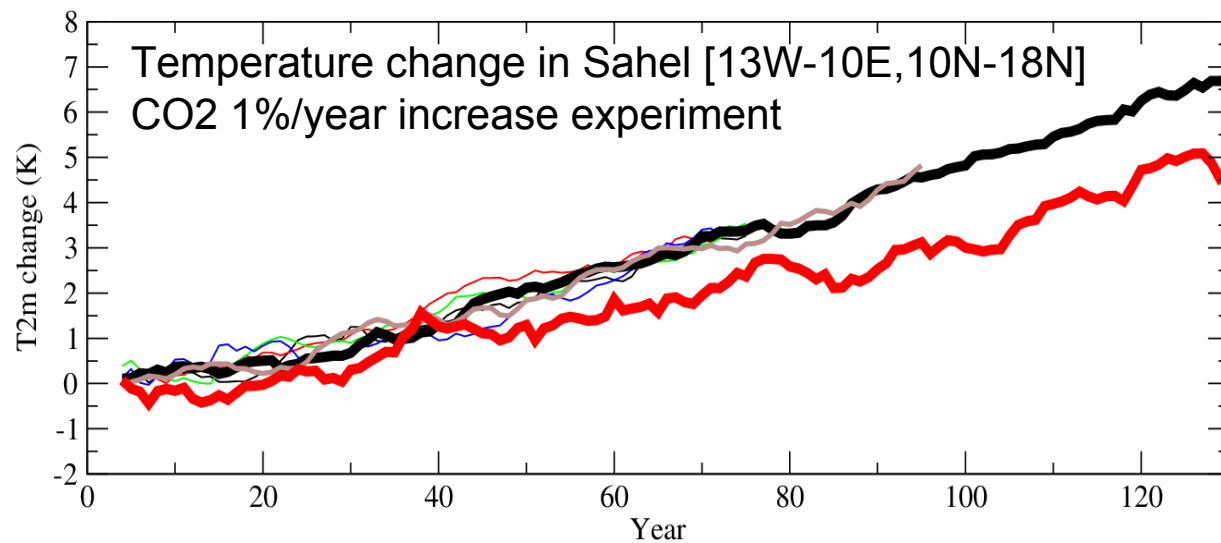


LMDZ5B (NPv3) July

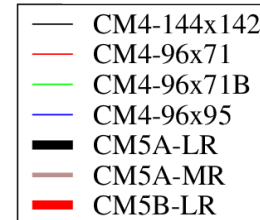
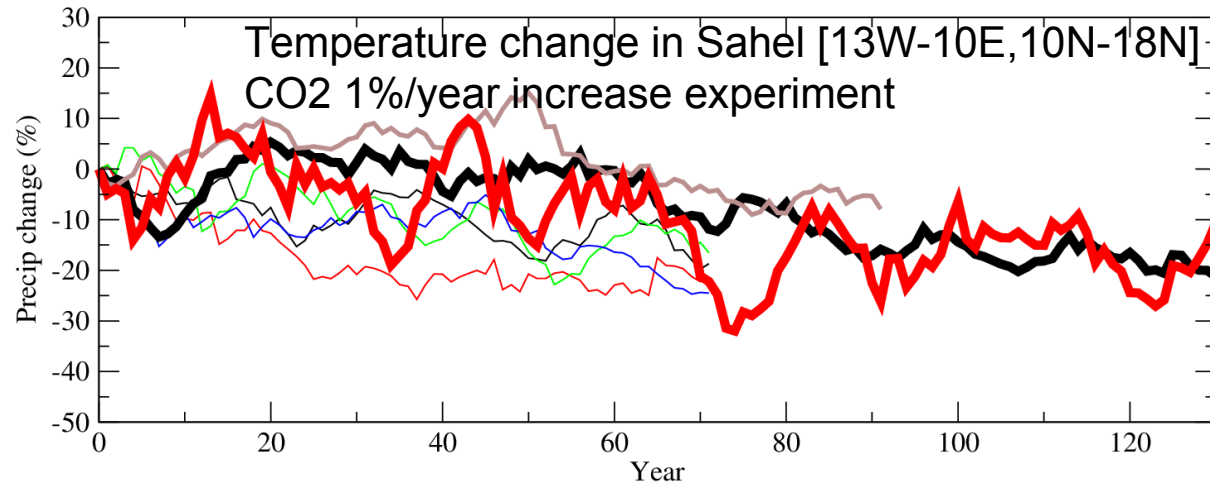


TRMM satellite obs., Hirose et al. 2008, annual



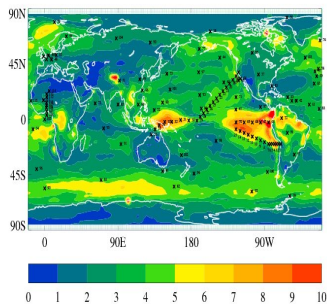
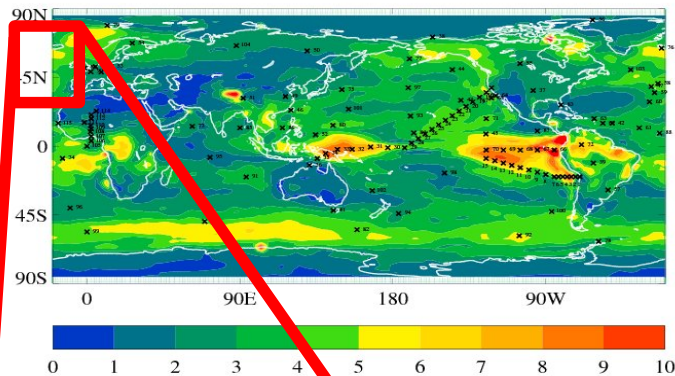


Same physics
Change in resolution
Vertical grid (ext. Stratosph)
tuning
« New physics »

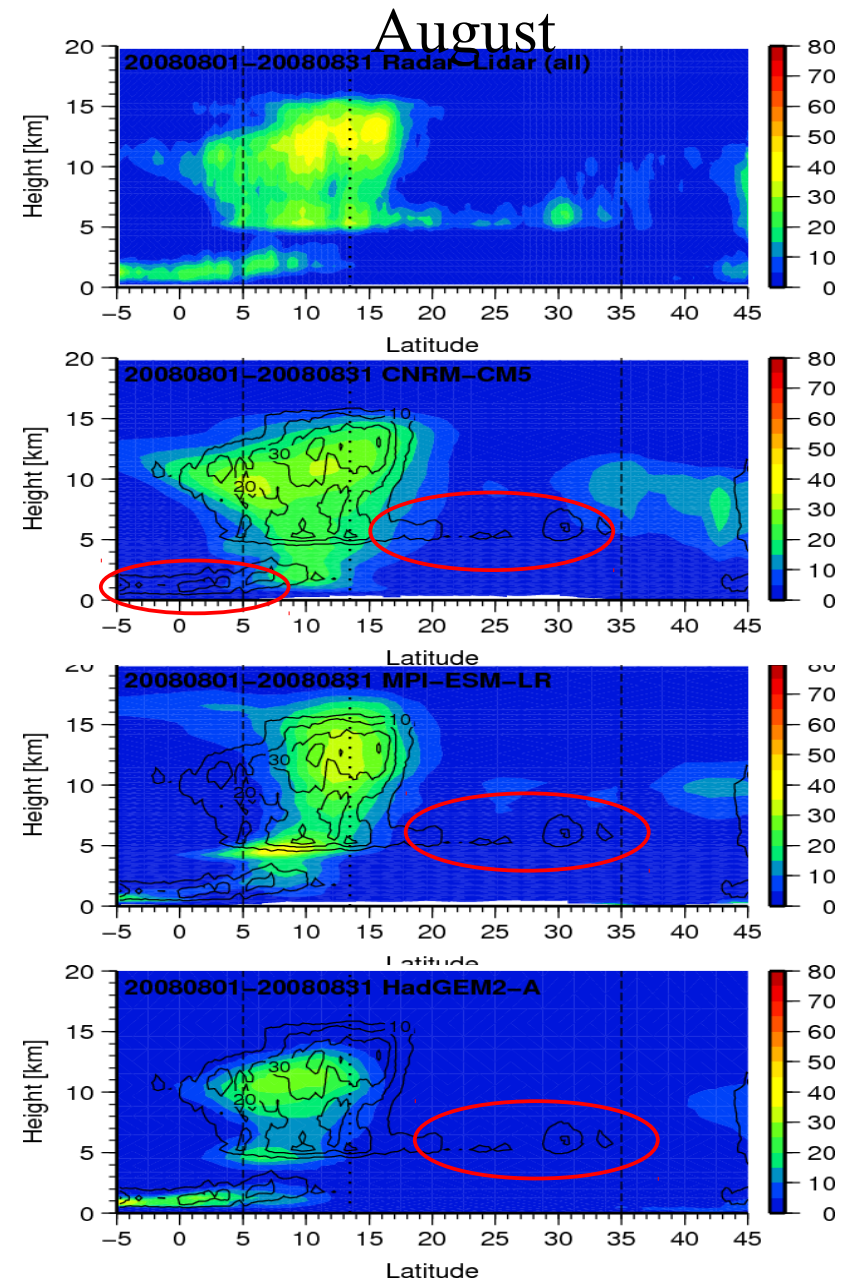


- Strong effect of parameterized physics on the amplitude of global warming
 - Significant effect on the decadal variations of rainfall
- Need to assess the representation of those cloud/convective processes**

Promote the AMMA/ AMMA-MIP framework
 Evaluation on the 10W-10E transect of CMIP5
 and Cordex simulations
 11 « stations » selected for CMIP5 outputs which
 include AMMA super-sites



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 5.5, 23 N Tamanrasset
 2.5, 20.5N
 2.5, 18 N
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Preliminary results :
 Cross section of cloud cover for calipso/cloudsat
 A-train data and 3 CMIP5 models
 Boungniol et al., this conference

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Preliminary results on CMIP5 simulations

Skill of global models for present-day climate

- ★ Probably not much improved with respect to CMIP3
- ★ Huge biases in the Sahelian rainfall, a large fraction coming from SSTs biases
- ★ SST « robust » biases (in particular warm biases in the upwelling regions)

Climate change projection

- ★ Robust elements : global warming (and regional over Sahel)
- ★ Dispersion in sensitivity similar to CMIP3 (factor 2 on global temperature)
- ★ Drying in the tropical subsiding regions
- ★ Sign of rainfall change uncertain over Sahel (-/+ 30 % for next century)

Regional modeling

- ★ Regional and global models show similar biases
- ★ Not only rainfall but also radiative fluxes and clouds
- ★ The changes in rainfall are uncertain but rather large scale (resolved by global models)
- ★ There is no reason to “believe” regional models (Cordex) more than global (CMIP5)
 - ➔ Global : coarser grid but consistency between global and continental scales
 - ➔ Regional : local feedbacks, surface heterogeneities but inconsistency with forcing

Challenges and questions for our community

Improve models

- ★ Not only evaluate and inter-compare
- ★ Requires more work on processes, improve their representation + process oriented evaluation
- ★ There is hope for model with parameterized physics
- ★ Global LES not for tomorrow

Understand and gain confidence as for the response of the monsoon system

- ★ Changes in SSTs : regional changes (north/south, Atlantic and global)
- ★ Response of the atmosphere
- ★ Response to CO₂, SSTs, coupling with surface ...
- ★ Use the passed decades to decompose and assess the various contributions to the climate trends
 - ... knowing that we will be limited by the internal year-to-year variability
 - Of the monsoon rainfall (some hope in multi-variate analysis).

For impact studies :

Climate → impact

- ★ Do consider CMIP5 and Cordex as scientific exercises. Not operational forecasts (nor decadal simulations)
- ★ Use multi-model : no particular model more reliable.
- ★ Do not consider Cordex as « a more realistic simulation of climate change »; complementary source of information to CMIP5
- ★ Must be consider in terms of added value and possible new source of errors
- ★ Develop methodologies that rely on robust elements of the climate models
- ★ For each specific questions, a different methodology should probably be developed.

