

***Climate Change/Global warming Effects on Potato  
Diseases/Pests - 18 Nov 2013, Jerusalem Dan Panorama***

**Climate Changes over Israel & Mediterranean;  
Recent Observations and Future Predictions**

**Pinhas Alpert**

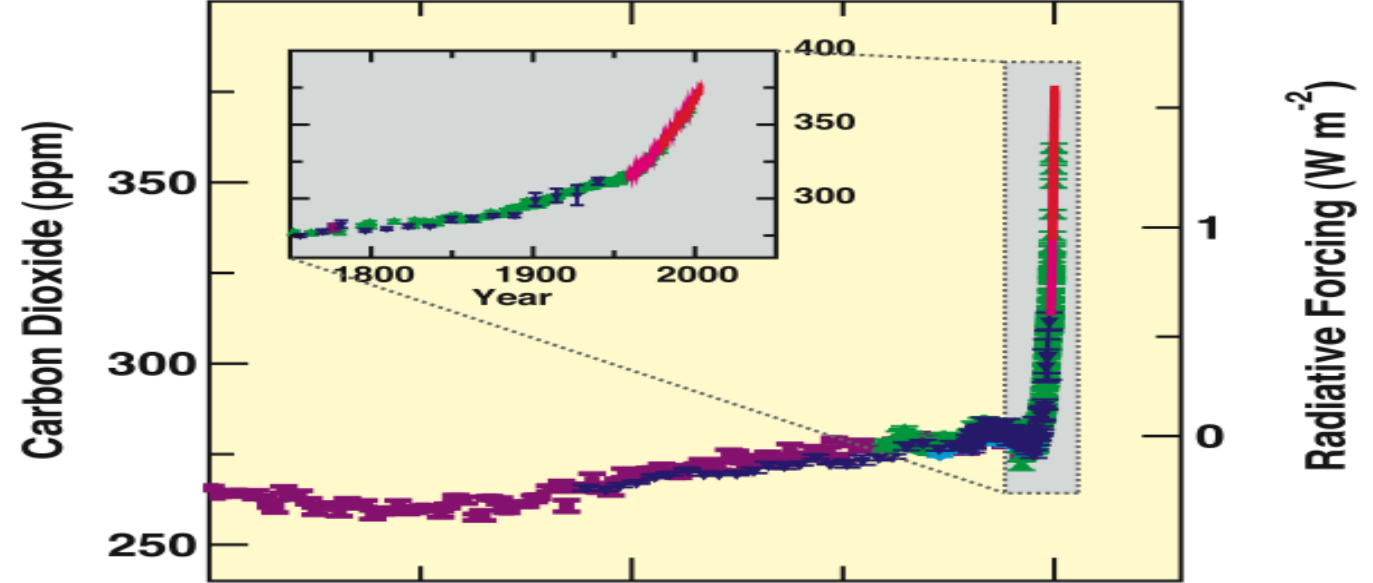
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# Outline

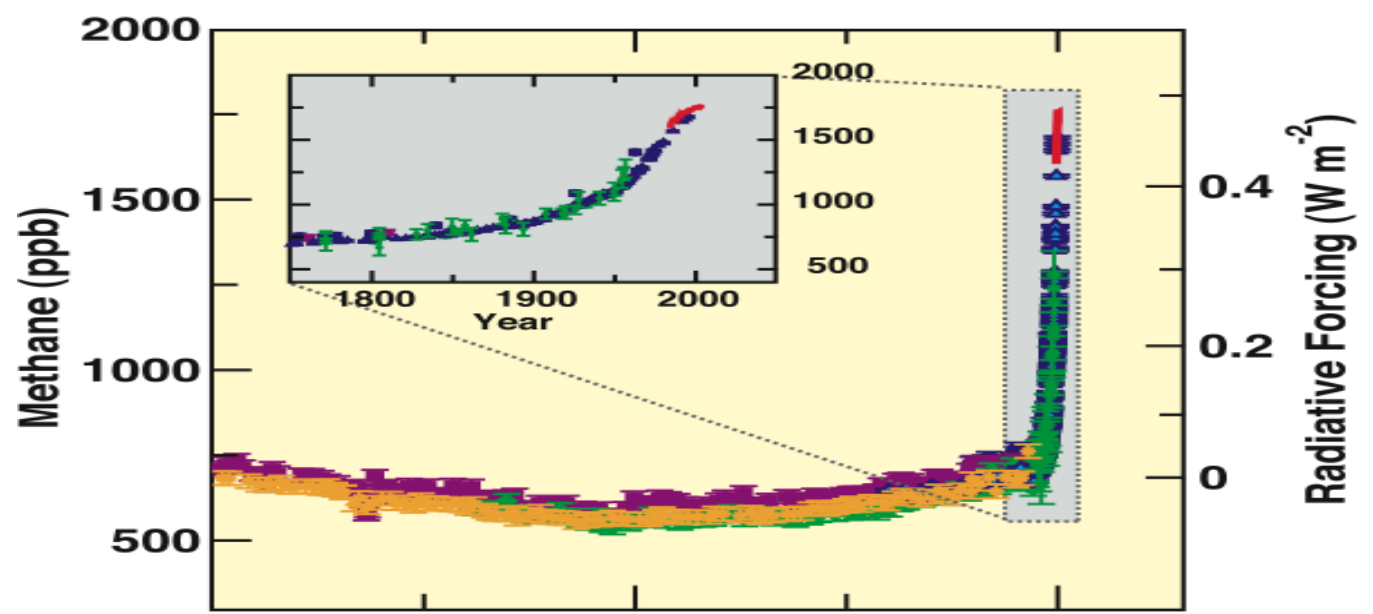
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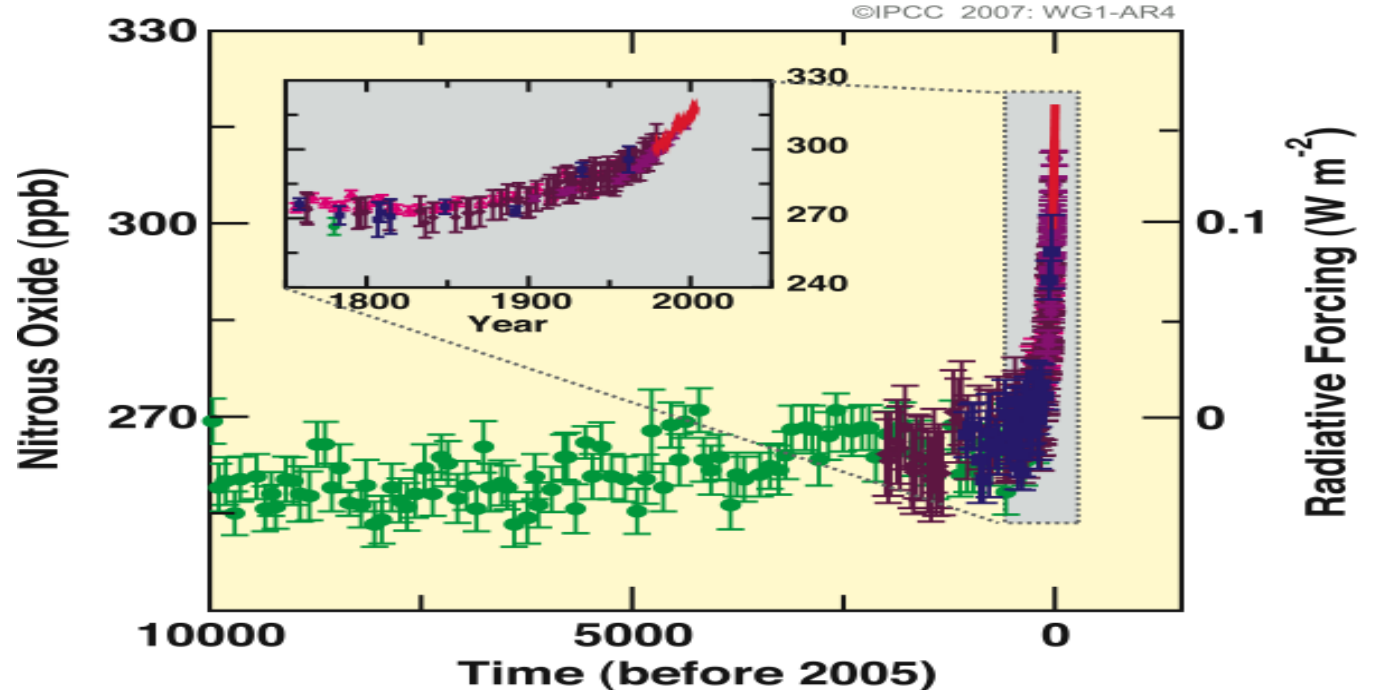
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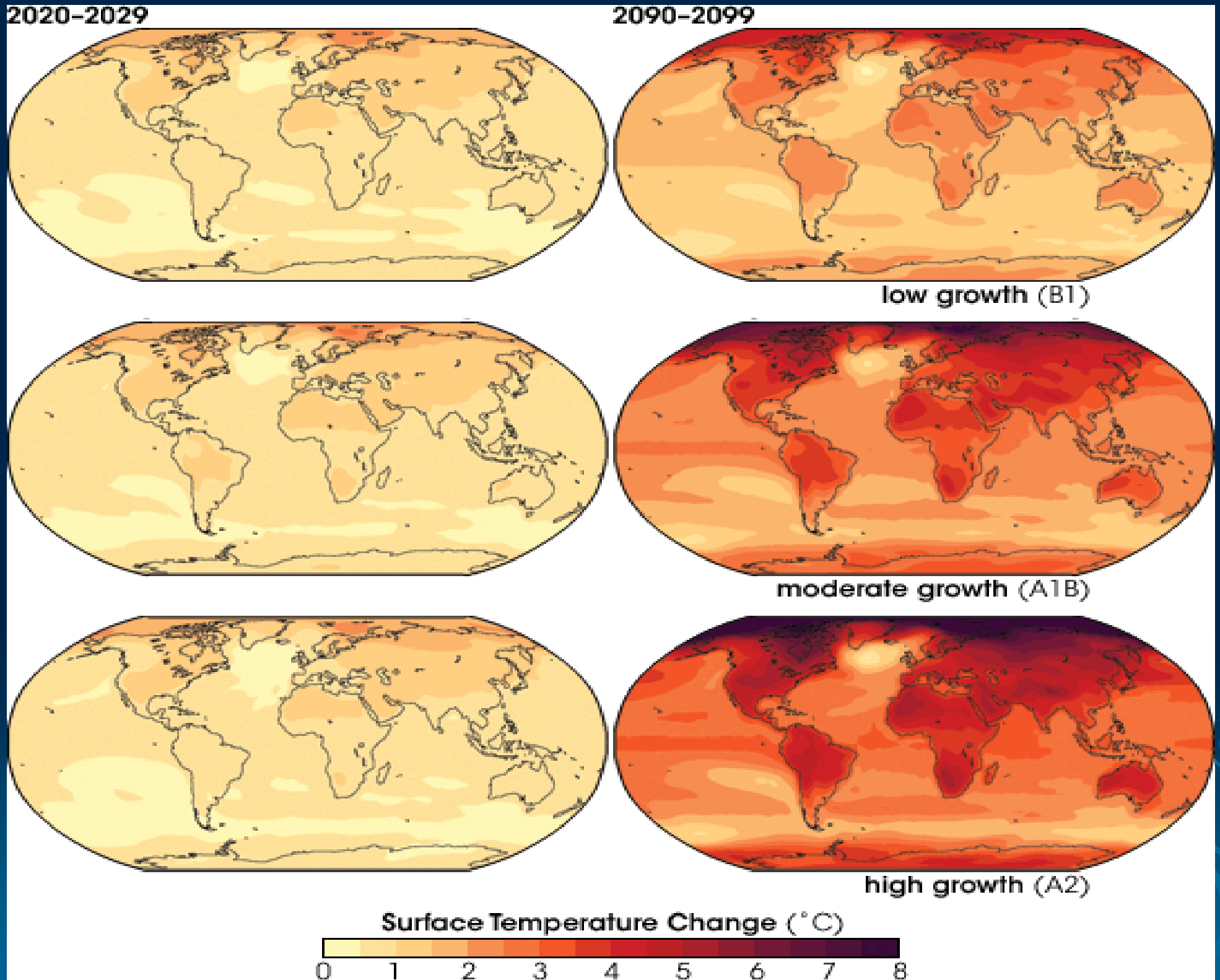
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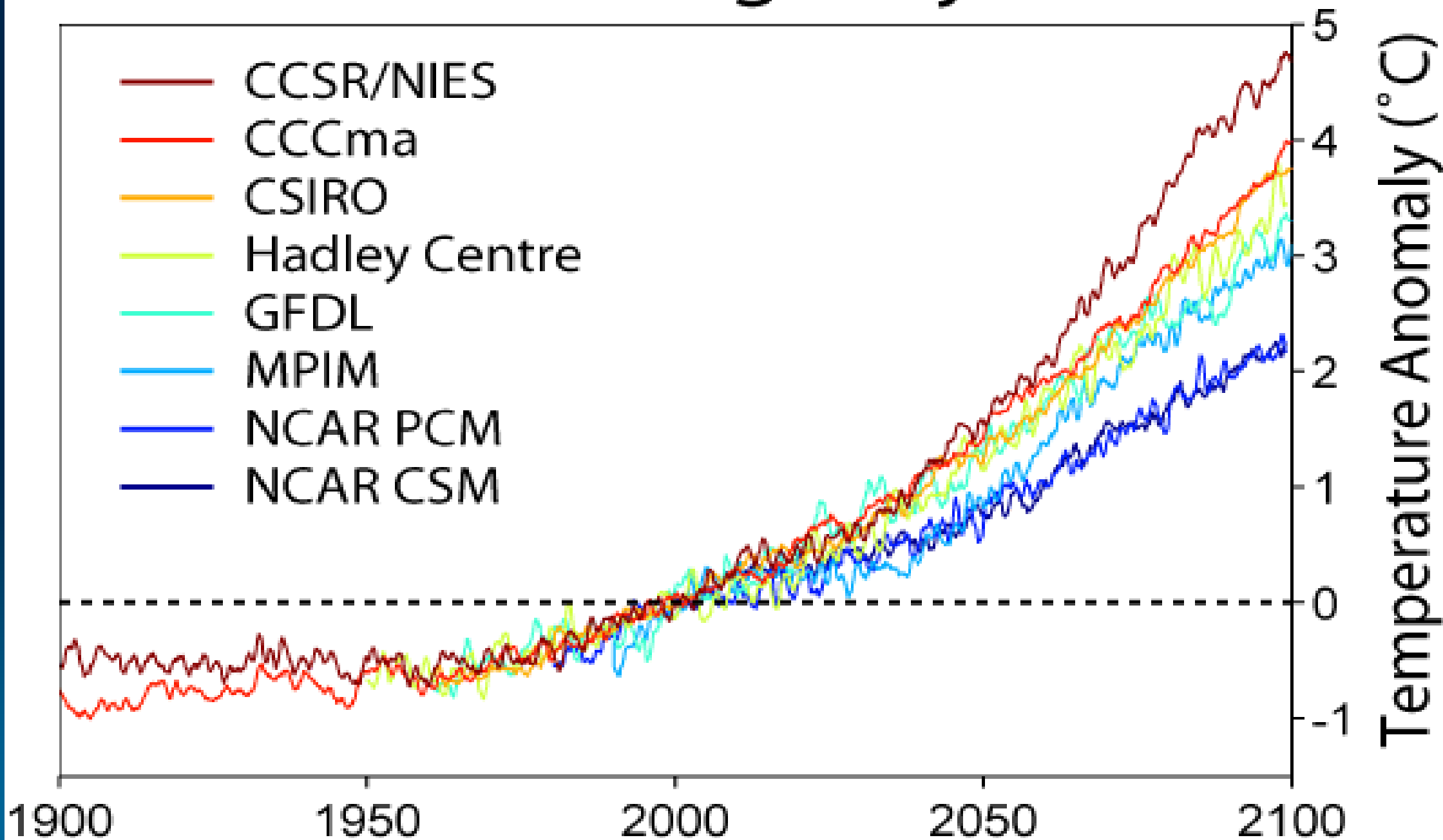
Graph for 10,000 years showing the huge jump in ALL greenhouse gases at the time of the industrial revolution.