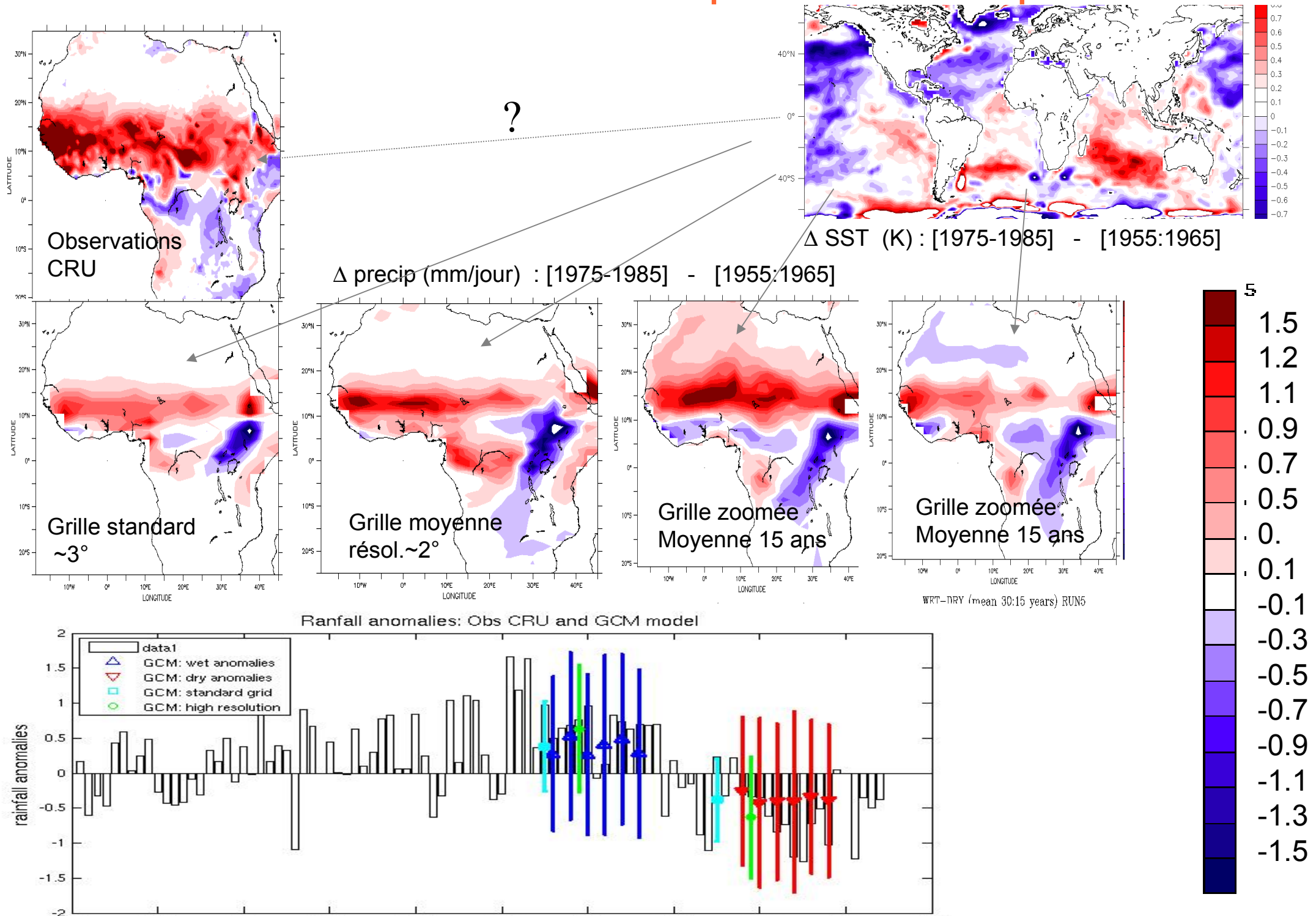
Impact → climate

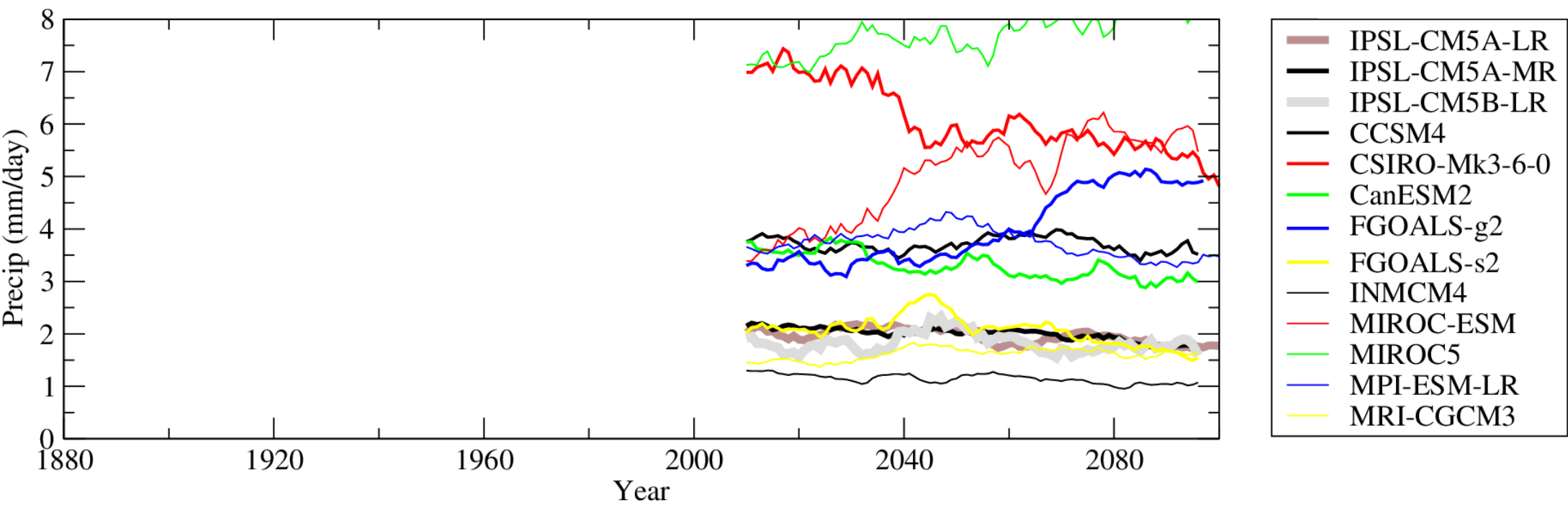
- ★ Promote “impact studies” and indicators as a way to assess the simulations
- ★ Learn what is important in the climate for given questions

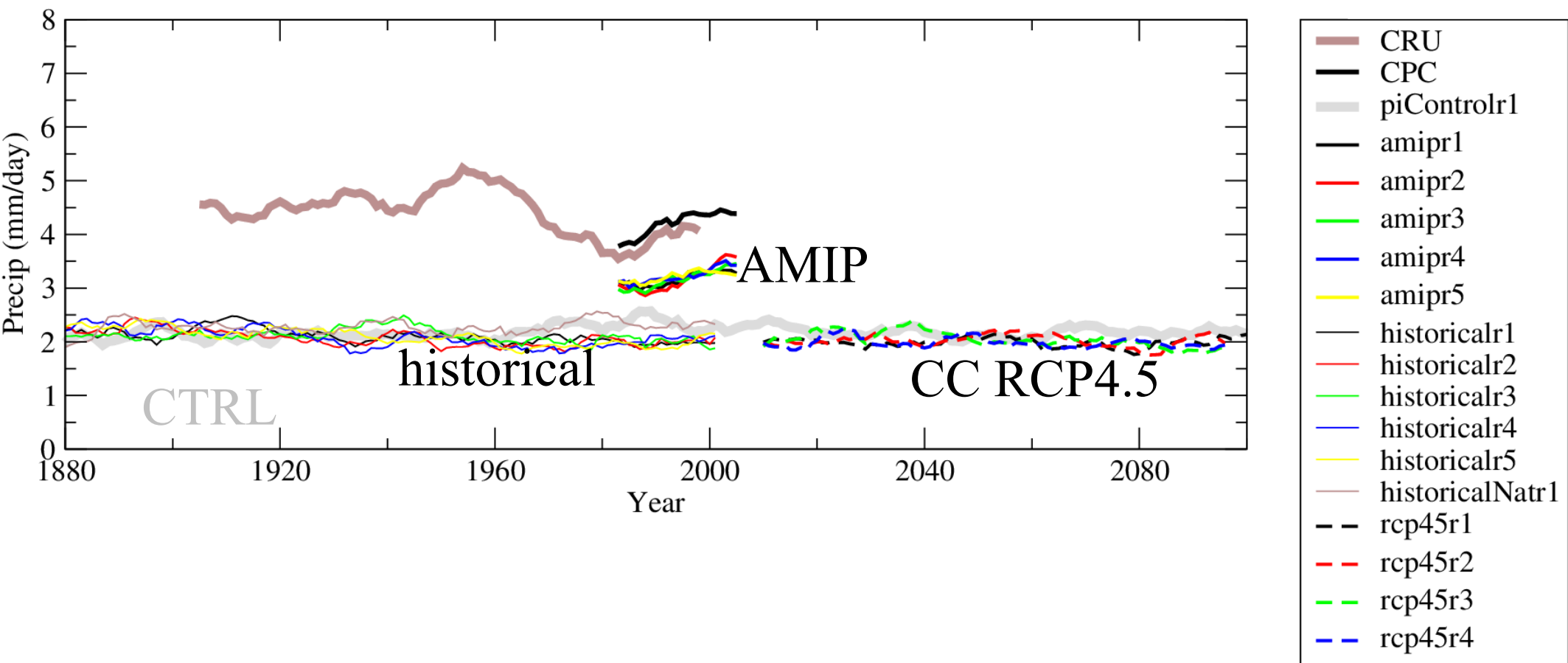
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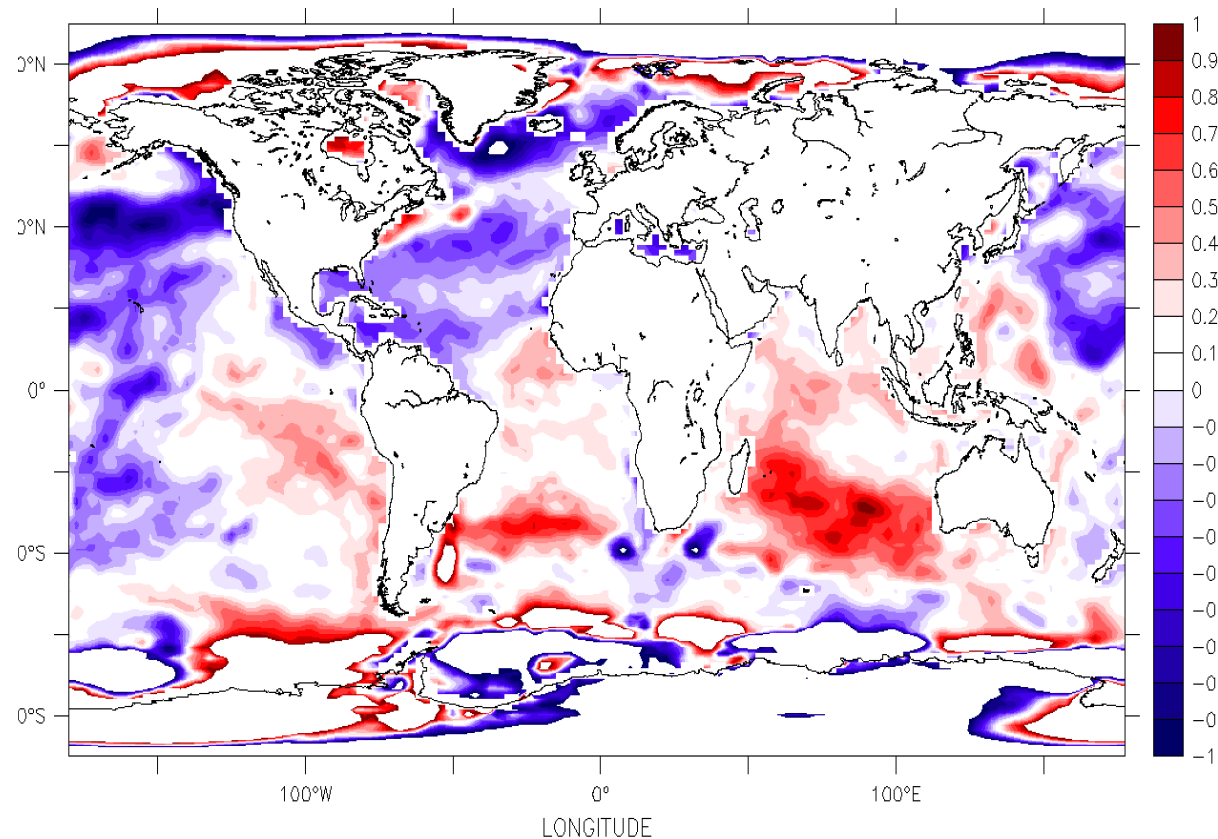
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La sécheresse des années 70-80 :

Quelle part peut être expliquée par le forçage par les températures de surface de l'océan (SSTs) ?

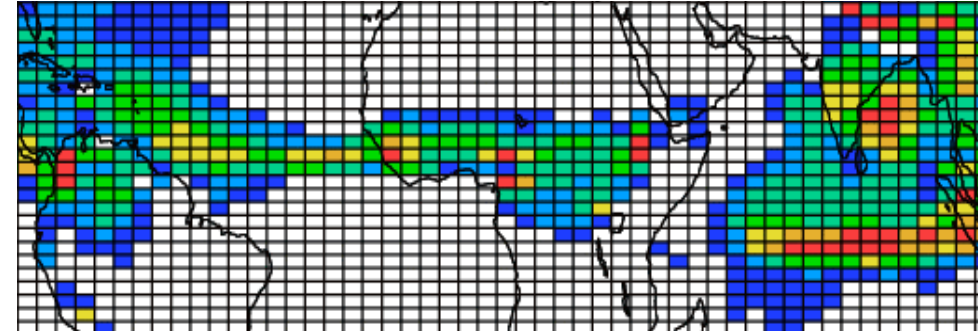
- Série de simulations de sensibilité
- Forcées par le cycle saisonnier moyen d'une décennie : [1975-1985] - [1955:1965]
- Ensemble de simulations de plusieurs 100aines d'années

Δ SST : [1975-1985] - [1955:1965]

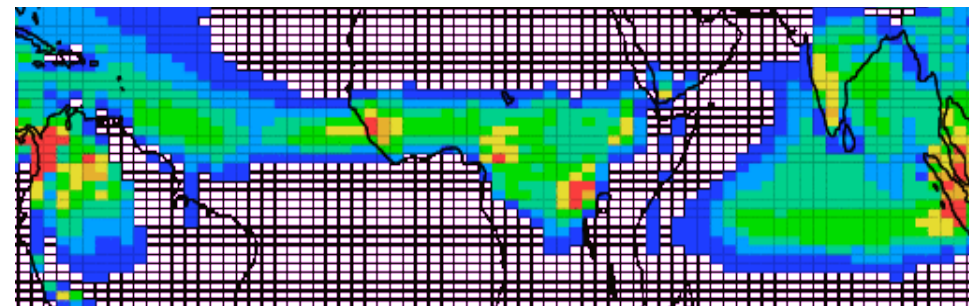


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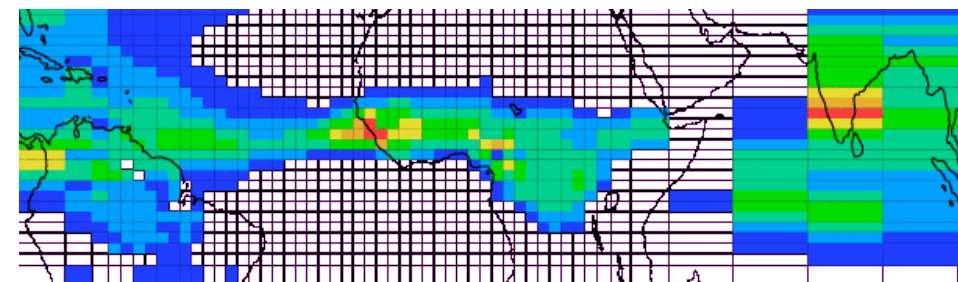
Grille standard (LR, 96x95x39)



Grille régulière moyenne (MR, 144x142x39)



Grille zoomée légère (LPAOSF, 64x48x19)



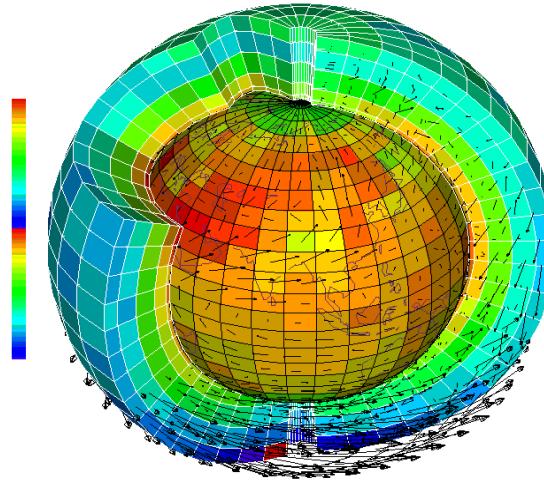
Comment modéliser les rendements futurs?

Choix du scénario futur



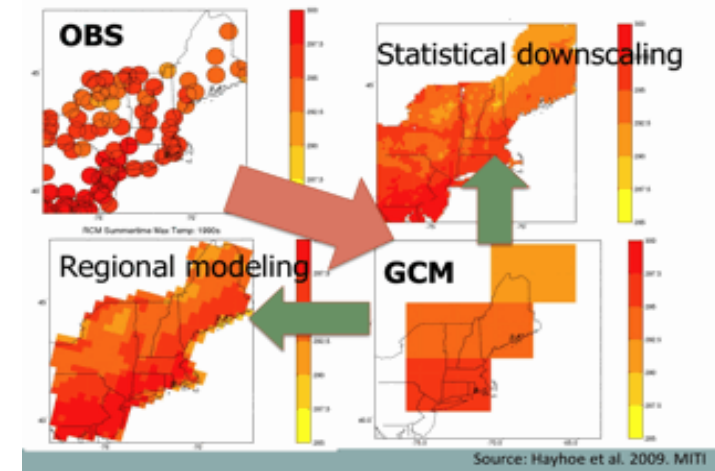
Scénarii SRES, RCP...

Modélisation du climat



GCMs

Descente d'échelle (downscaling)



Rendement



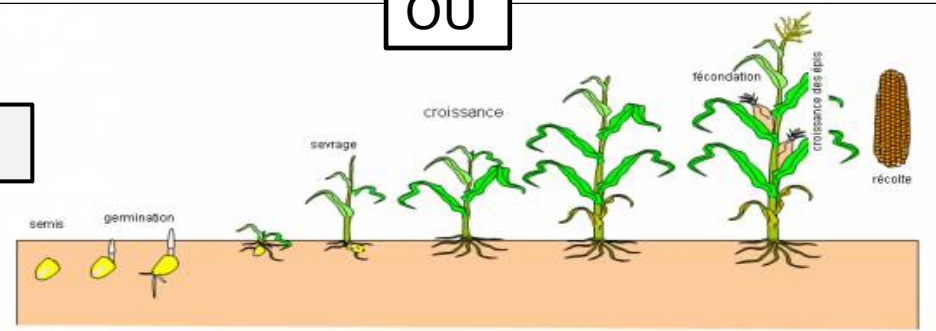
Modélisation des rendements

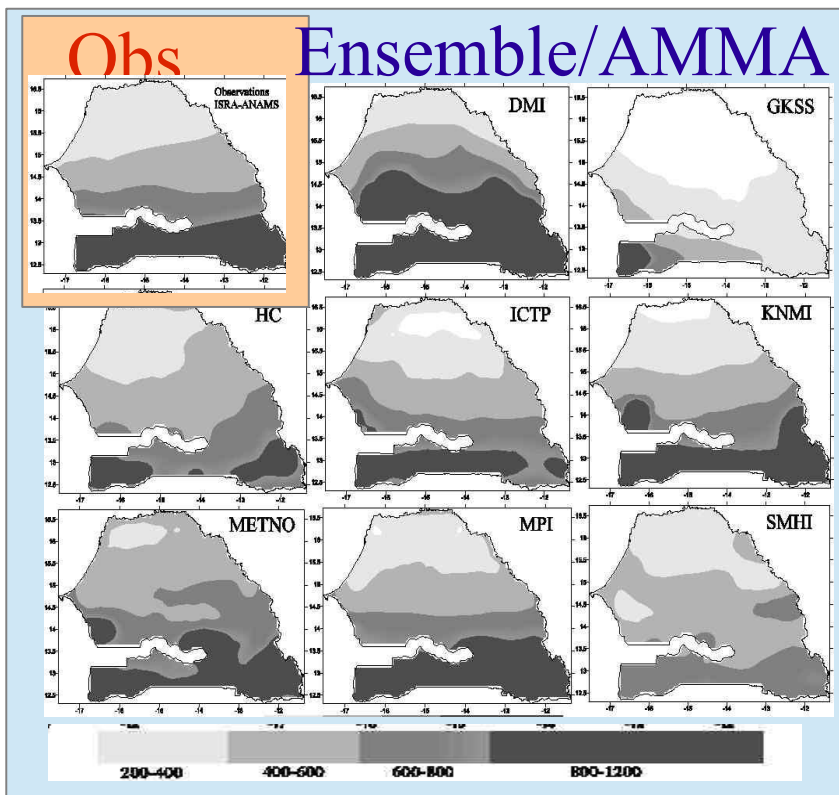
Modèles empiriques

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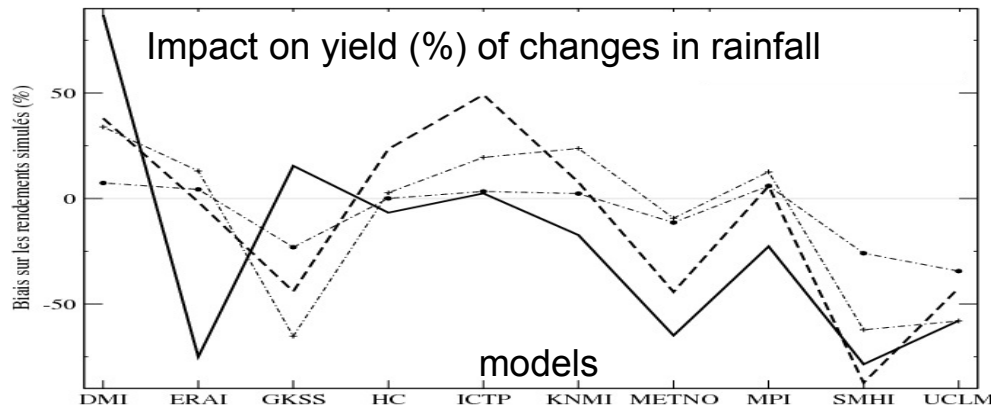
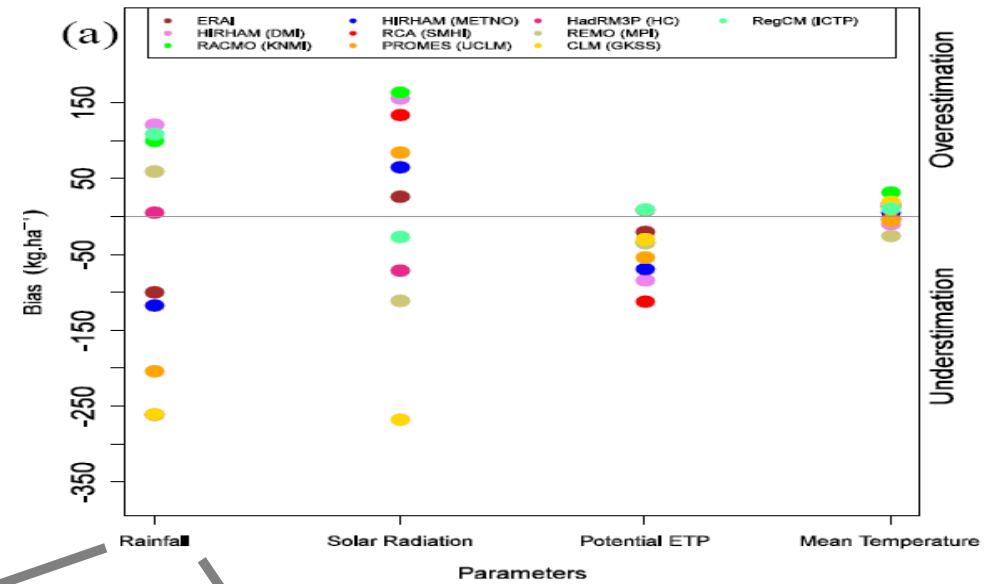
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Modèles mécanistes

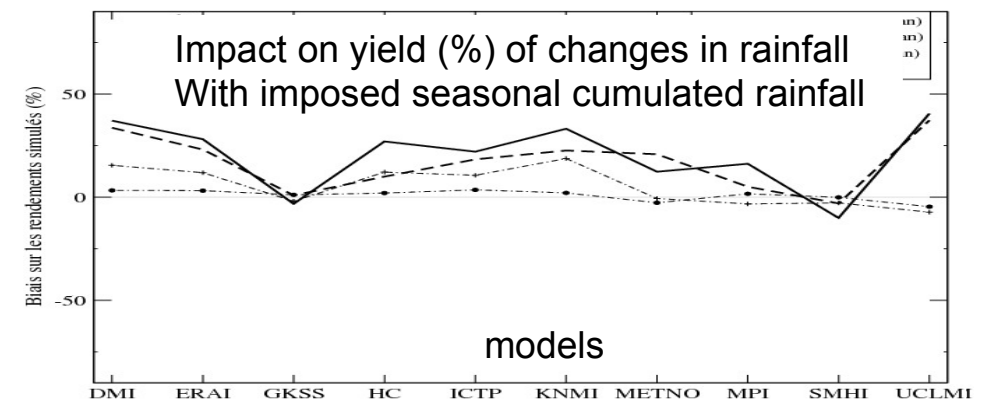




Meteorological variables from observation
 Except one taken from Ensemble/AMMA simulations
 Oettli P., Sultan B., Baron C. and Vrac M. (2011)



Salack Seyni, Benjamin Sultan, Pascal Oettli, Bertrand Muller, Amadou T. Gaye¹, Frédéric Hourdin, Sécheresse (2012)



- ➔ Dispersion in regional model rainfall similar to global simulations
- ➔ Intra-seasonal variation of rainfall secondary in the

Récupération de jeux de « données » (CNRM) :

1. Récupération des réanalyses MERRA et NCEP-CFSR
(ces 2 la couvrent la periode 1979-2010)
2. Réananalyse XXeme siècle 1870-2010 (Compo et al., 2011)
Assimilation de la pression de surface seule.
Ensemble de simulations (56 membres)
Variabilité interne décevante (sic)
Biais comme des Rnet trop forts au printemps
3. Récupération des données synop 1980-1995

Conclusion intermédiaires

1. Sensibilité des rendements en contexte de changement climatique
T > cumul de précipitations
2. Sensibilité des rendements aux biais des modèles de climat
Flux solaires ($\leftarrow$ nuages) $\sim$ cumul pr > intra-saisonnier
3. Simulation des cumuls des précipitations en climat actuel.
Très peu sensible à la résolution. Assez peu sensible à la physique (???)
4. En changement climatique
Changements de T plus robustes que ceux de précipitation.
Changement de précipitation très peu sensibles à la résolution mais très sensible à la physique.

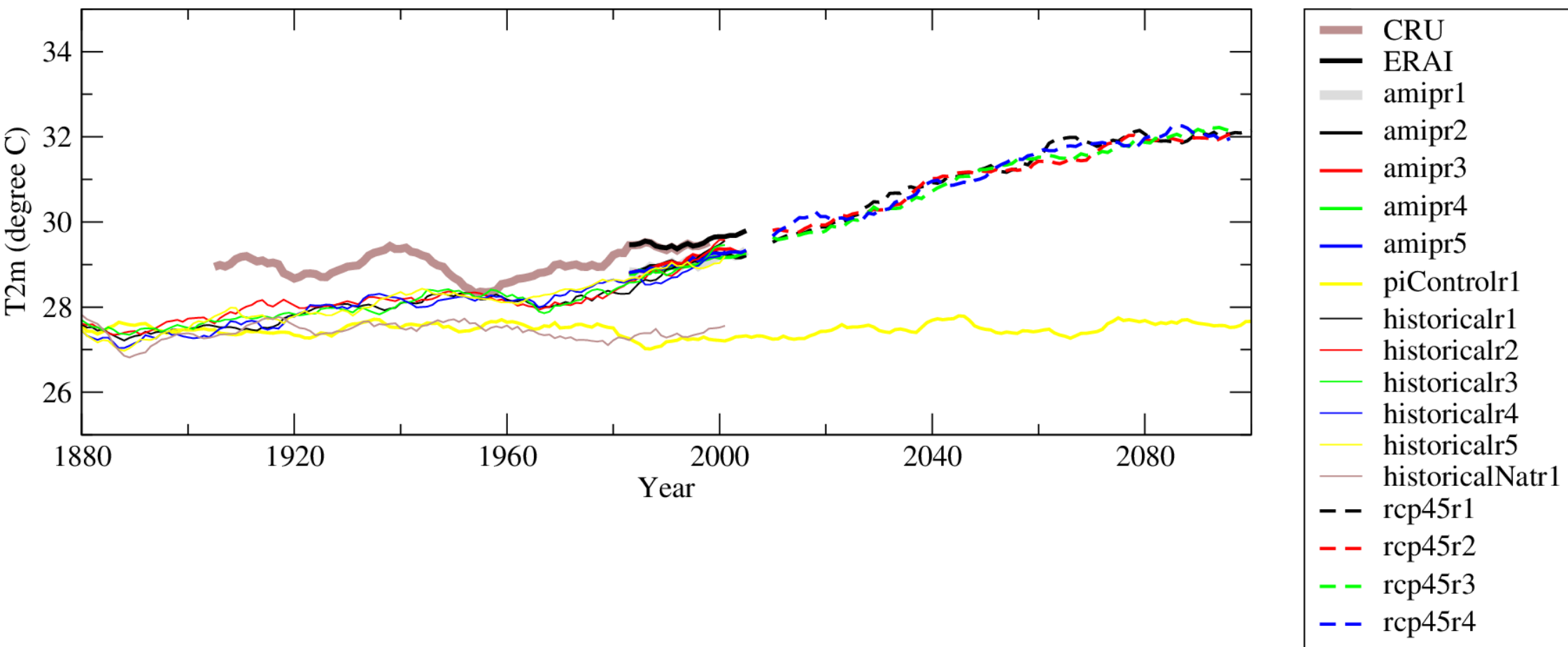
En pratique :

Beaucoup de simulations disponibles au format CMIP sur cclad
Les simulations CMIP multi-modèles commencent aussi à être accessibles.