# Surface Temperature Change under 3 SRES scenarios

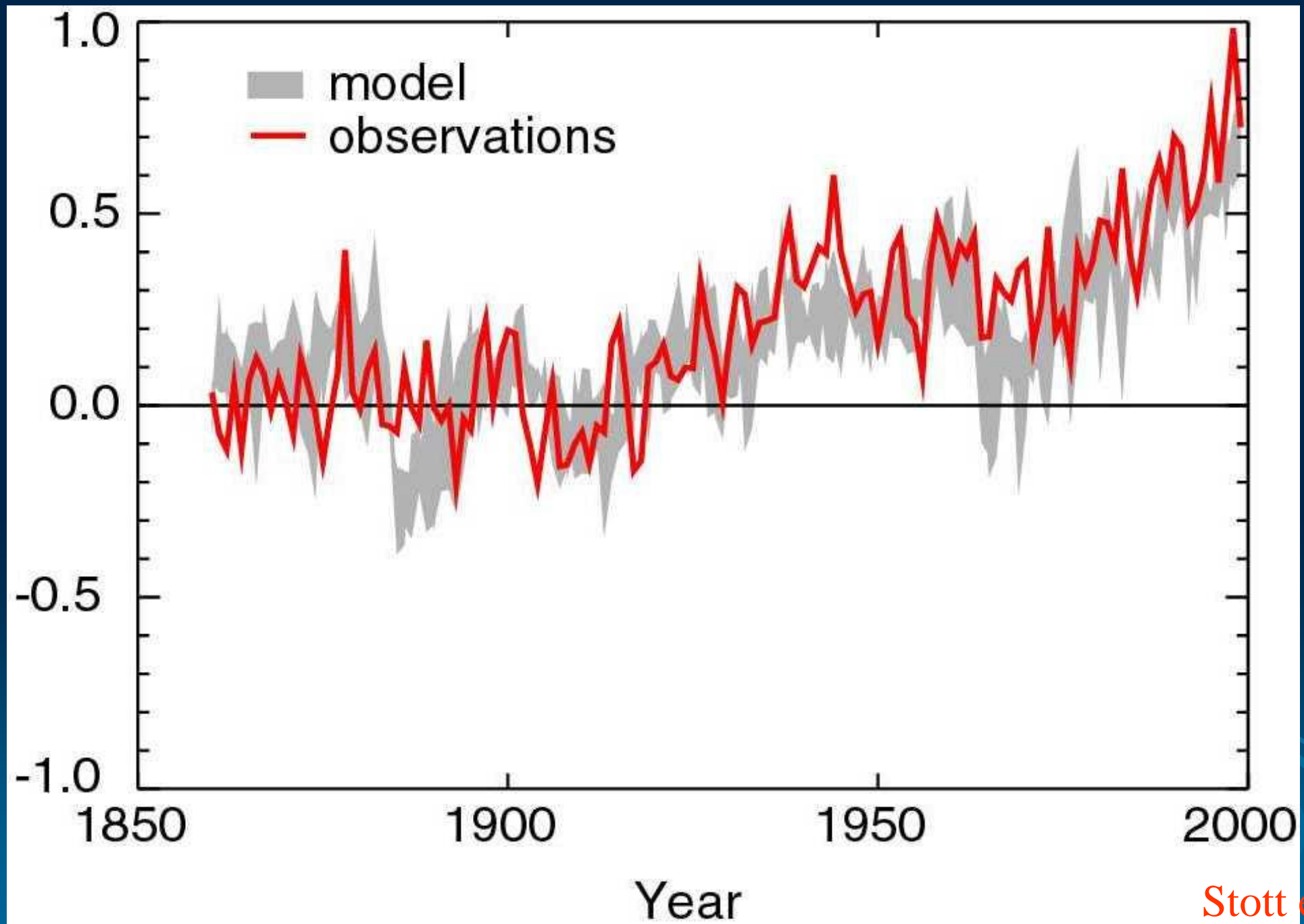


# 19 IPCC models (100-200km resolution) – Range of results

## Global Warming Projections

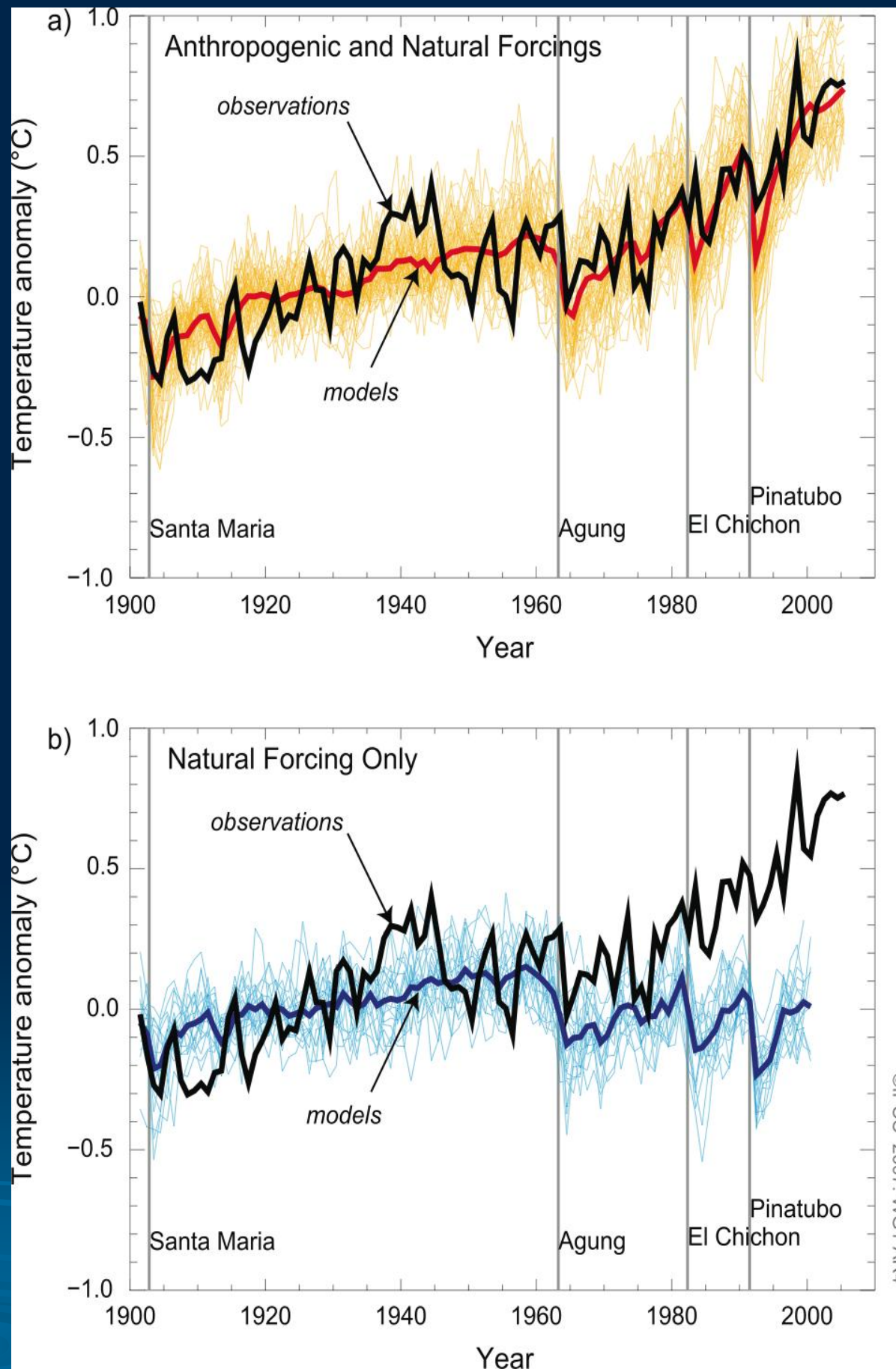


# Global mean temperature from an ensemble of 4 simulations using natural and anthropogenic forcing



Stott et al,  
Science 2000

Models with only natural forcings cannot reproduce the observed temperature trend after 1950



## Thanks to our Regional Climate group

- Dr. S.O. Krichak,
- Dr. R. Samuels,
- J. Fengjun,
- J. Breitgand



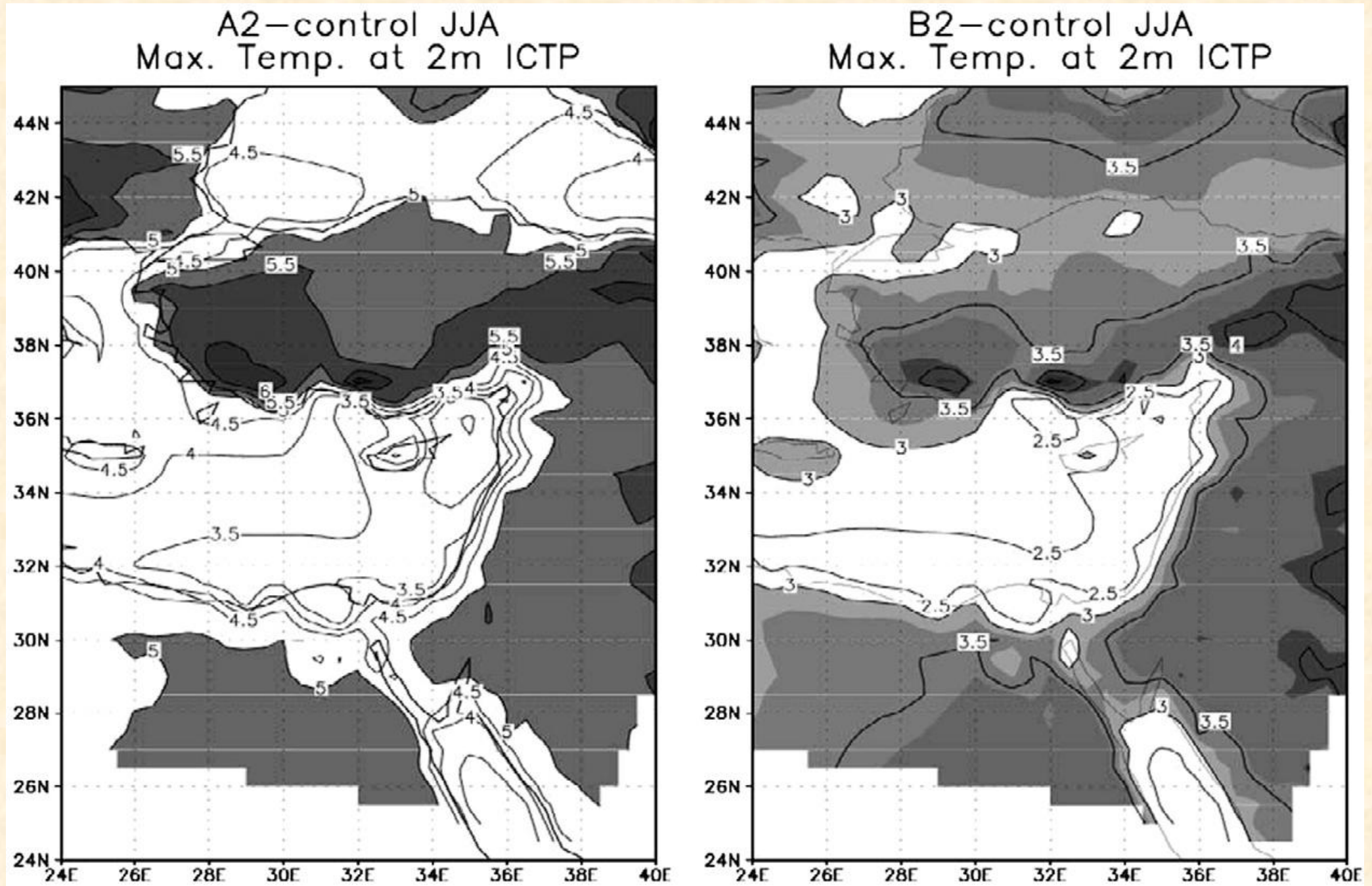
## Three higher resolution models are being evaluated

- 1. 50 km interval RCM- RegCM3 (TAU Research Group).  
period run: 1960-2060**
- 2. 25 km interval RCM- RegCM3 (TAU Research Group).  
period run: 1960-2060**
- 3. 20 km interval GCM (Japanese Research Group + TAU)  
Future runs (time-slices): 2015-2035 & 2075-2099  
I'll start first with our TAU earlier time-slices run (2071-2100)  
vs. (1961-1990)**

Year **2008-9** :

**Regional Climate Model  
A2 and B2 2071-2100  
Earlier RCM Runs**

# RCM 2071-2100



P. Alpert, S. O. Krichak, M. Dayan and H. Shafir, "Climatic trends over the Eastern Mediterranean: past and future projections", [CLIVAR Exchanges](#), 11, 2, 12-13, April 2006.