Deliverables à venir :

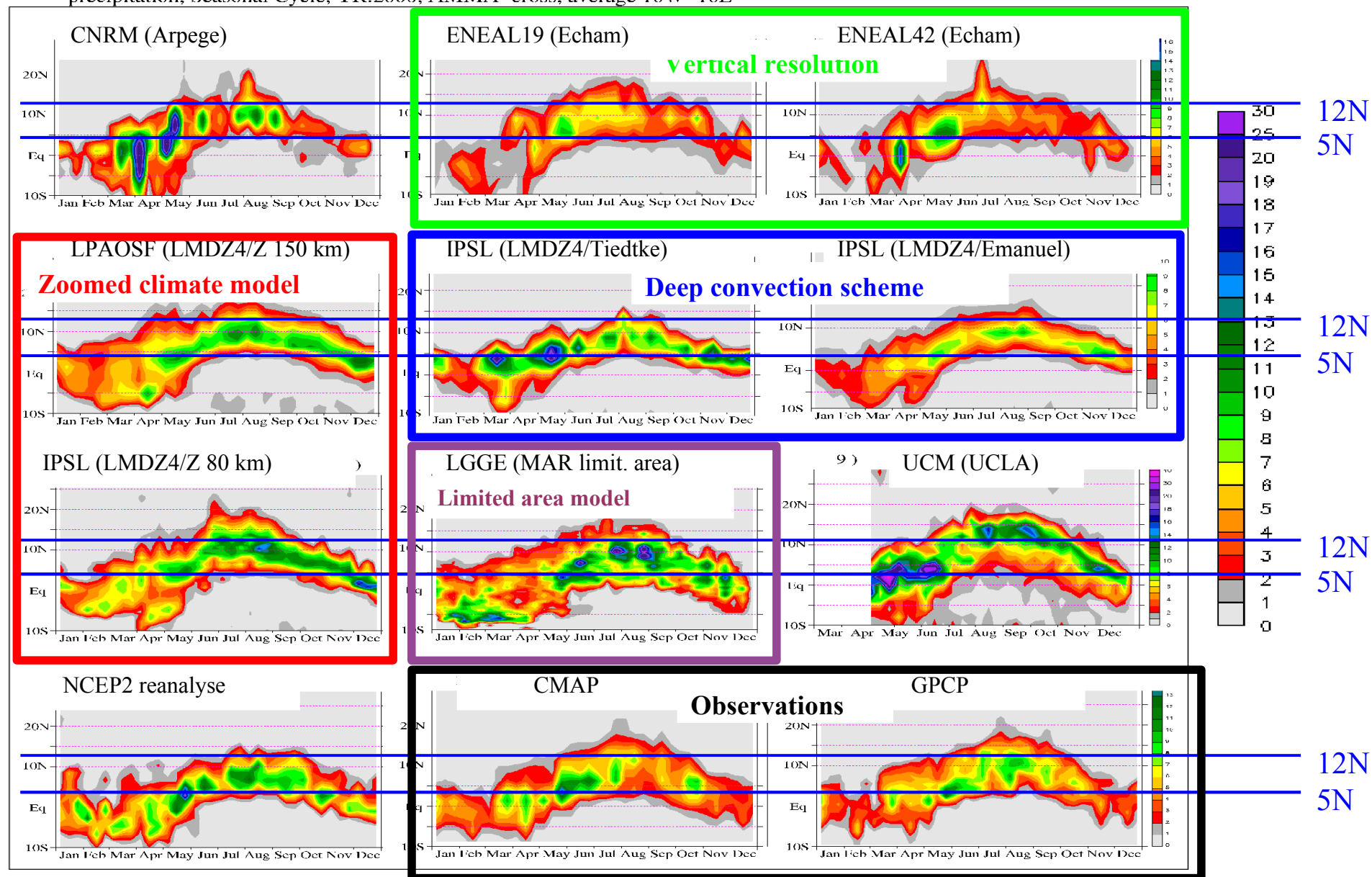
M12 : Simulations multi-configurations
M18 : attribution des changements sur les dernières décennies (modèle)
M24 : attribution / évaluation des reconstructions du climat des dernières décennies (modèle/obs)

Priorités pour la suite ouvertes à discussions.

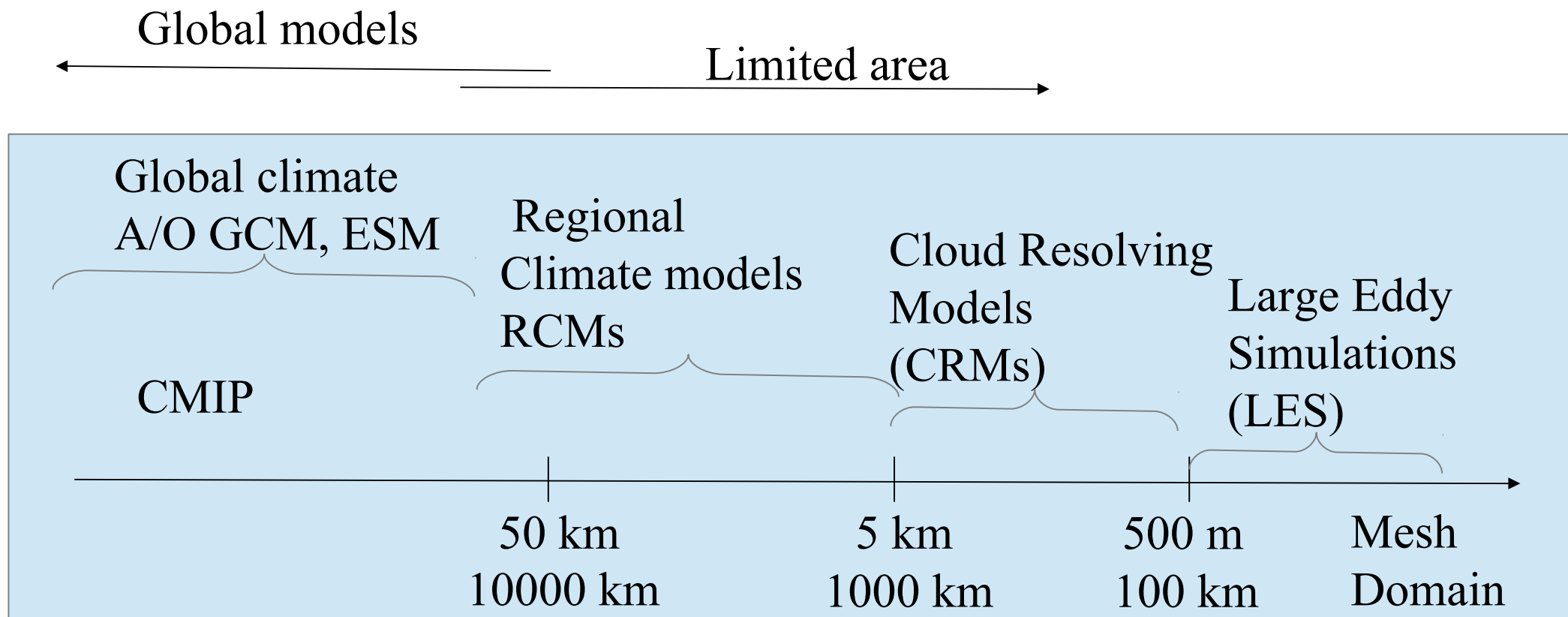


III. Evaluation des scenarios futurs

precipitation, Seasonal Cycle, YR:2000, AMMA-cross, average 10W-10E



Déplacement latitudinal de la pluie sur l'Afrique de l'Ouest au cours des saisons
Moyenne 10E-10W d'une moyenne glissante sur 10 jours de la pluie (mm/day) pour l'année 2000



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- Coupled
- **Parameterized convection and clouds**

- Depends on large scale forcing
- Consistency issue
- **Parameterized convection and clouds**

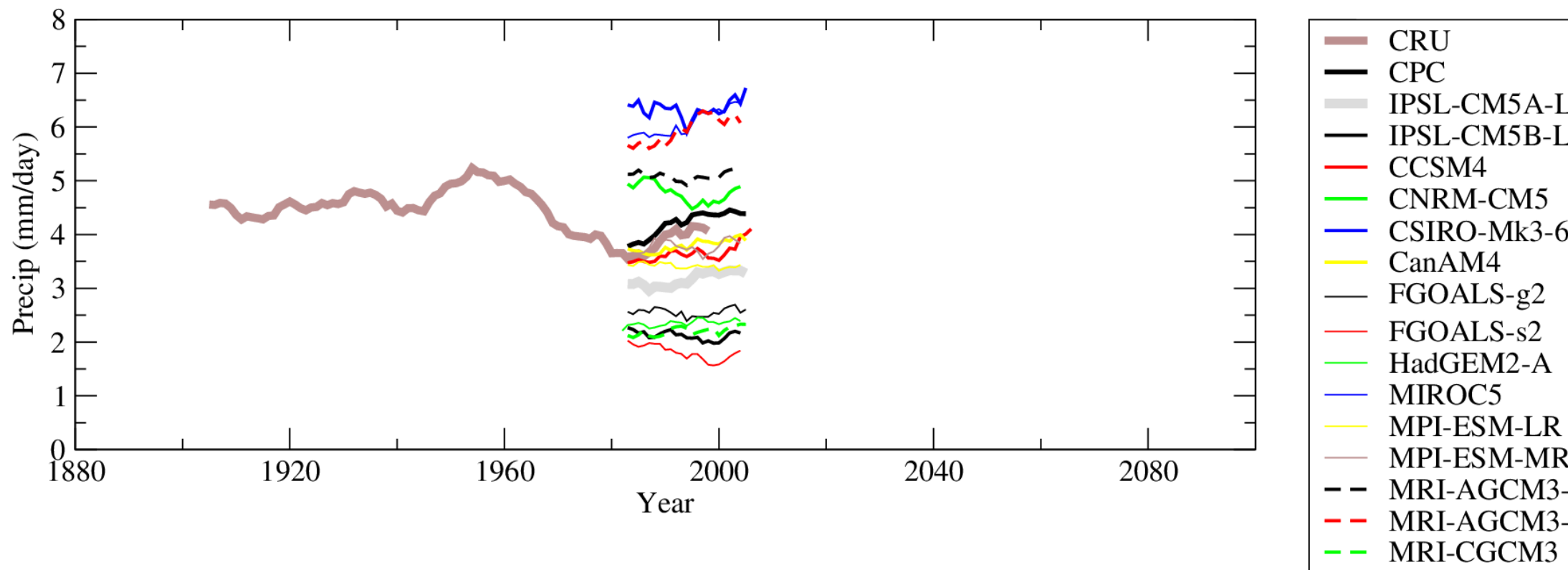
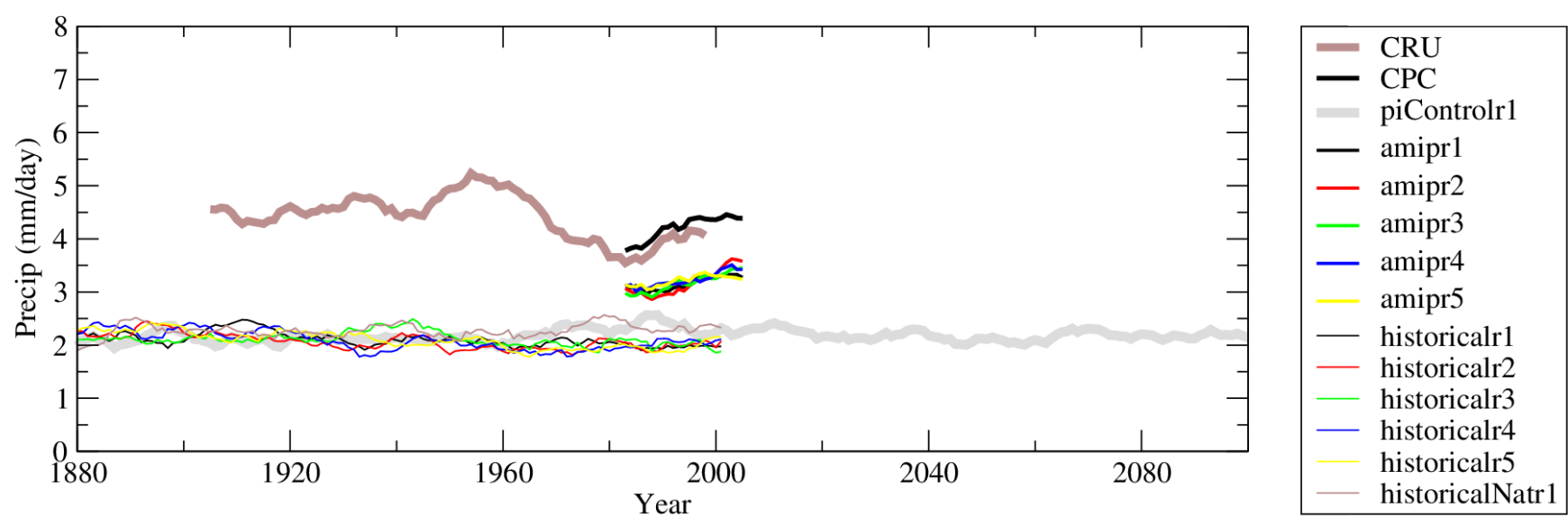
- **Explicit convection turbulence and clouds**

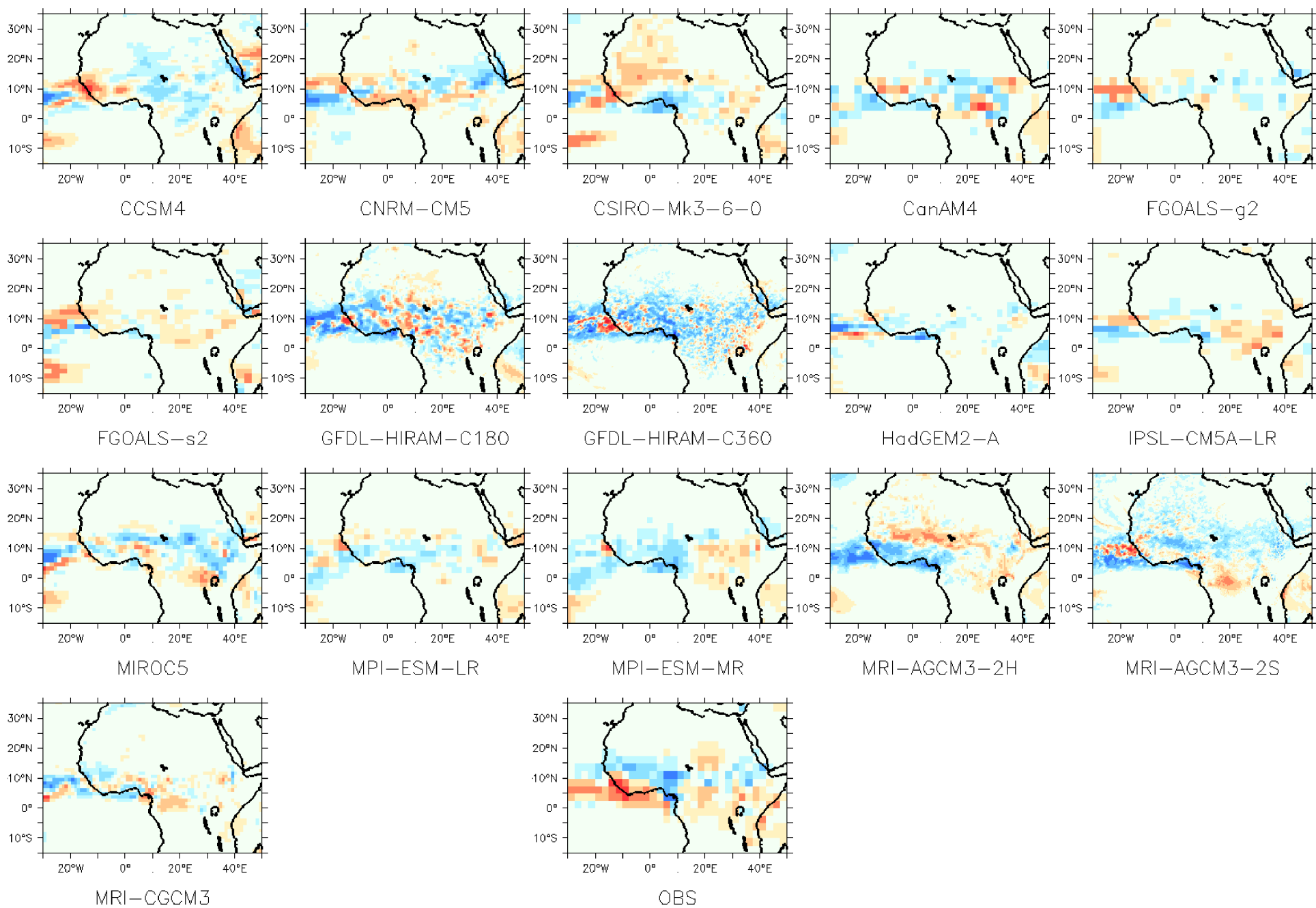
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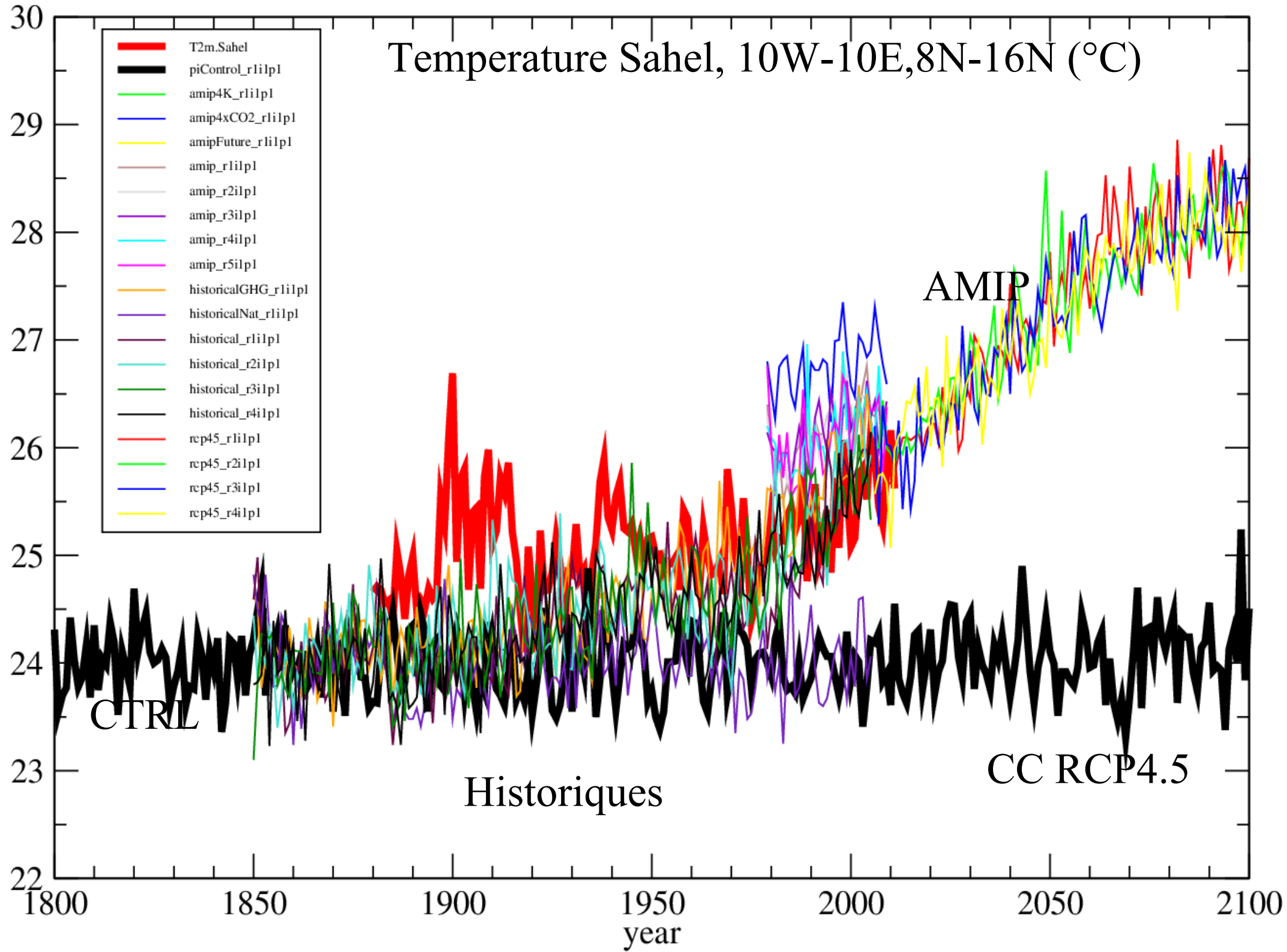
- Climate change
- global and regional feedbacks

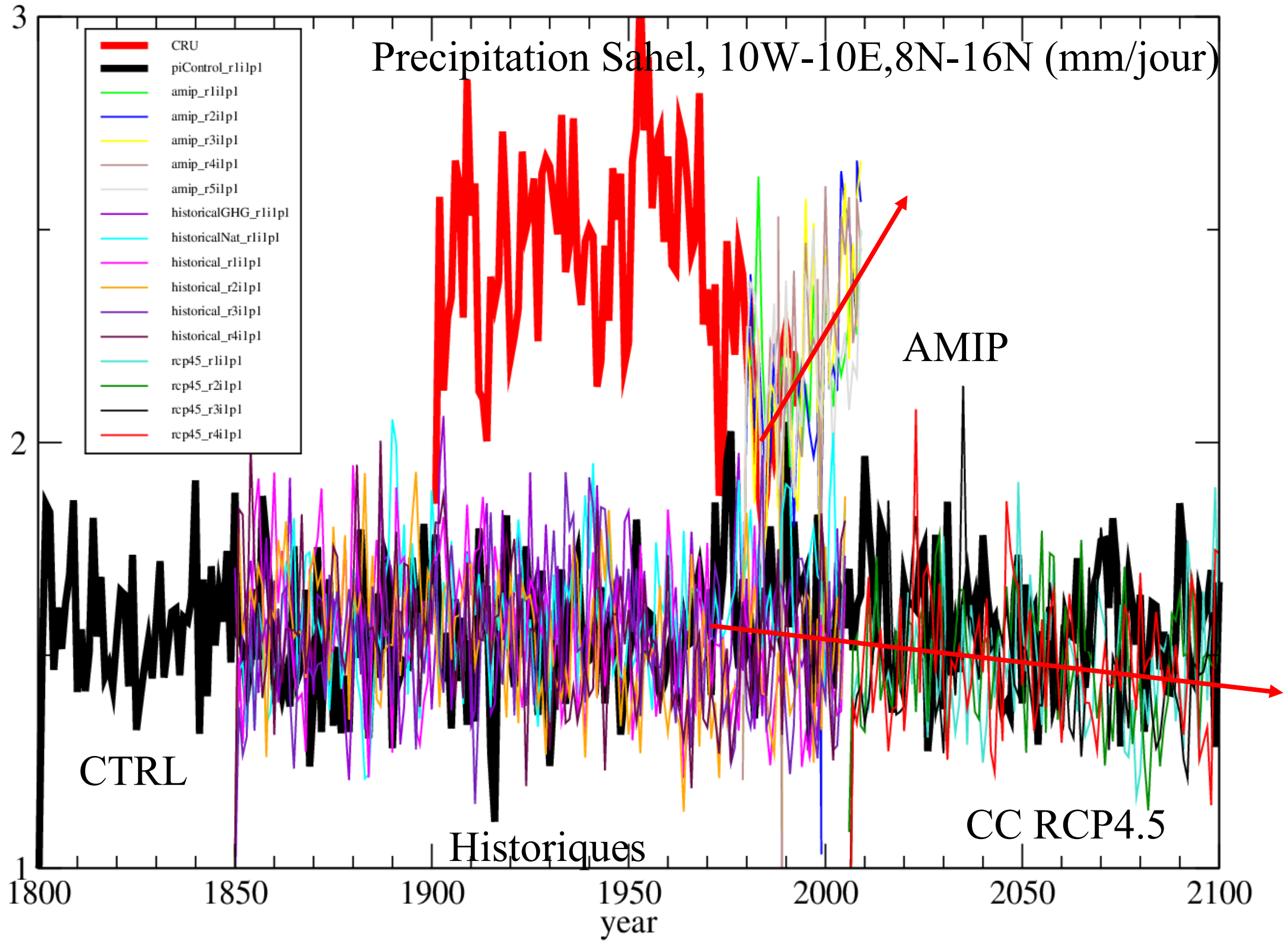
- Downscaling
- Better account for surface heterogeneities
- Local feedbacks (eg : hydro, Taylor et al.)

- process studies
- Convection life cycle Organisation, MCS ...
- local climate feedbacks





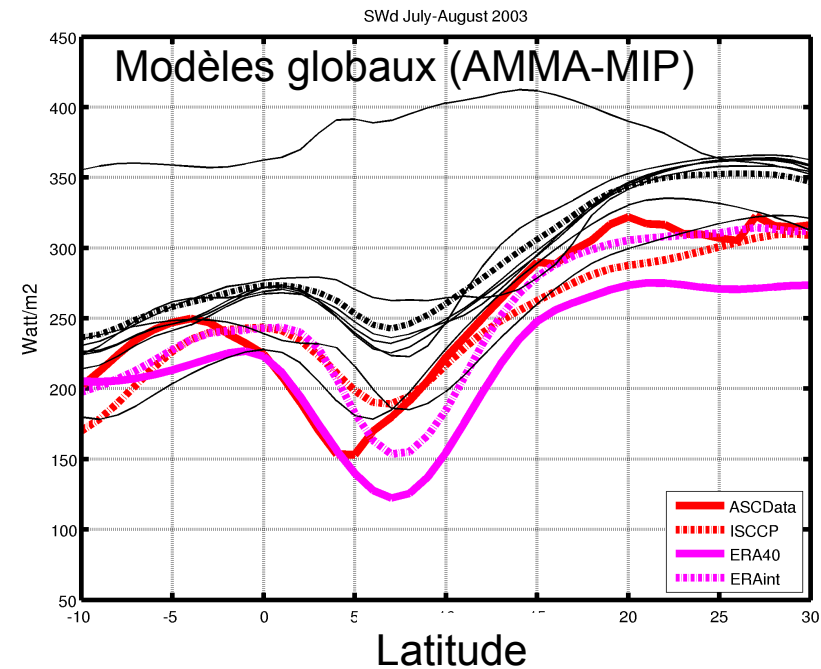
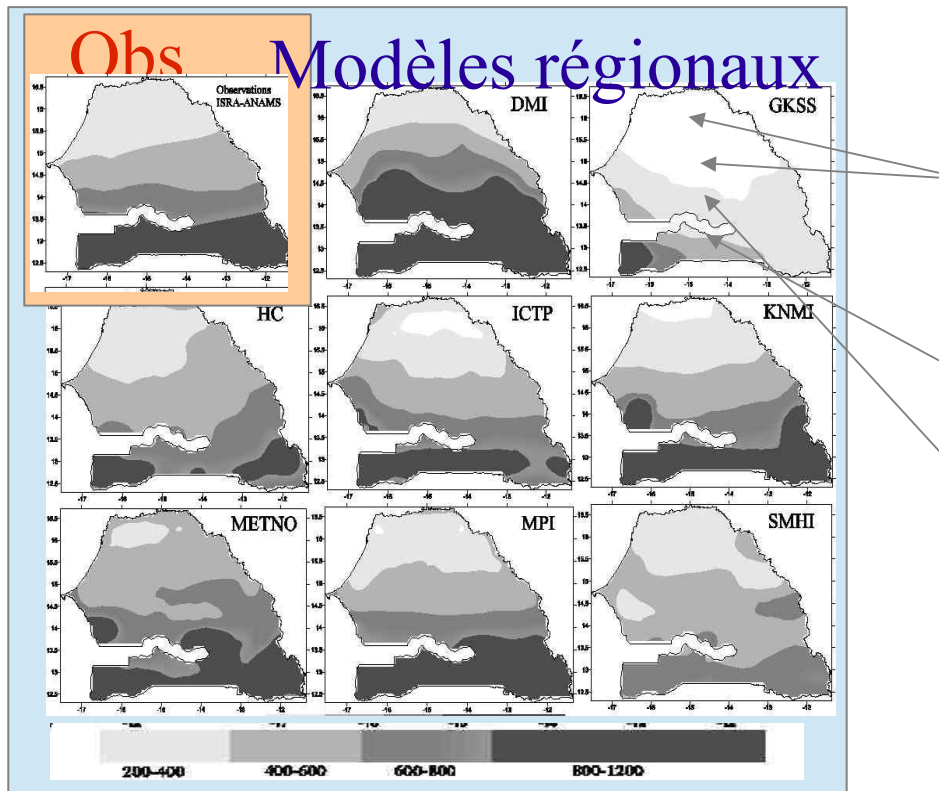