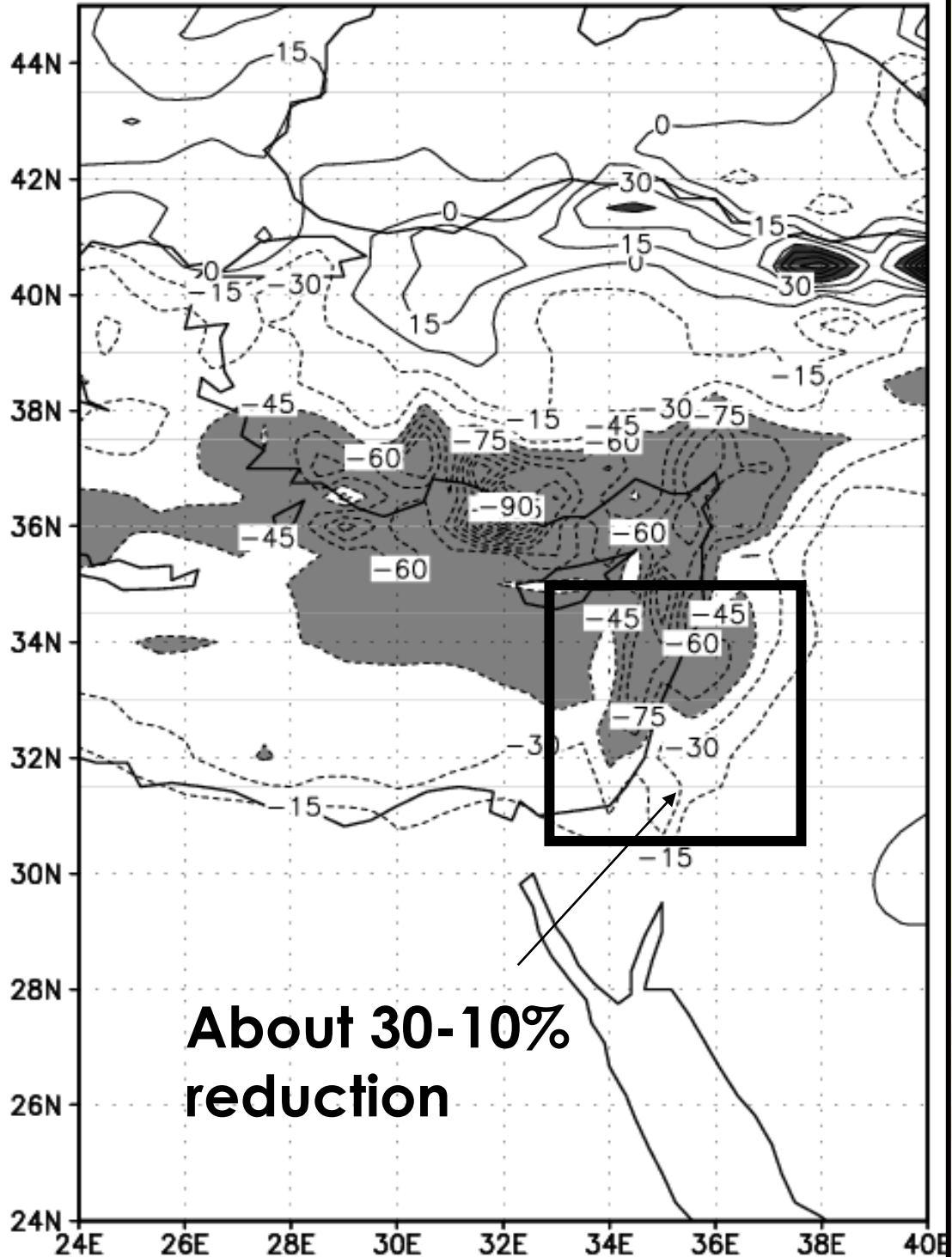


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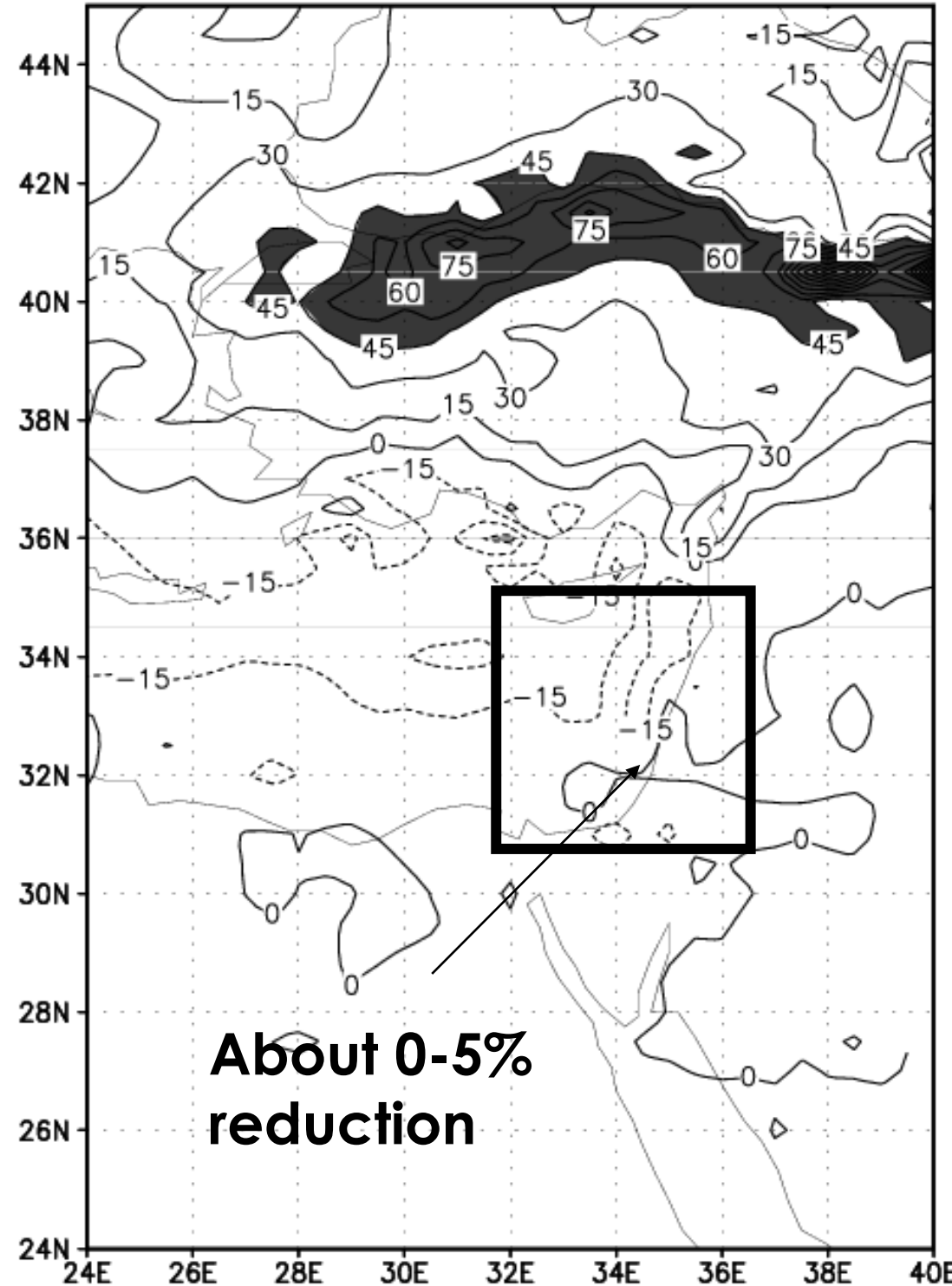
# Winter (DJF) Rainfall Differences



A2-control DJF seasonal precipitation (mm) ICTP



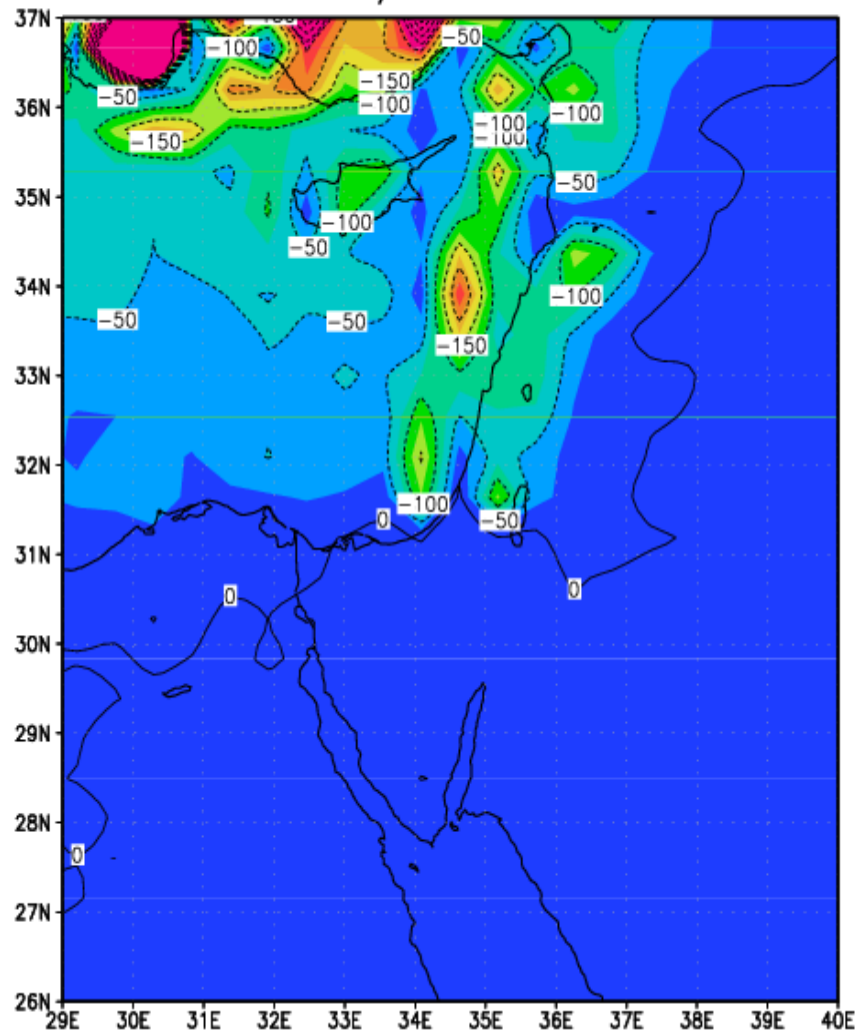
B2-control DJF seasonal precipitation (mm) ICTP