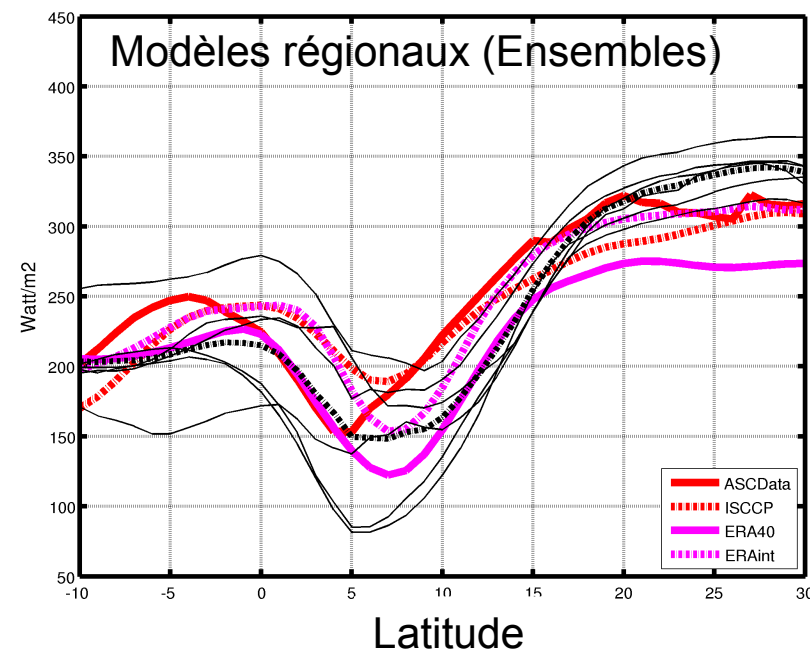
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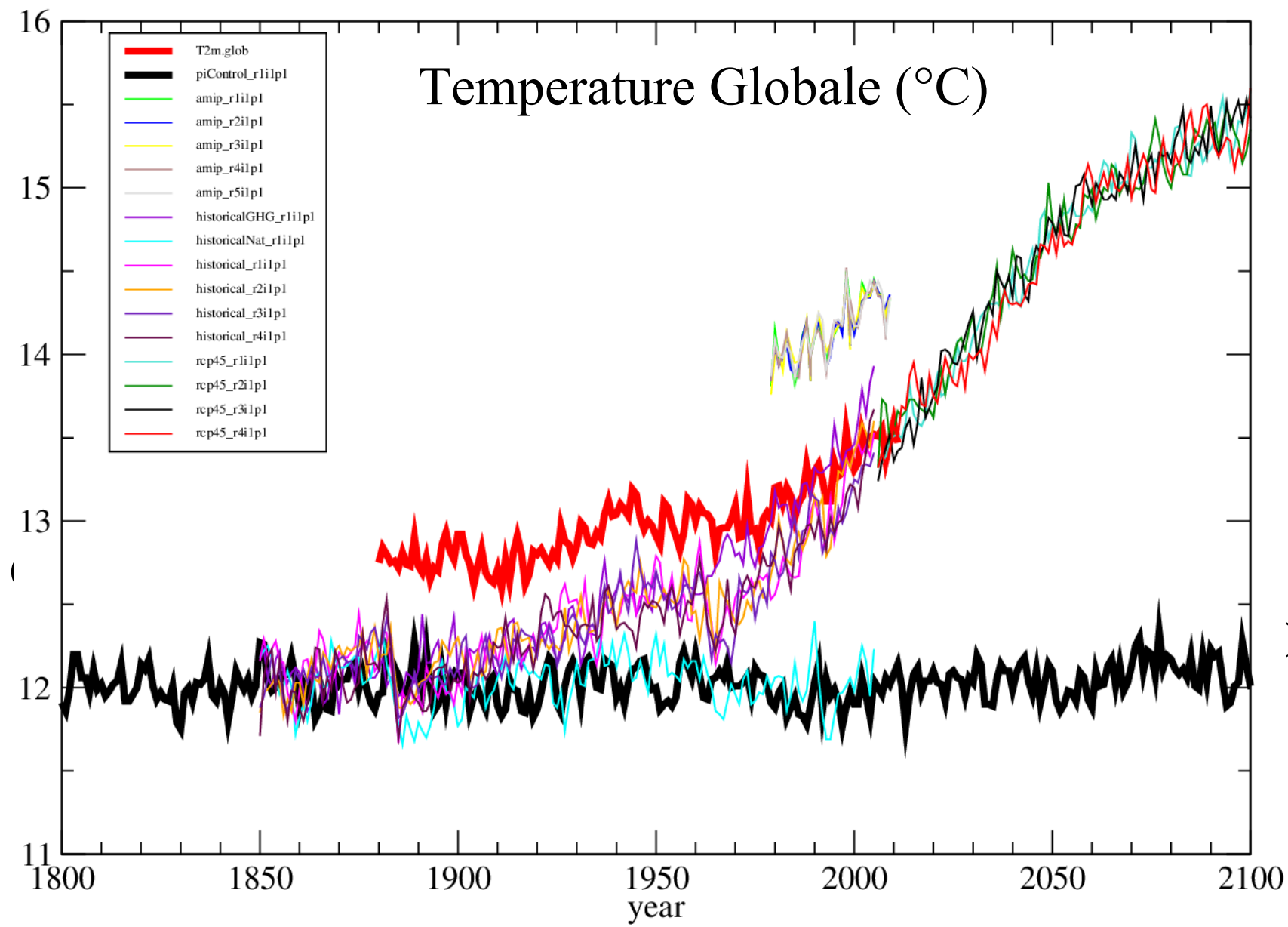
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Flux solaire moyen
10W-10E Juillet Aout



es au nord

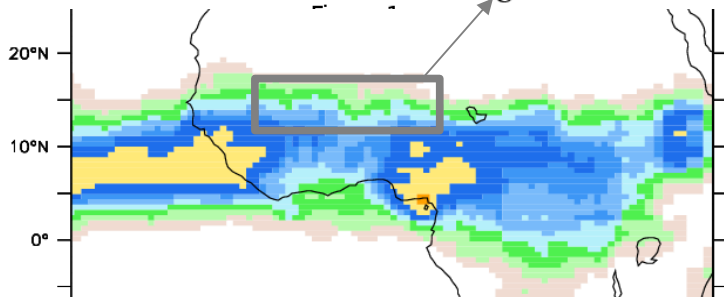
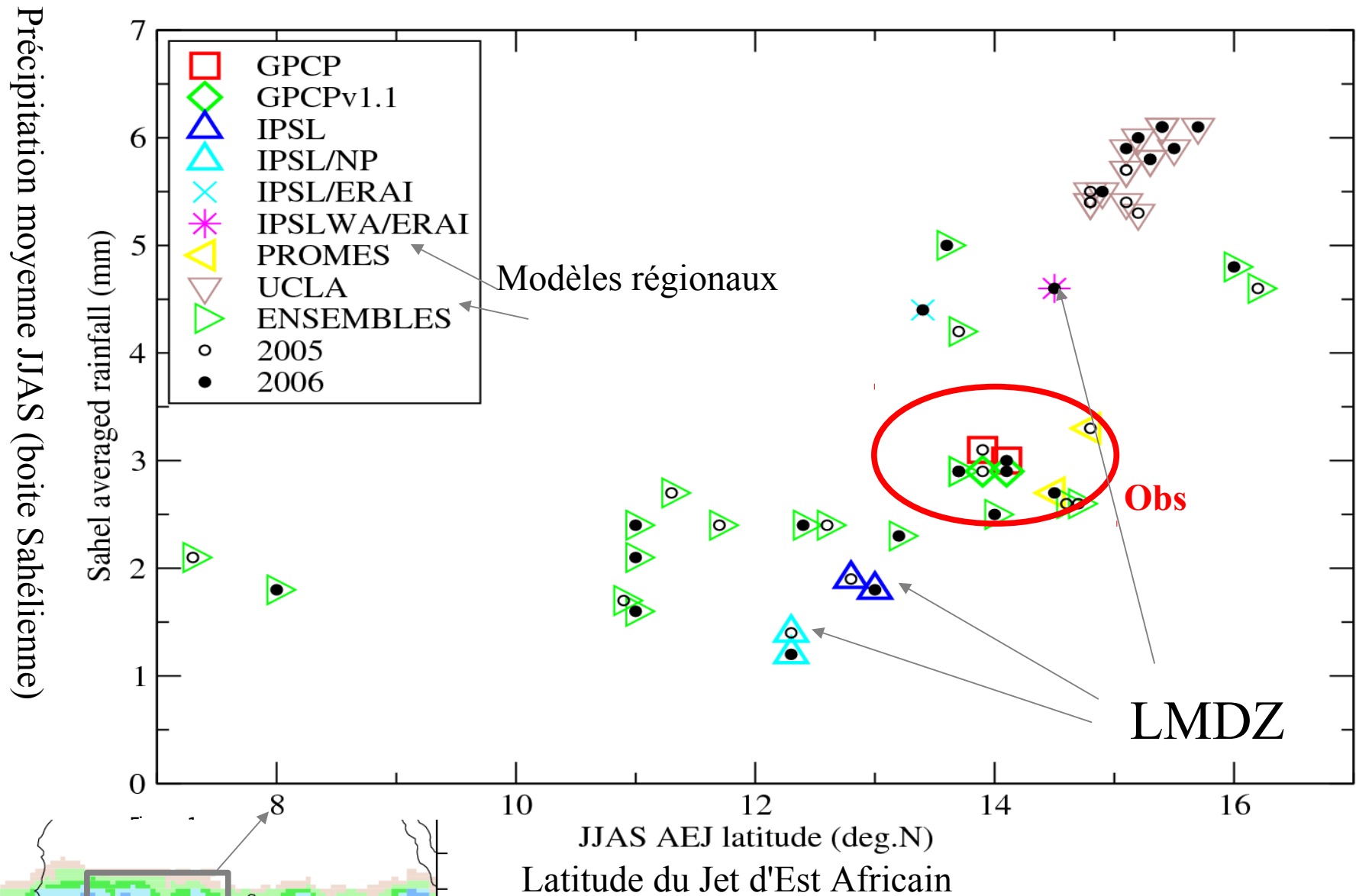




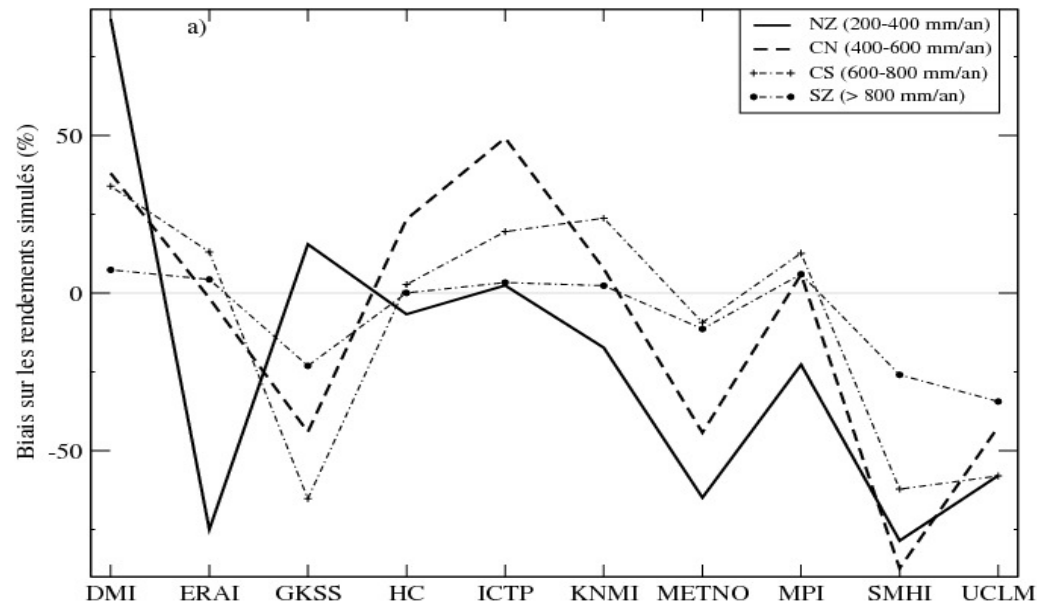
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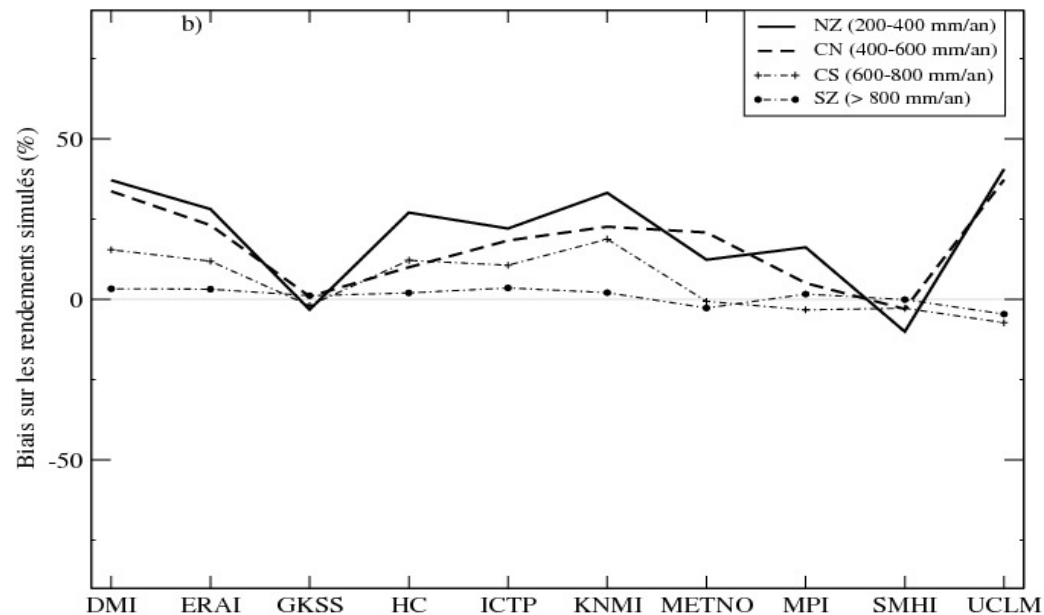
Global runs from AMMA-MIP and regional runs from ENSEMBLES



III. Etudes d'impact



Impact sur le rendement du changement de la pluie seule (pluies RCM Ensemble)

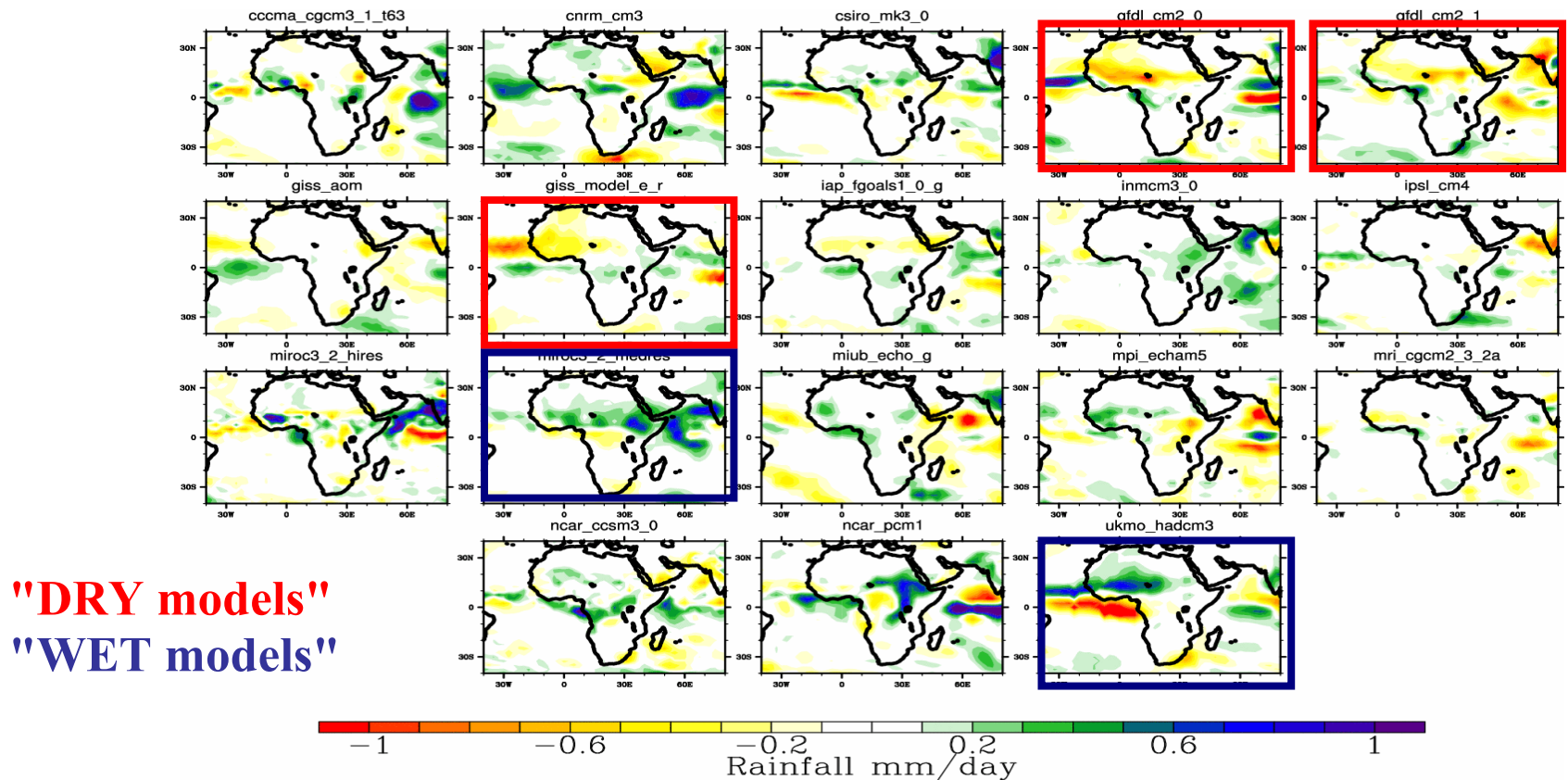


Impact de la variabilité intrasaisonnière de la pluie (avec le même cumul pour tous les modèles)

Contexte

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- Projections climatiques particulièrement incertaines
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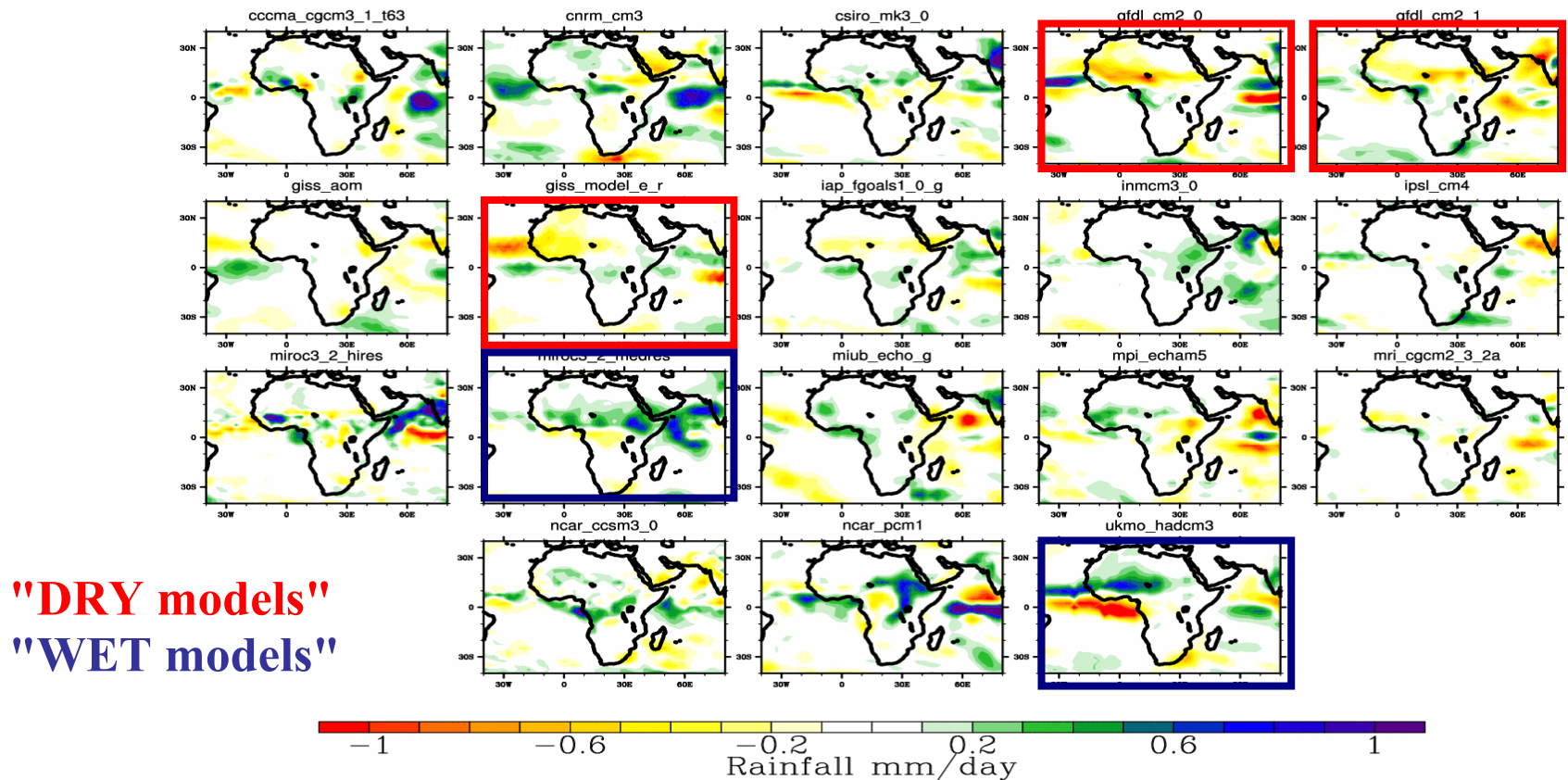
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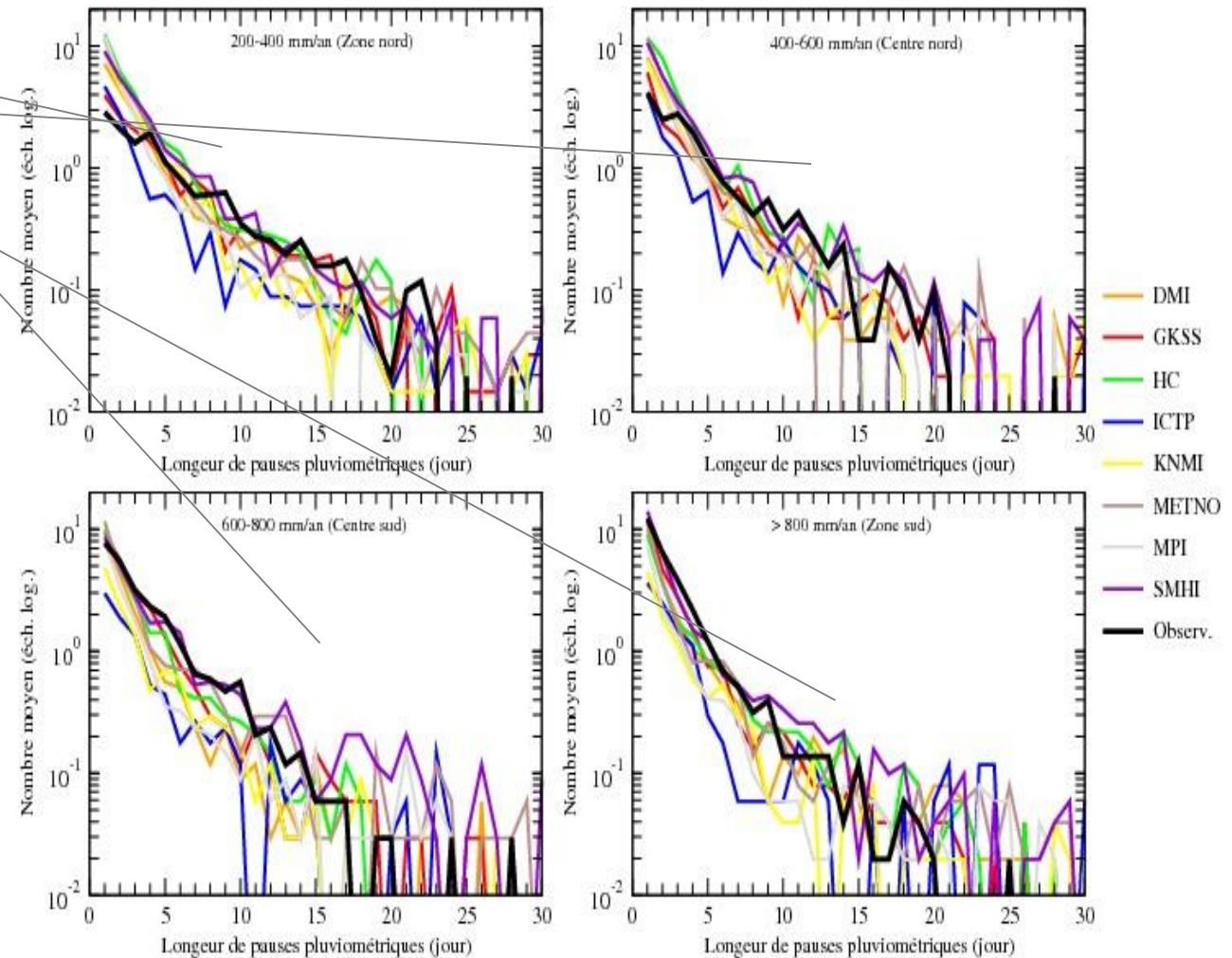
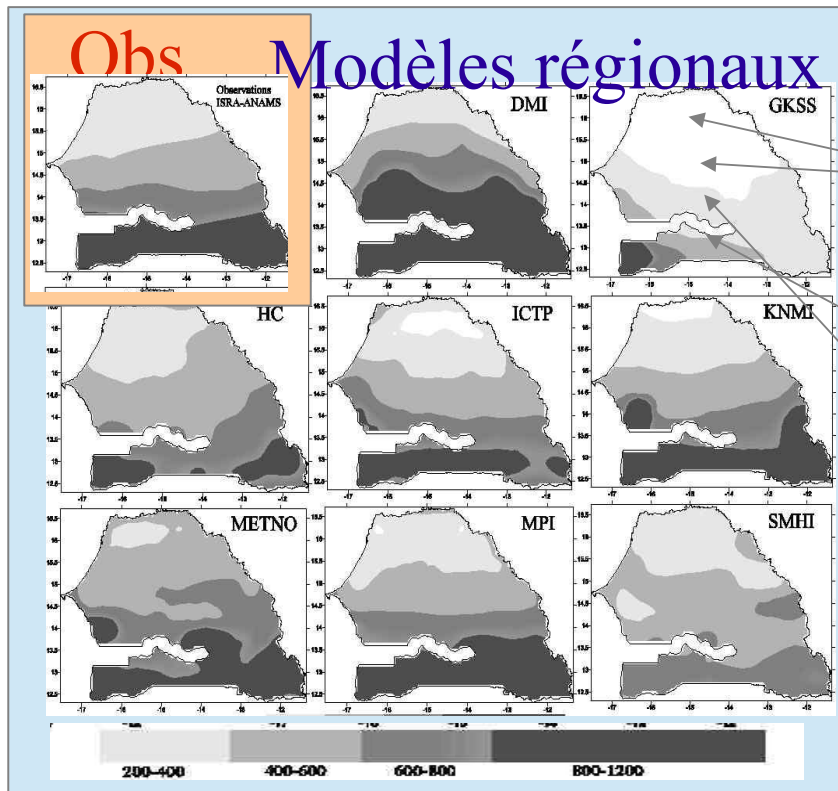
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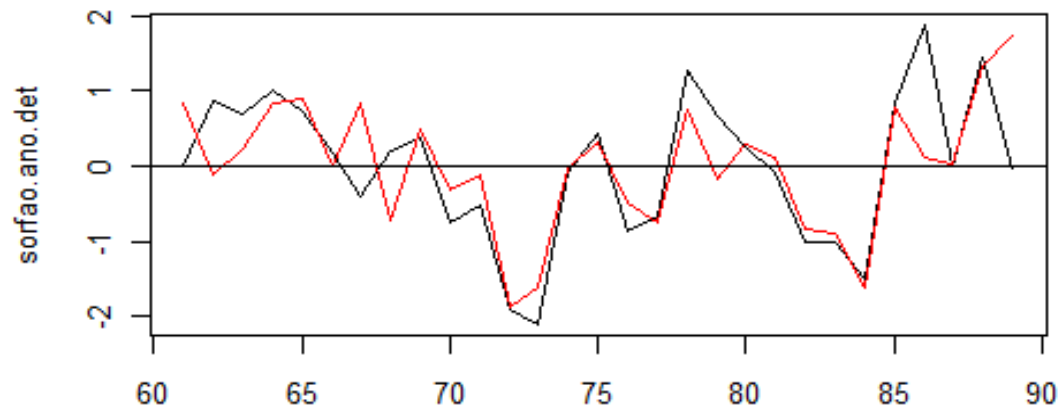
Surestimation des pauses courtes au nord