# Precipitation difference 2071-2100 vs 1961-1990 control run vs. scenarios

## A2

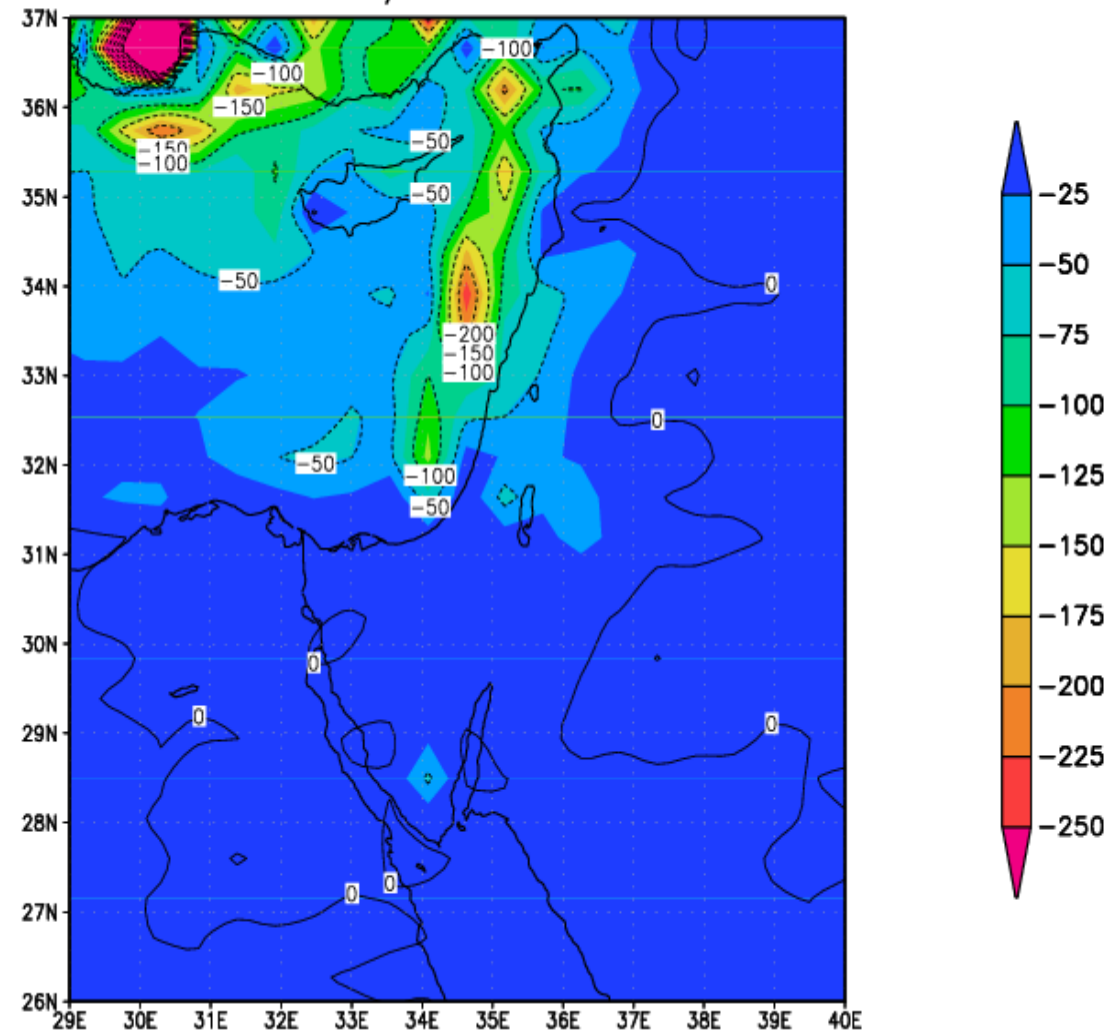
Annual precip. difference (A2-ctrl)  
2070-2100/1960-1990 50km



**50-100 mm/y ↓**

## B2

Annual precip. difference (B2-ctrl)  
2070-2100/1960-1990 50km



**~50 mm/y ↓**

Year **2009-10**:

**Global Super High-Resolution Run  
the Water Budget analysis**



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## Climatic Trends

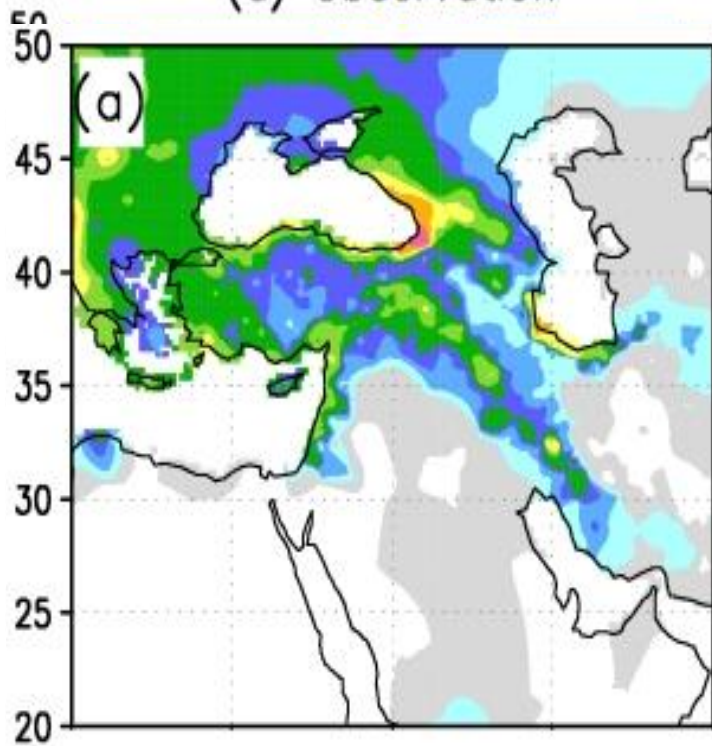
### Global super high-resolution run

Kitoh, Yatagai and Alpert, 2008: First super-high-resolution model projection that the ancient "Fertile Crescent" will disappear in this century. *Hydrological Research Letters*, 2, 1-4, DOI: 10.3178/HRL.2.1, 2008.

Der-Spiegel Report, April 2008

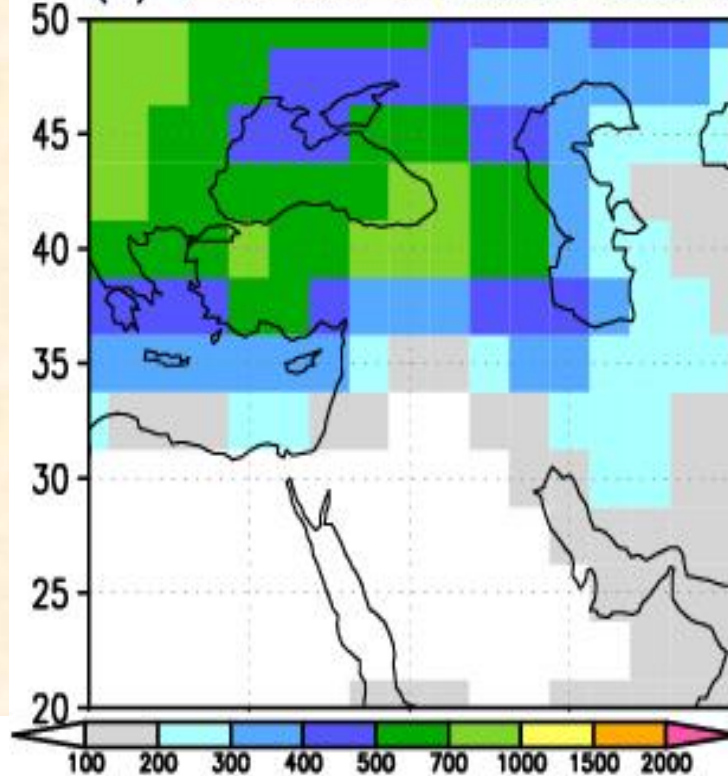
# Annual Rainfall-Middle East Observations & Models

(a) Observation



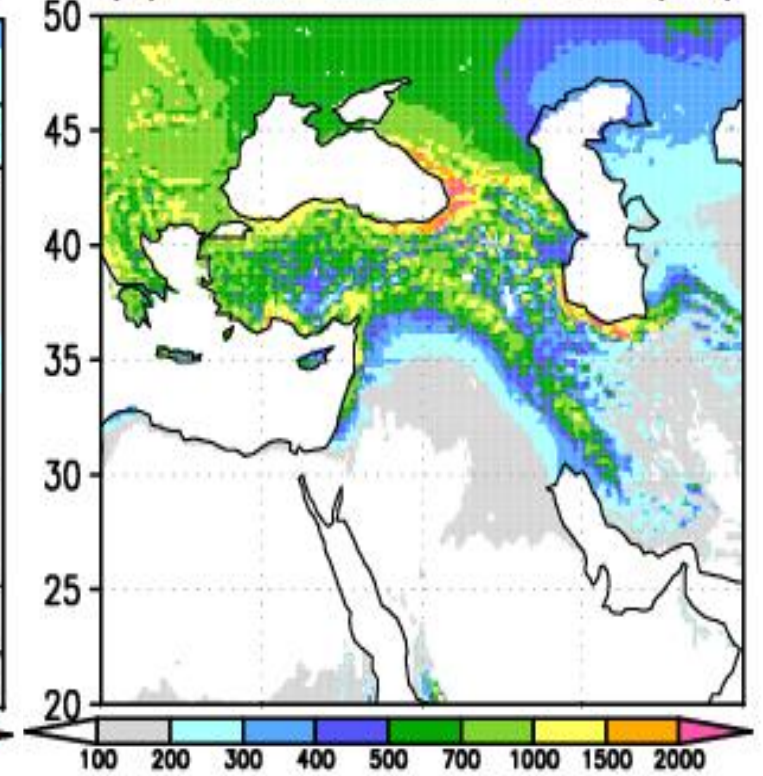
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(a) IPCC AR4 models Present



IPCC AR4 models

(a) 20km AGCM Present (AM)



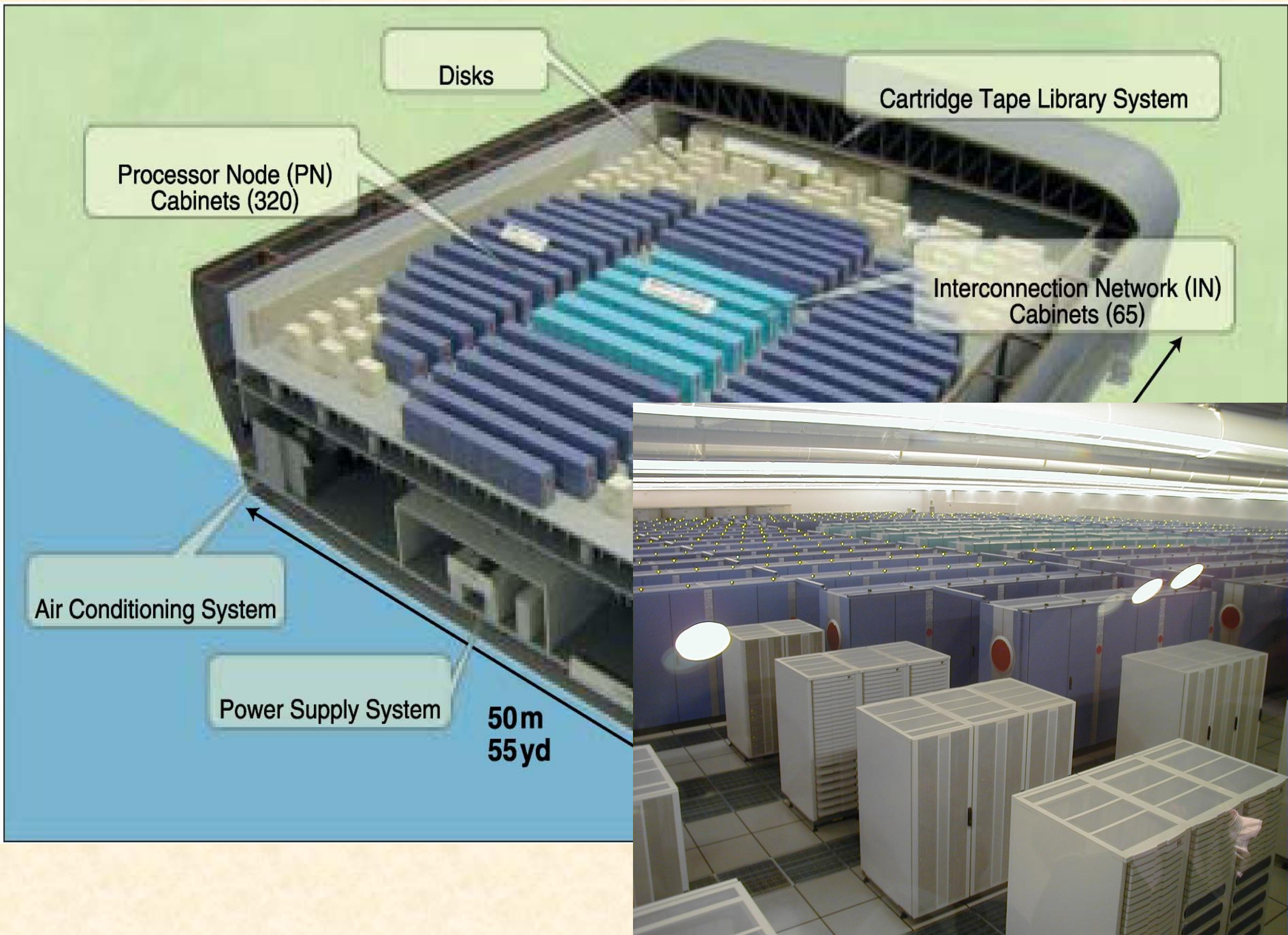
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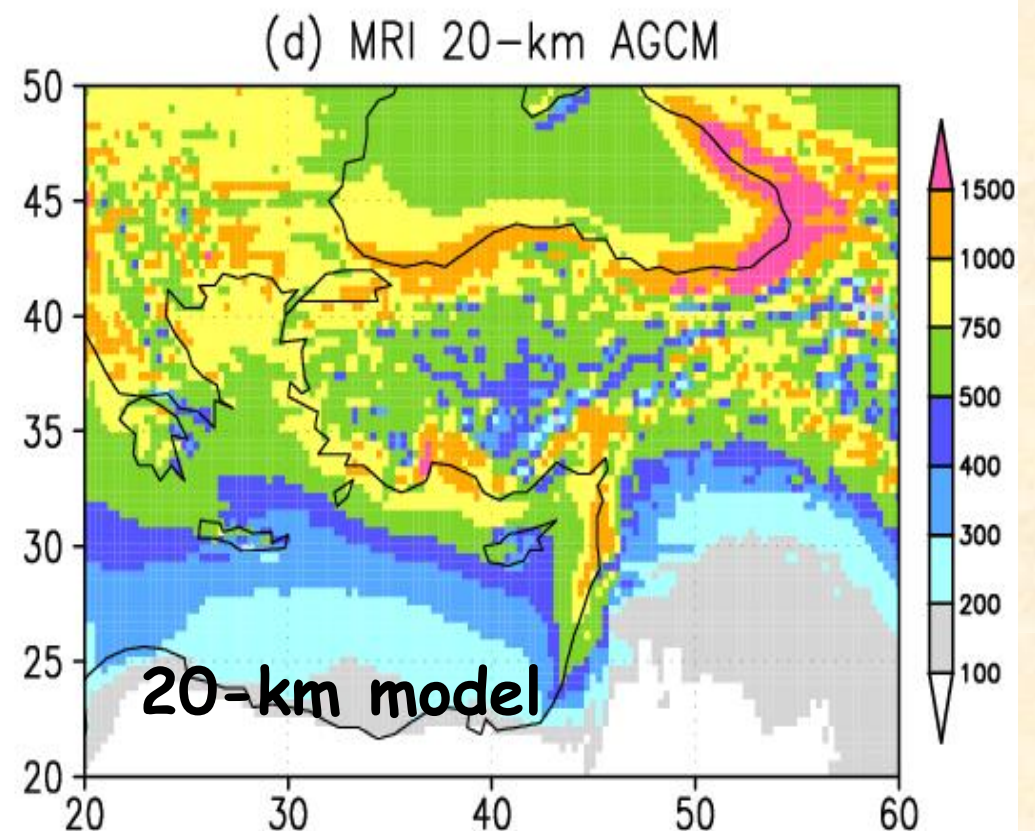
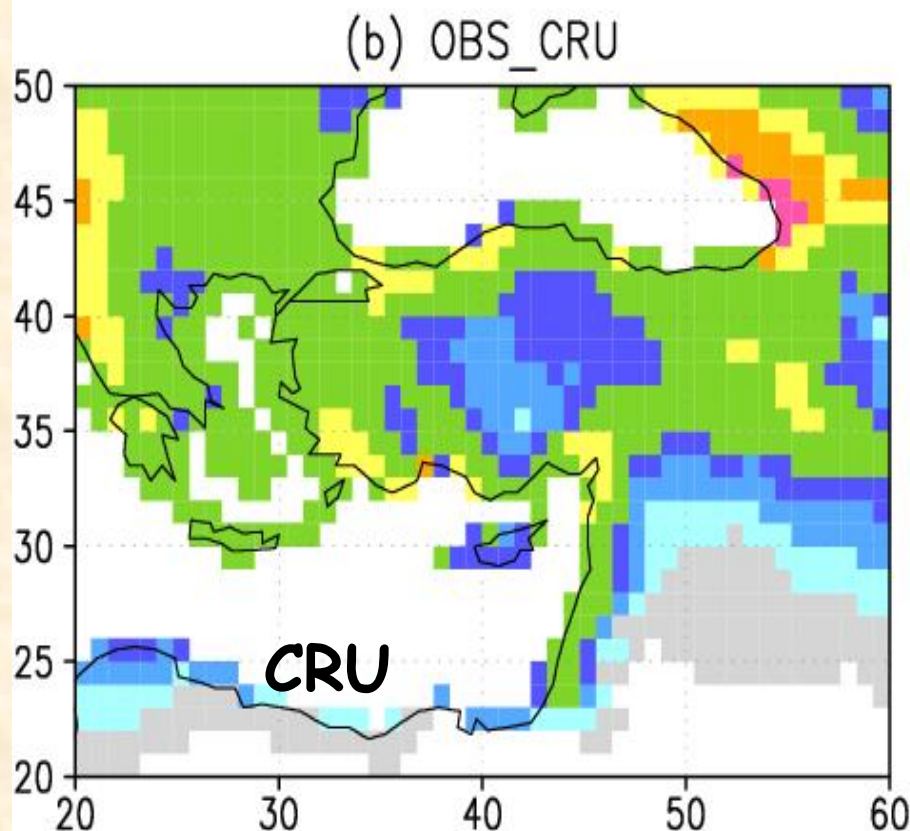
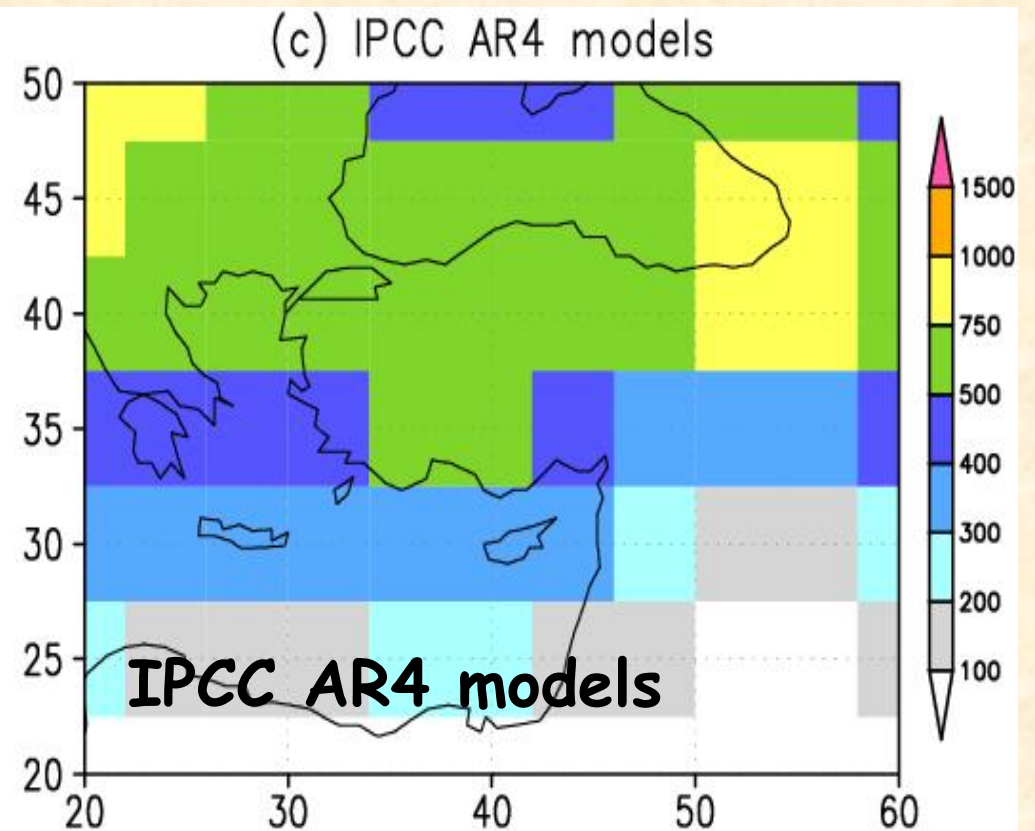
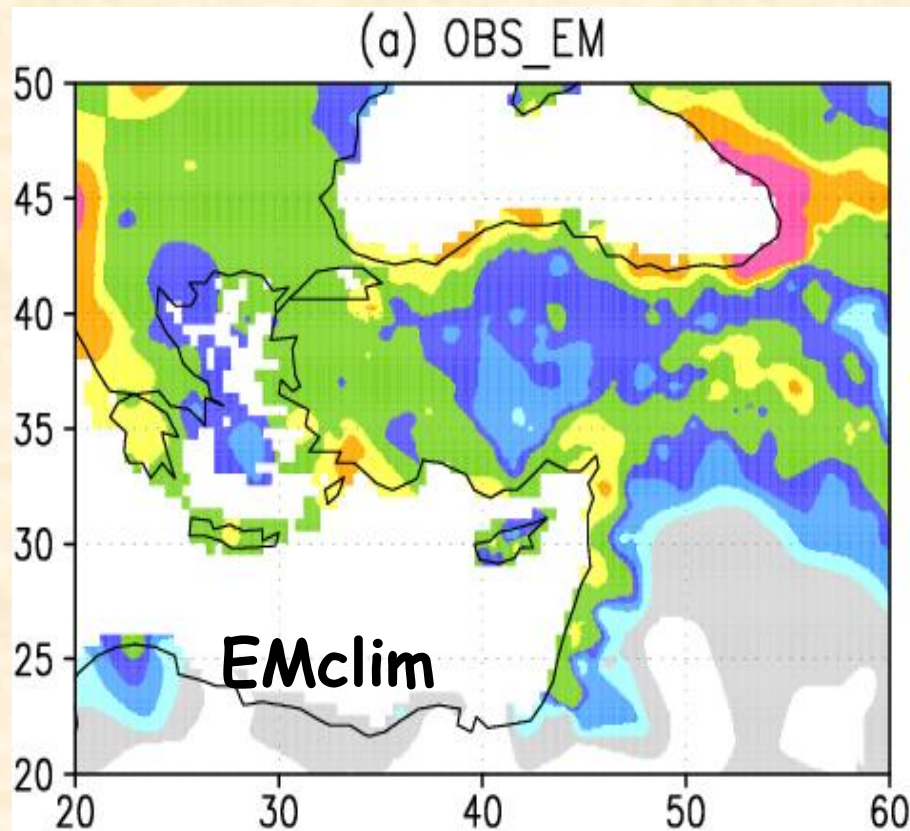
A. Yatagai, P. Alpert and P. Xie, "Development of a daily gridded precipitation data set for the Middle East, *Advance in Geosciences.*, 12, 1-6, 2008.