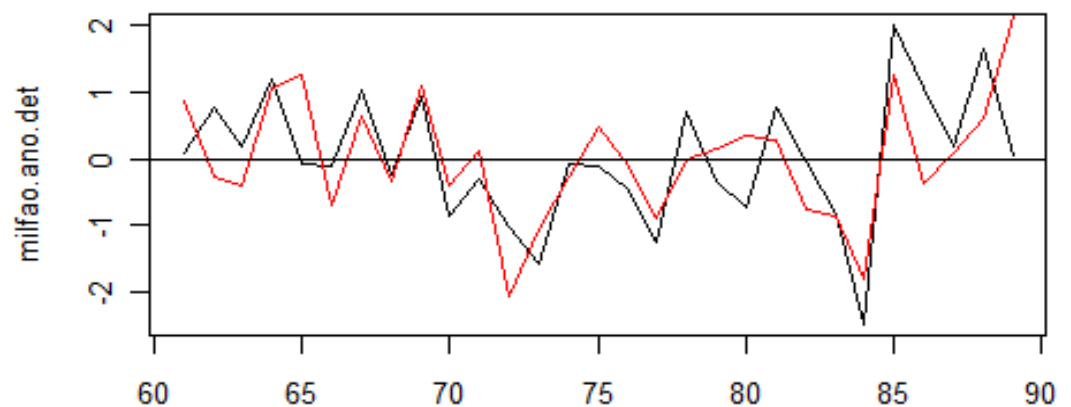
Rendement simulé vs Rendement FAO en moyenne sur toute l'Afrique de l'Ouest

Question : avez vous testé la méthode de +dT +dPr en incast

SORGHO (R=0.71)



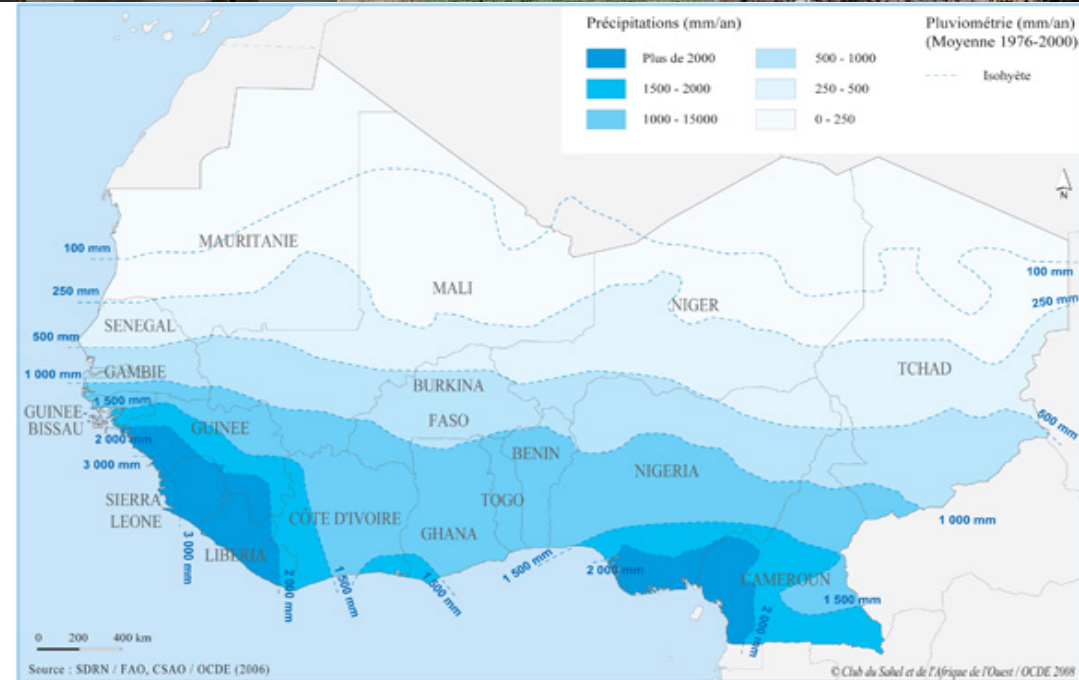
MIL (R=0.63)



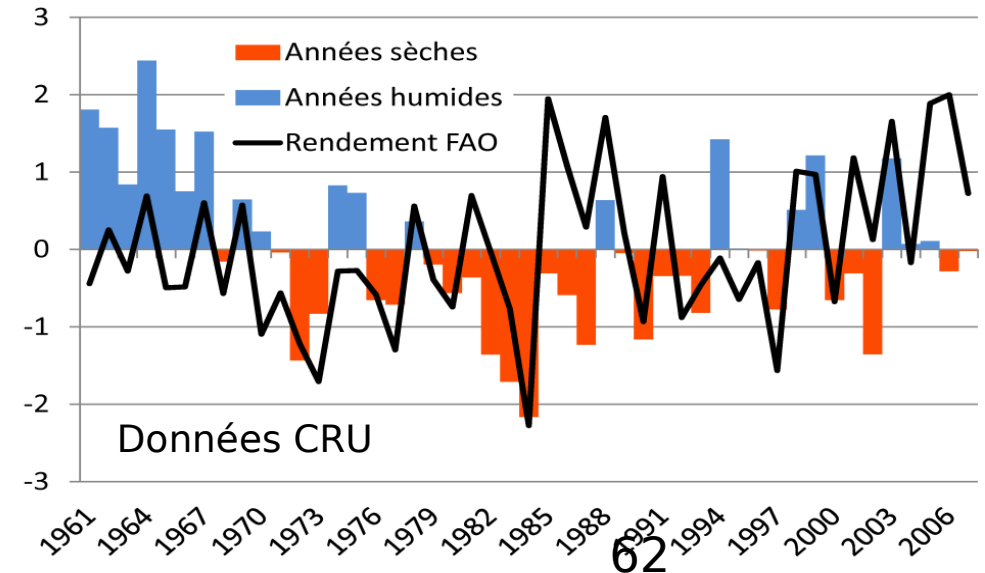
Le modèle SARRAH marche bien
(mais on a enlevé la trend et les séries sont standardisées)

Relations climat/agriculture

- Une agriculture pluviale
- Une forte variabilité pluviométrique interannuelle
- Déficit pluviométrique important dans les 70s, 80s, 90s
- Un lien important entre climat et rendement:
 - Observations
 - Perceptions

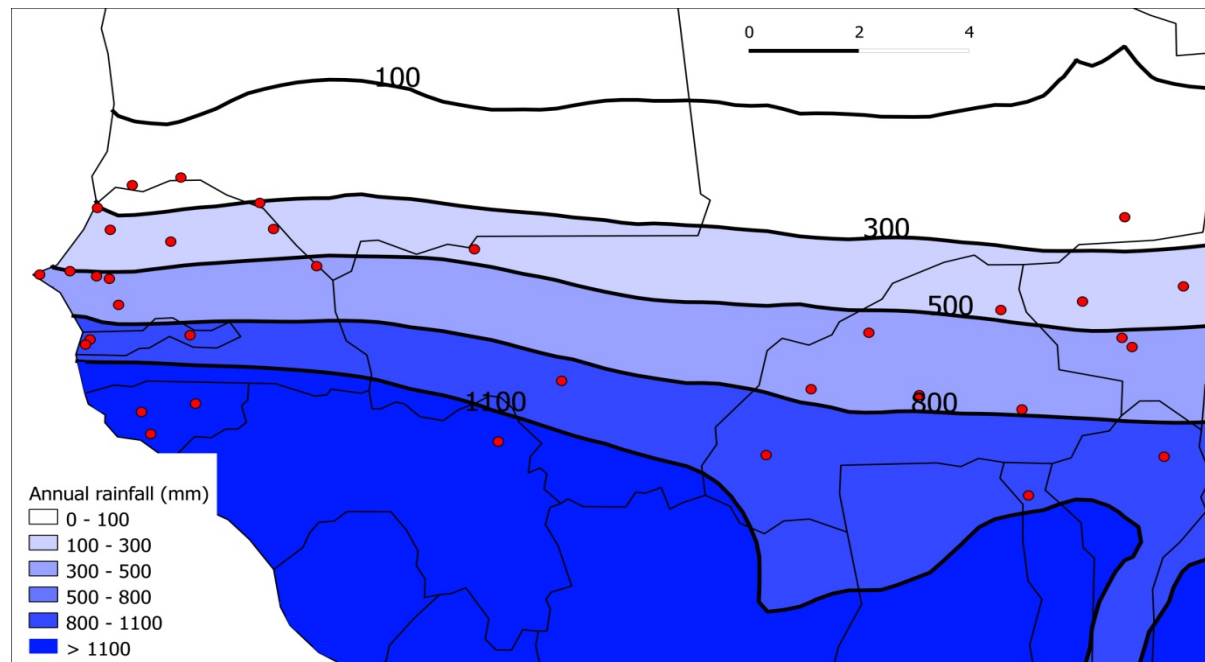


Indice standardisé



Méthodologie de l'étude d'impact

- 35 stations
- Période actuelle: 1961/1990
- 3 variétés de mil + 3 de sorgho



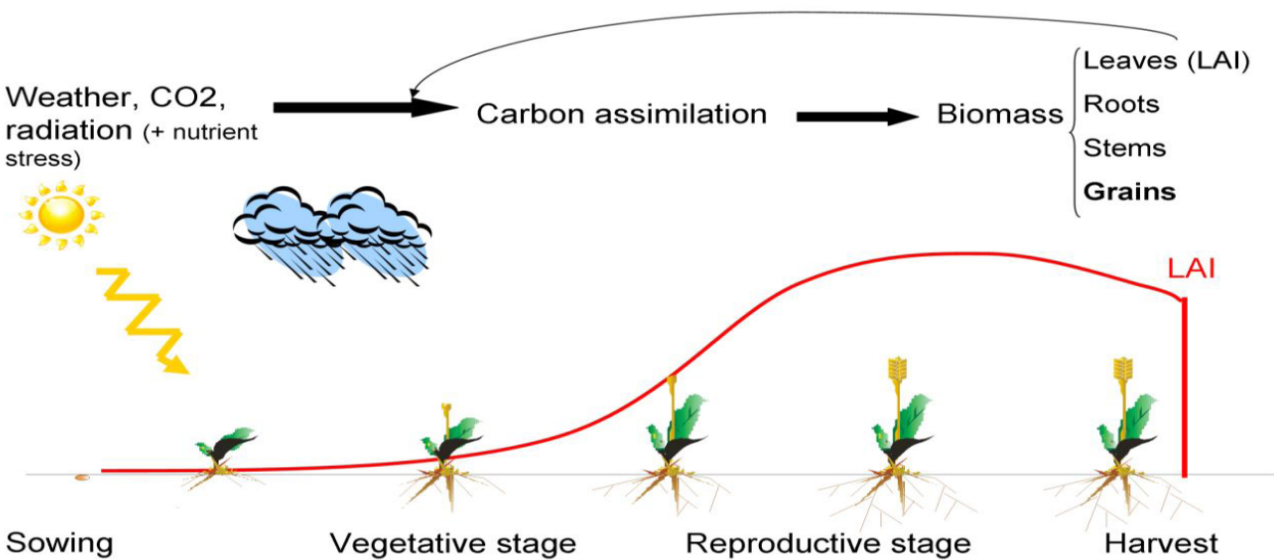
- Pluie : de -20% à +20%
- Température : de +0°C à +6°C
- Méthode des deltas
- 35 scénarii climatiques



Dingkuhn et al. (2003)

Utilisation des scénarii comme données d'entrée pour le modèle agronomique SARRA-H

Le modèle agronomique SARRA-H



- Modèle conçu pour l'Afrique de l'Ouest
- 3 grands axes: (i) bilan hydrique, (ii) bilan carboné de la plante, (iii) phénologie de la plante

➔ Bonne représentation de l'influence du climat sur les rendements