# The Earth Simulator



# Annual Precipitation (mm/year) left panels-OBS

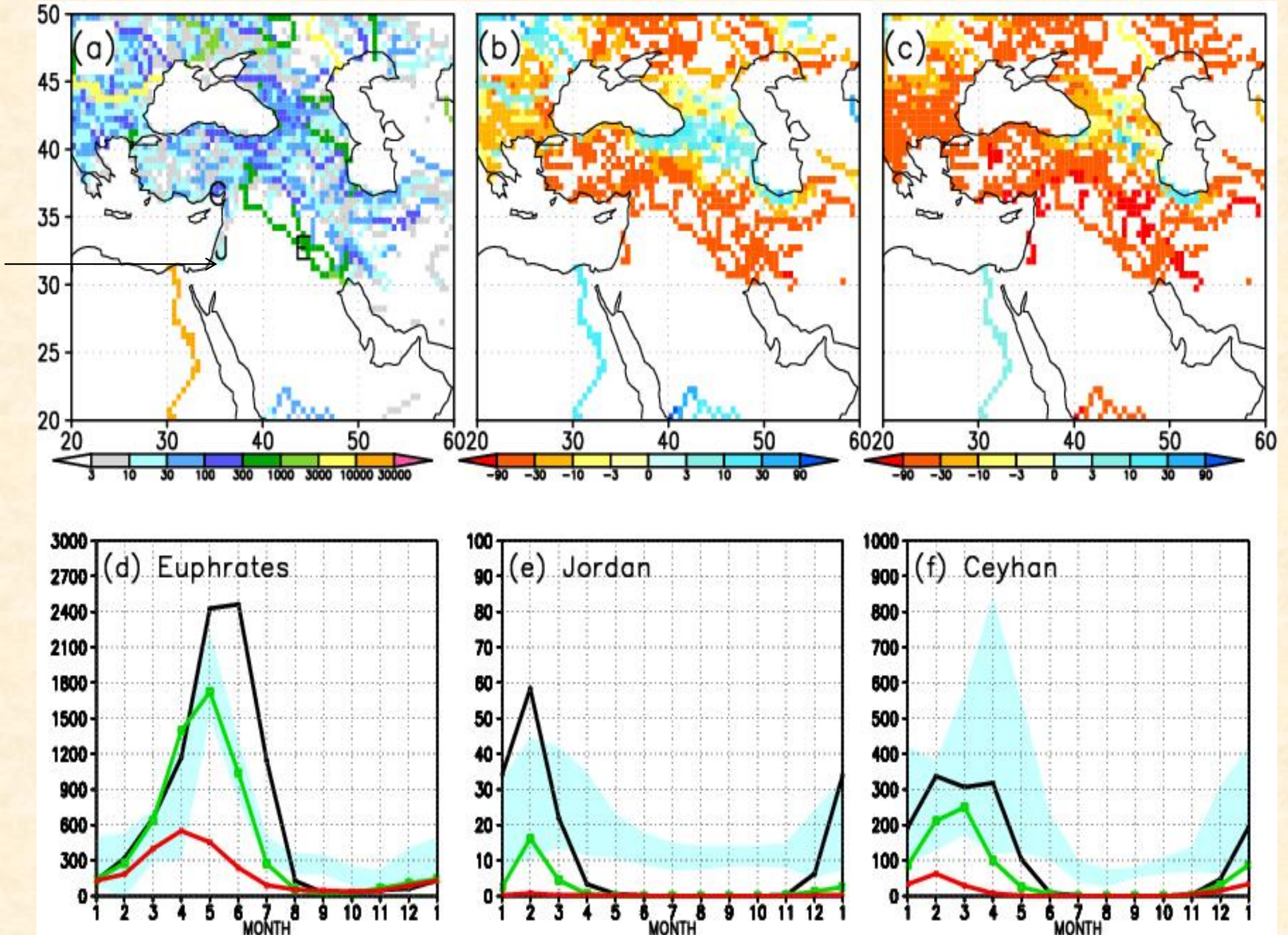


# 2081-2100 changes Streamflow in (m<sup>3</sup>/s)

20km present

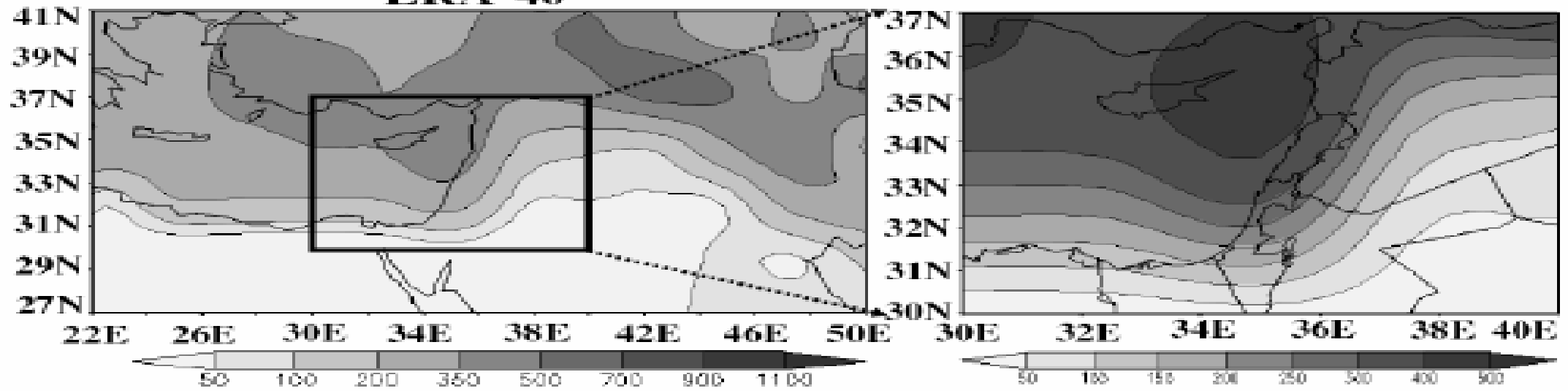
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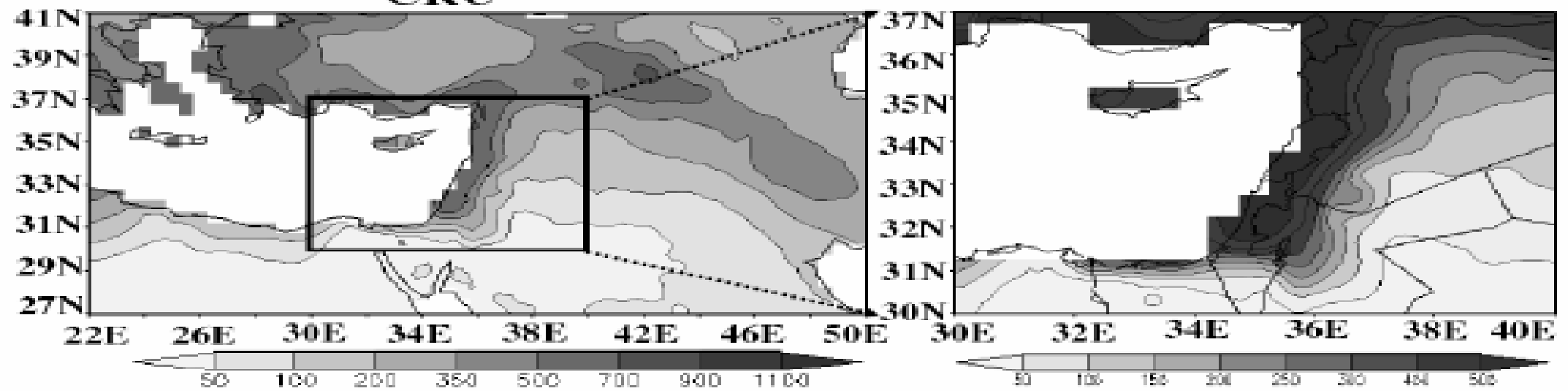


# Total seasonal (Oct-Apr) average precipitation for 1979-2002

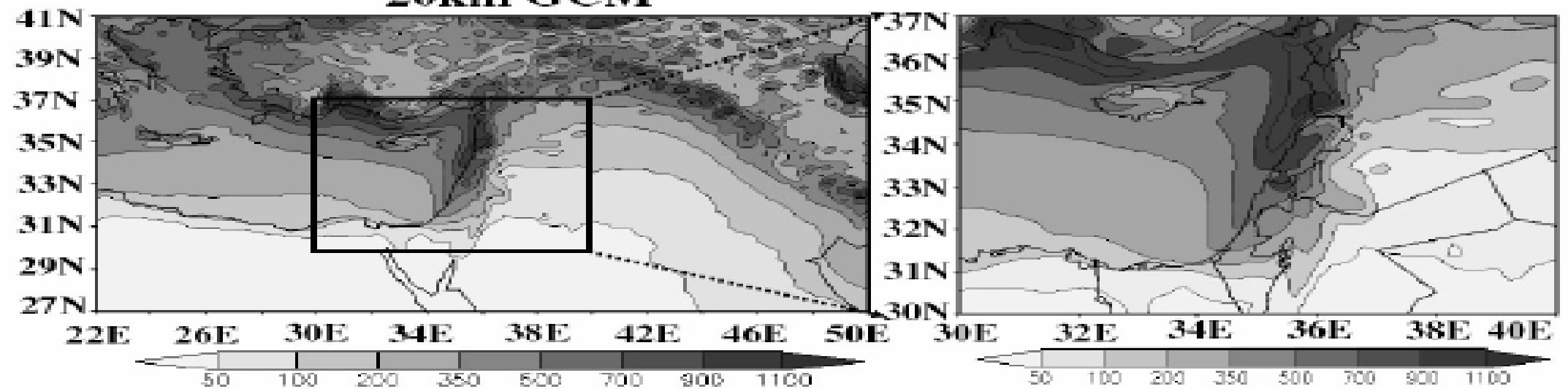
## ERA-40



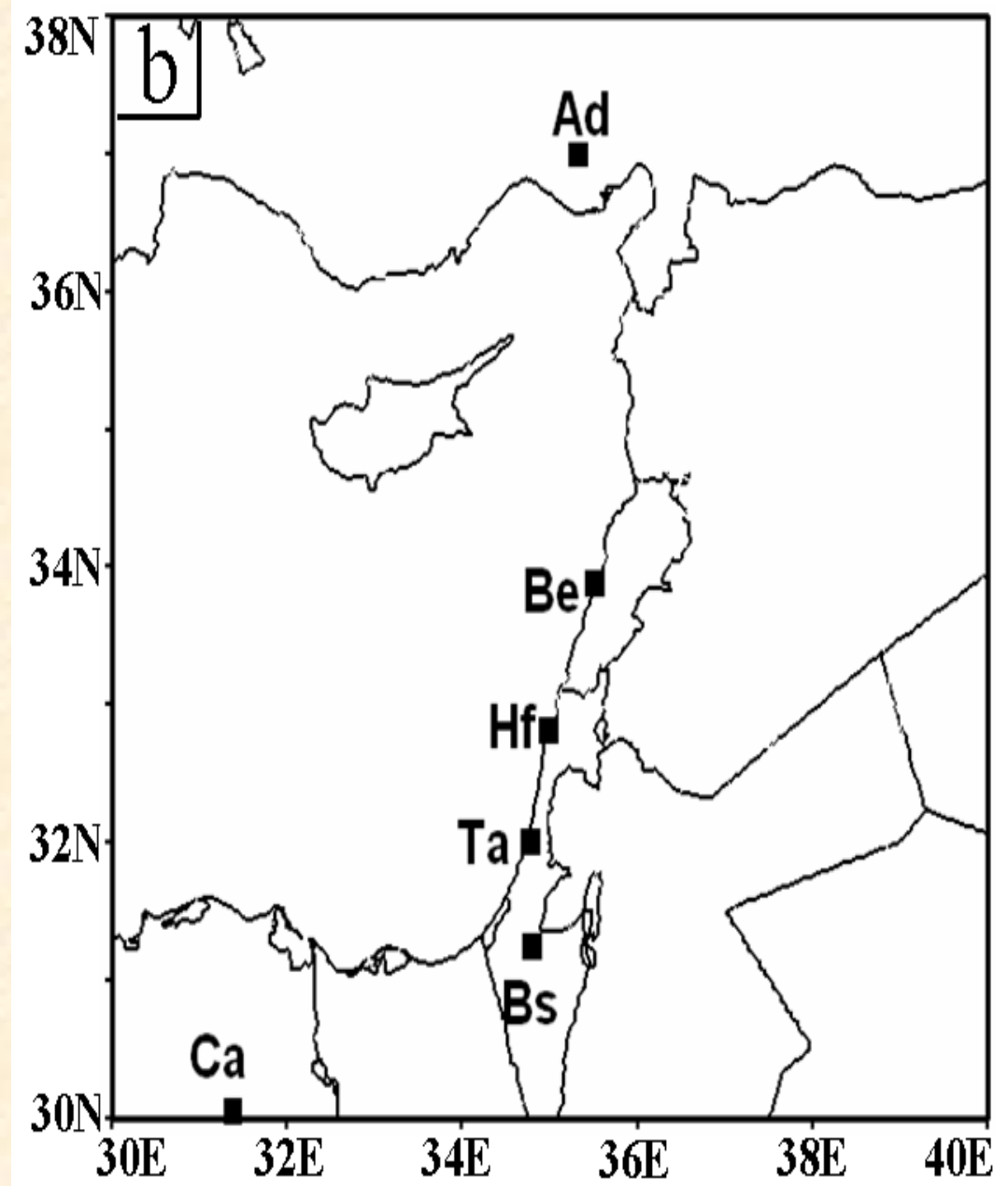
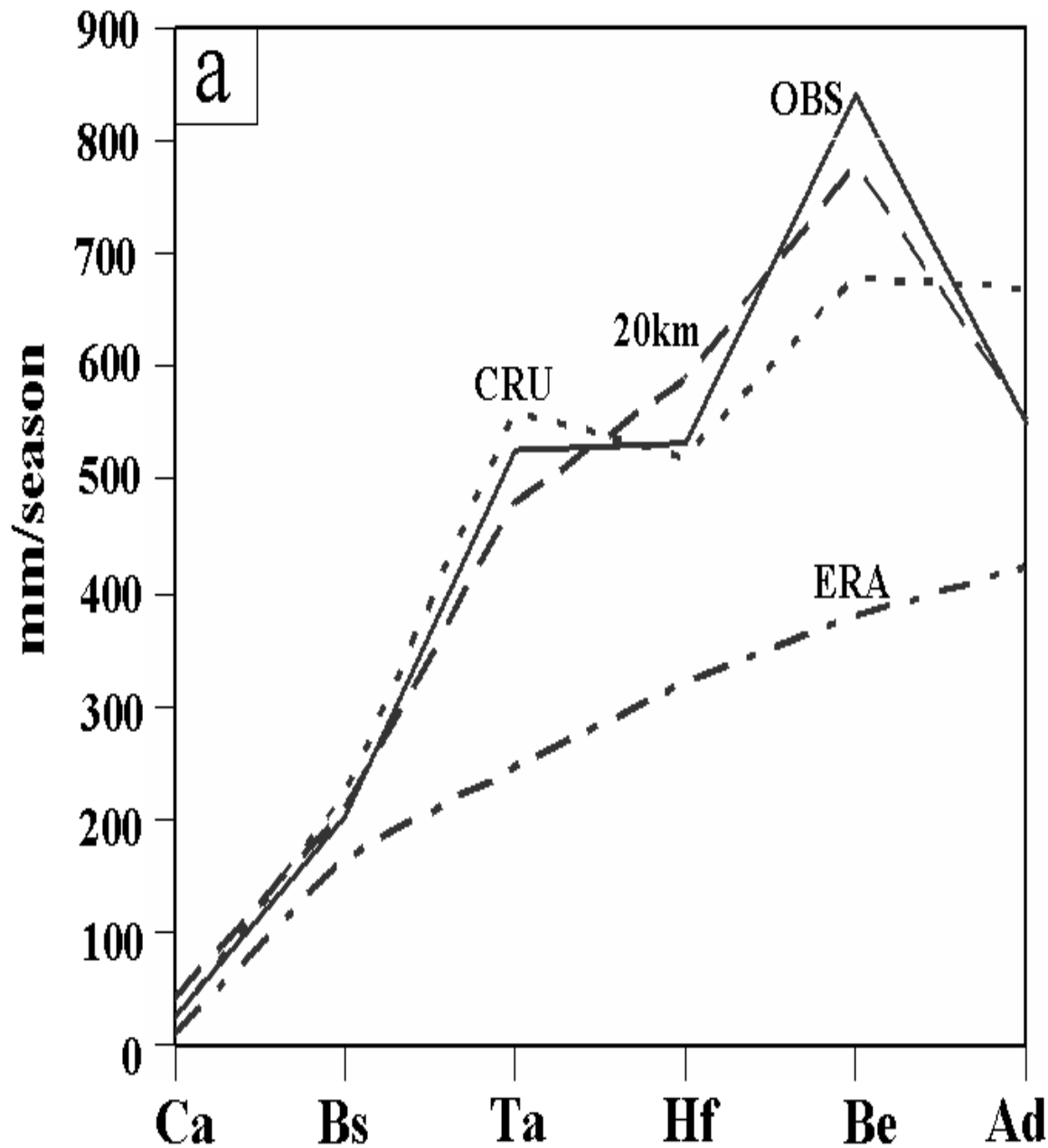
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## 20km GCM



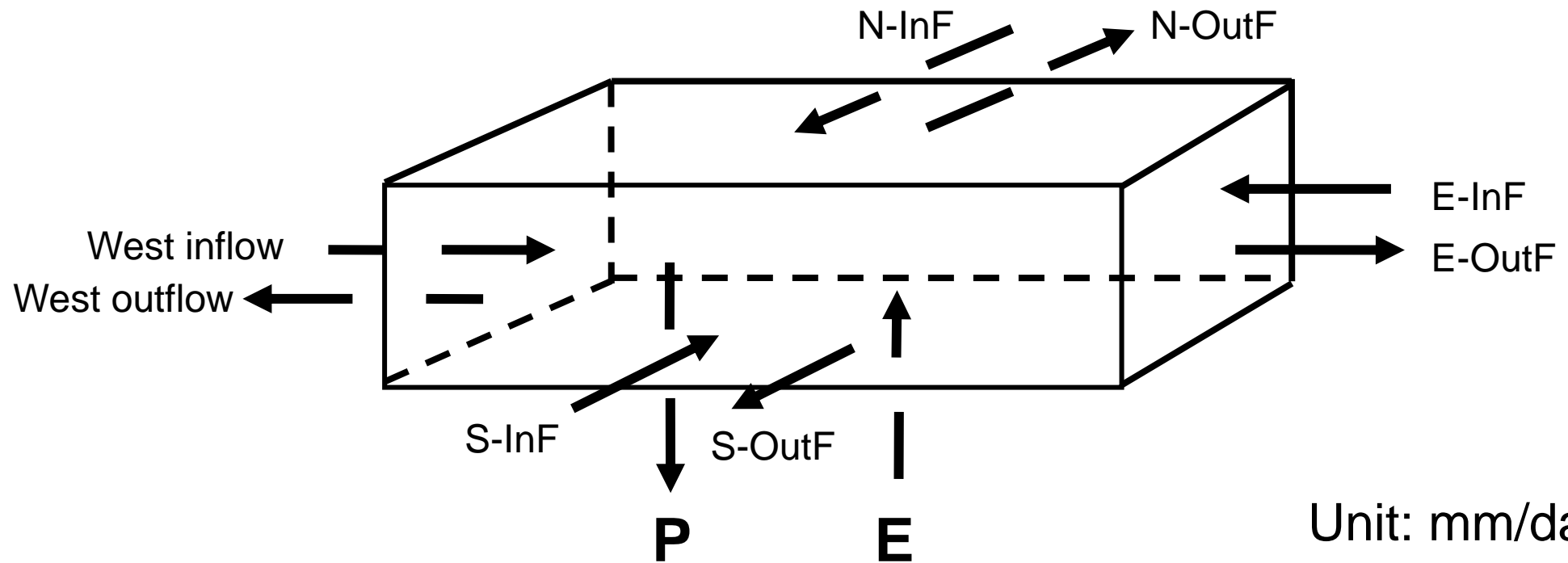
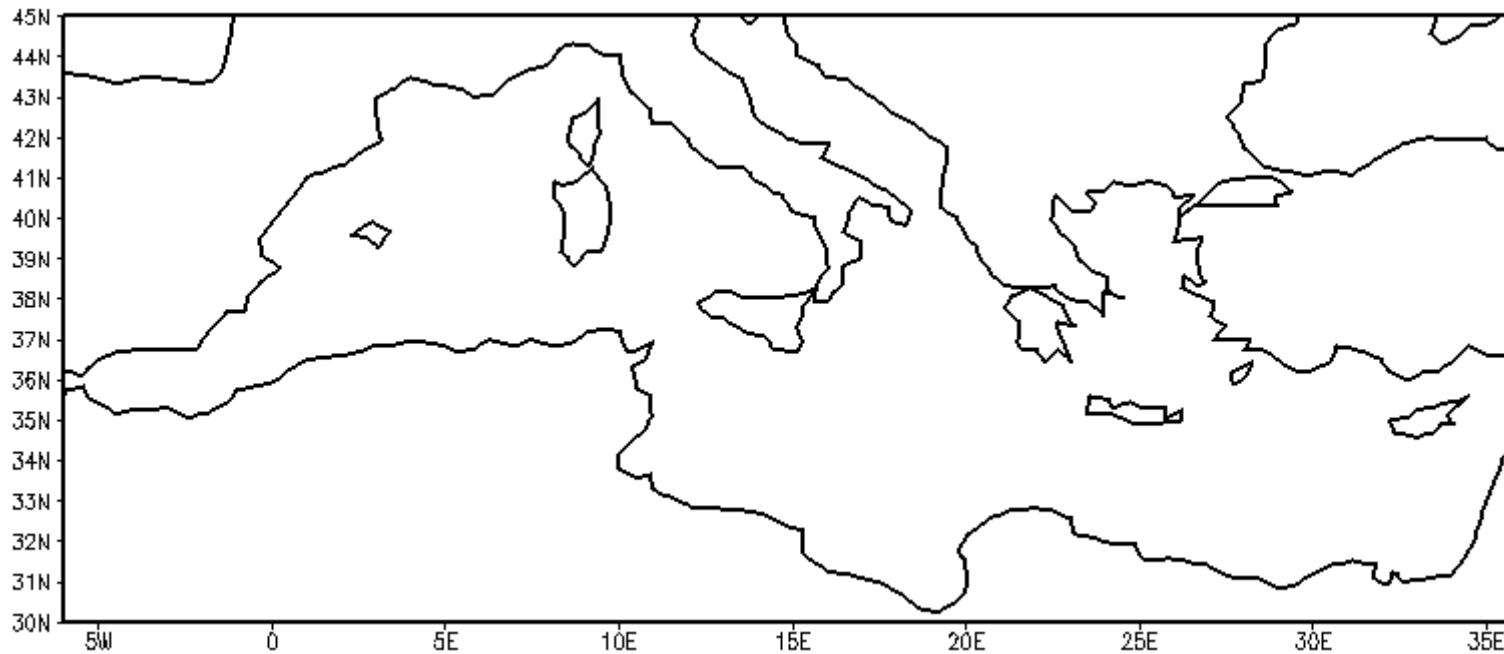
## Comparison of average total observed seasonal P



The six stations are from south-to-north, Egypt---Cairo (Ca,); Israel---Beer-Sheva (Bs), Tel-Aviv (Ta), Haifa (Hf); Lebanon---Beirut (Be) and Turkey---Adana (Ad). Unit: mm/season.

# **Water Budget components for different rainfall categories**

# Sketch map



P	1	2	3	4	5
Categories					
Amount P	$P < 1$	$1 \leq P < 1.5$	$1.5 \leq P < 2$	$2 \leq P < 2.5$	$P \geq 2.5$

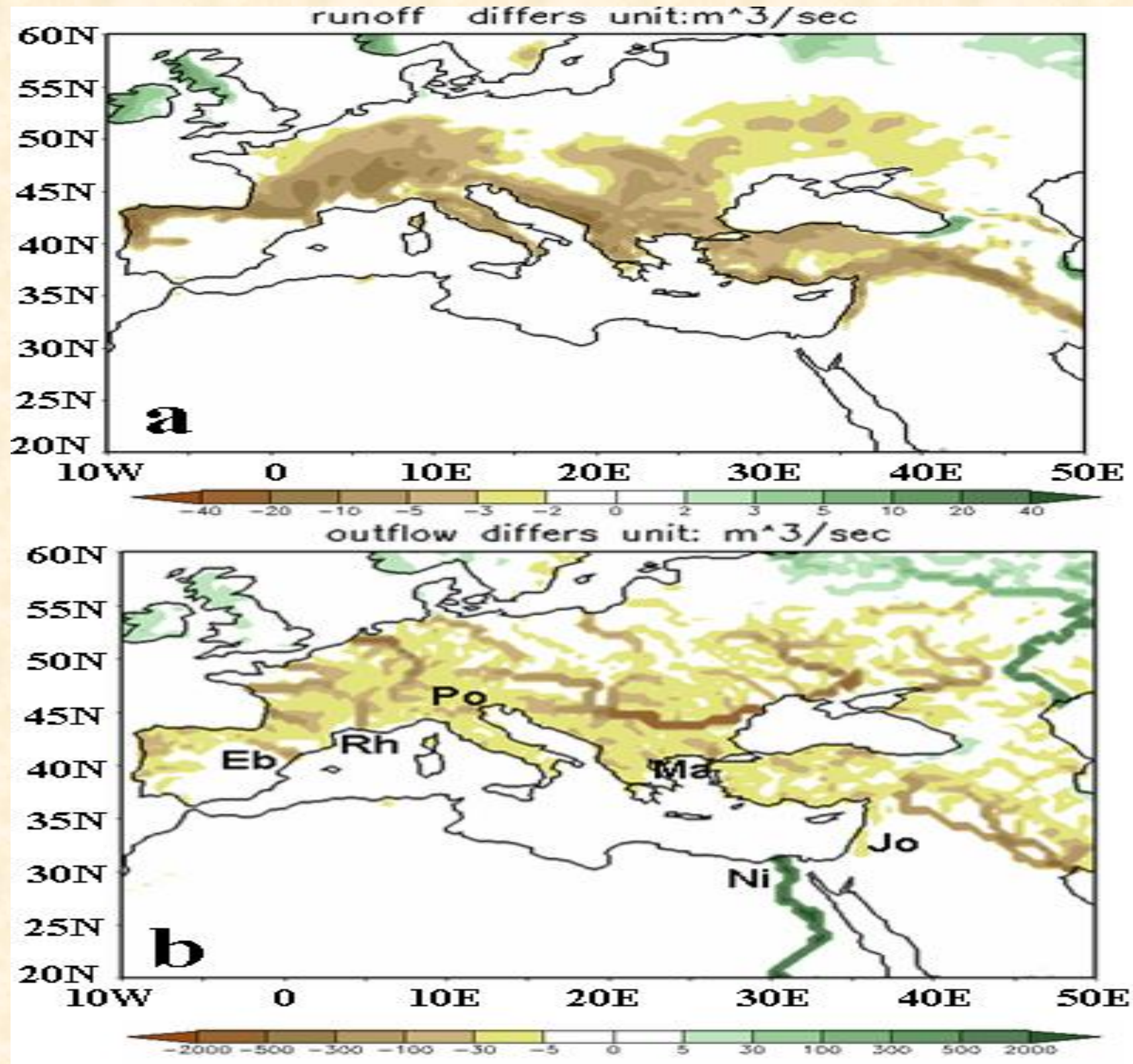
Five precipitation categories based on monthly averages in (mm/d) over the whole Mediterranean- current & future

Precipitation categories	Current			Future		
	months	percentage	Aver_P	months	percentage	Aver_P
<b>P&lt;1</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>0.90</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>13%</b>	<b>0.75</b>
<b>1.5&gt;p&gt;=1</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>24%</b>	<b>1.29</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>23%</b>	<b>1.26</b>
<b>2&gt;p&gt;=1.5</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>32%</b>	<b>1.76</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>42%</b>	<b>1.72</b>
<b>2.5&gt;p&gt;=2</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>27%</b>	<b>2.24</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>16%</b>	<b>2.17</b>
<b>P&gt;=2.5</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>2.72</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>2.75</b>
<b>Sum</b>	<b>168</b> <b>(28 y)</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1.85</b> <b>(Mean P)</b>	<b>144</b> <b>(24 y)</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1.62</b> <b>(Mean P)</b>



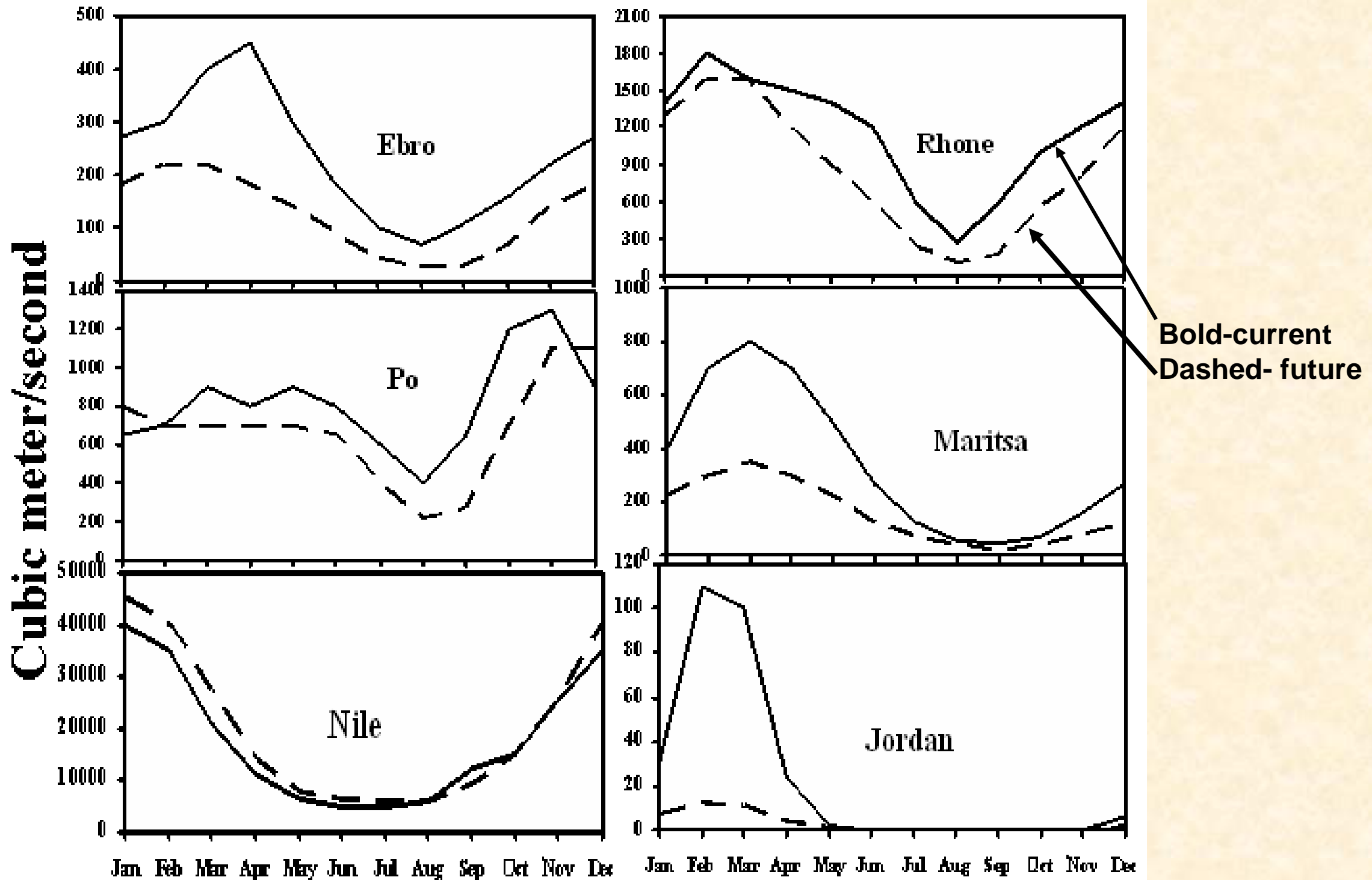
# **Results and discussions**

Changes of runoff and river discharge by 1979-2003 compared to (2075-2099).



(a) runoff (b) river discharge. Six rivers are marked as Ebro (Eb), Rhone (Rh), Po (Po), Maritsa (Ma), Jordan (Jo) and Nile (Ni). Unit: (m<sup>3</sup>/s).

**Seasonal changes of monthly mean river discharge of six rivers**  
**(1979-2003; bold), compared to (2075-2099; dashed).**



Except to the Jordan River, all rivers flow into the Mediterranean (m<sup>3</sup>/s). Bold lines are for current climate, while dashed for the future.

Year 2011

# Ensemble of High-Resolution Climate Runs-

Chosen Rainfall Parameters

➤ Amounts:

Total yearly rainfall in mm

➤ Wet Spells:

The number of three day wet spells within a wet season



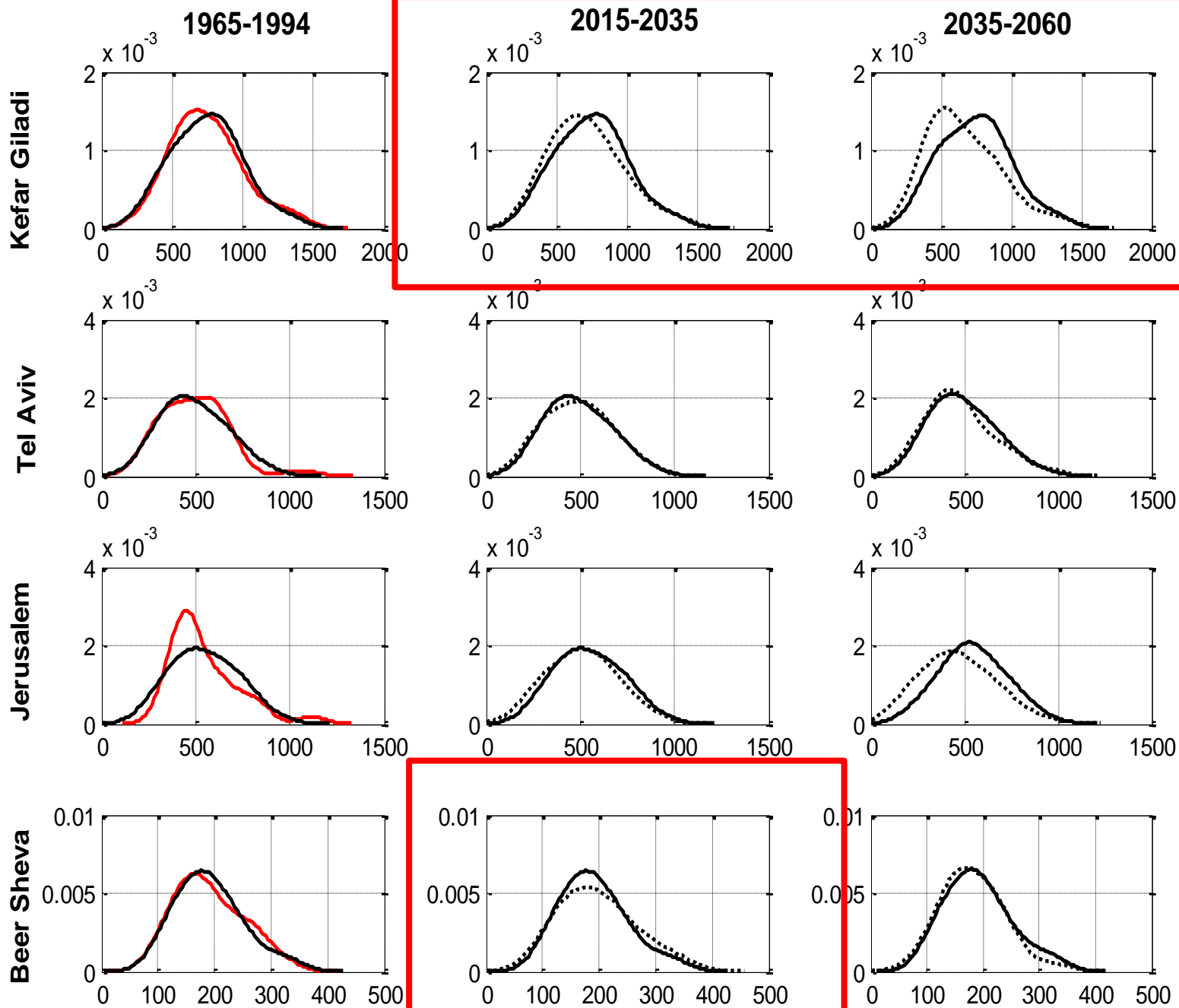
# Change in JSD calculated PDF over time for Average Annual Amounts

shows observed data (red) and calculated past

near future (2015-2035 - dashed) and past calculated

far future (2035-2060 - dashed) and past calculated

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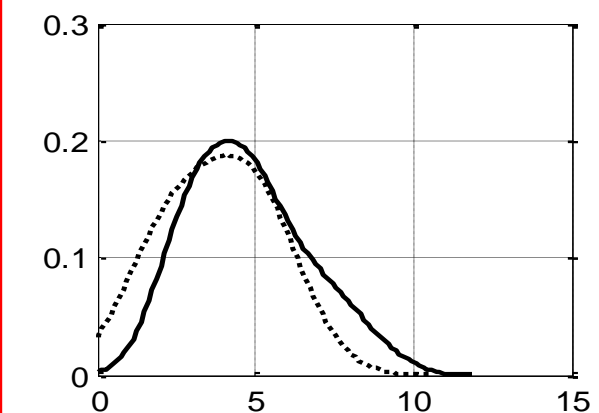
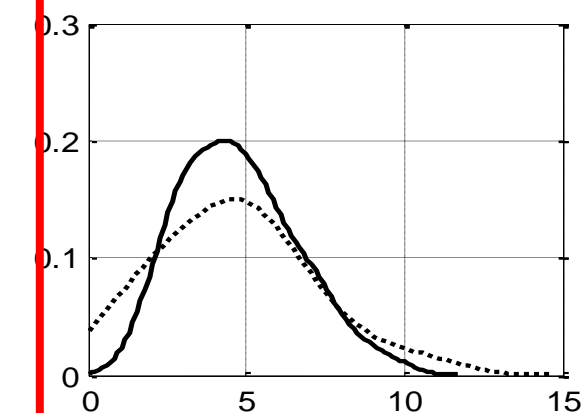
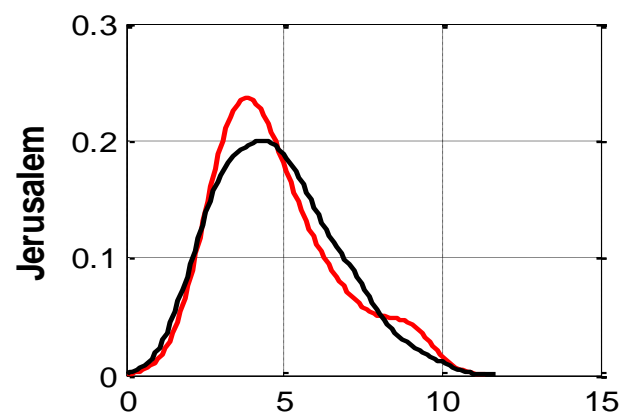
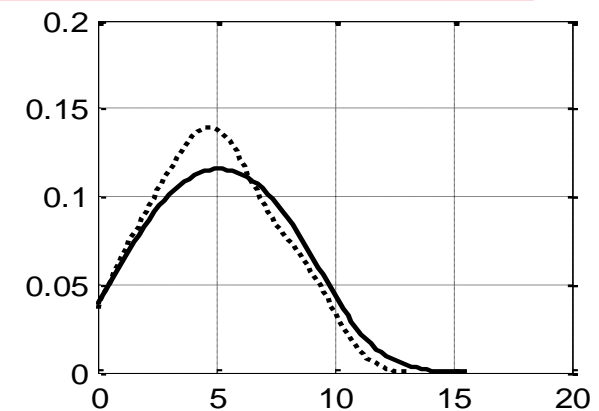
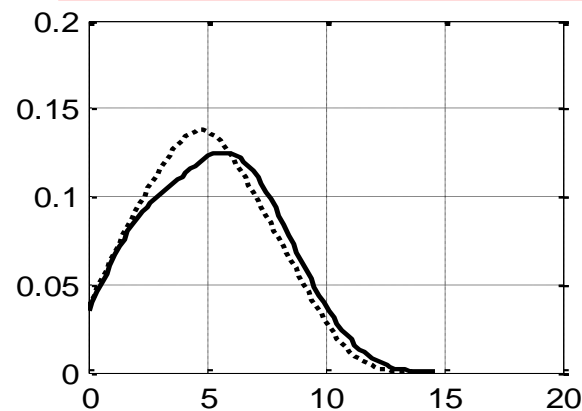
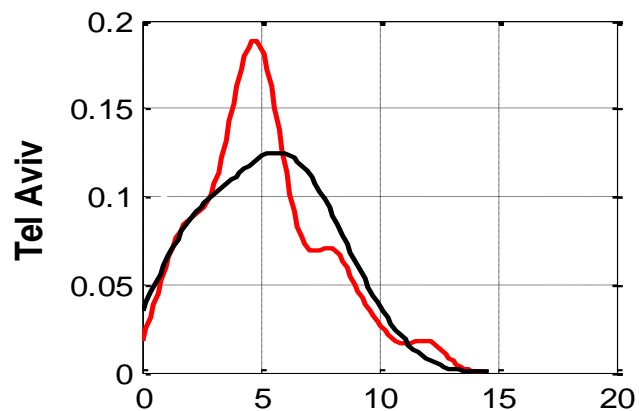
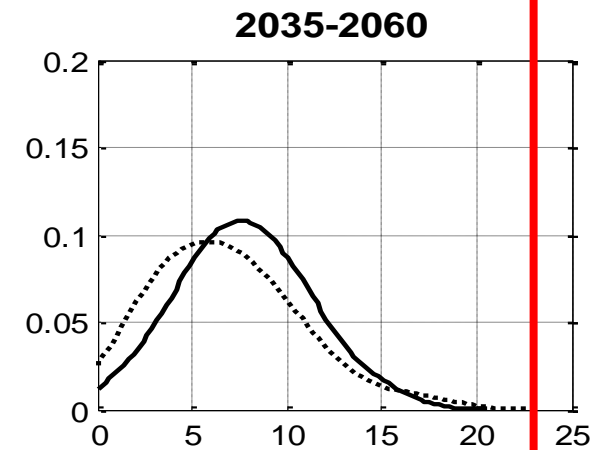
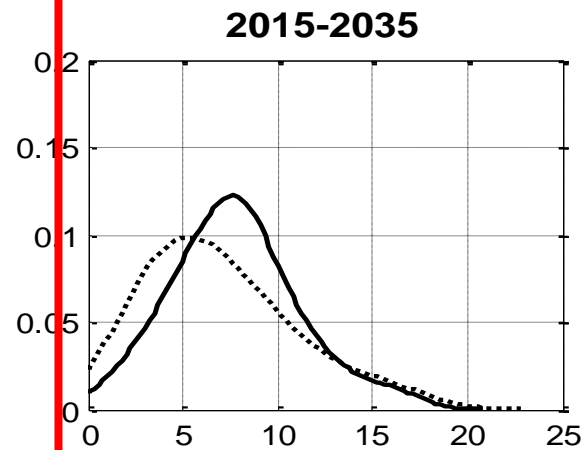
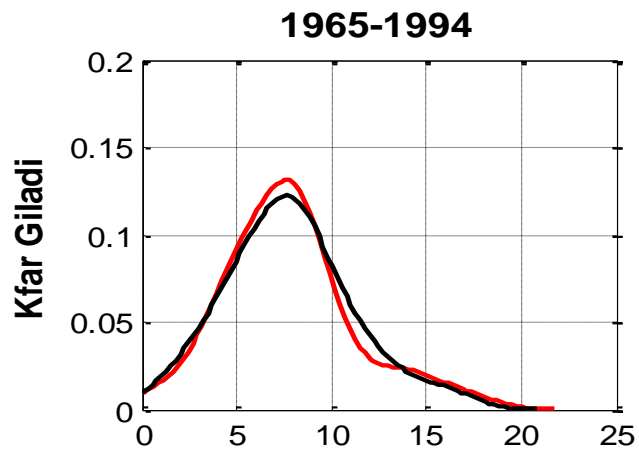
mm/yr

# Change in JSD calculated PDF over time for Number of Wet Spells

shows observed data (red)  
and calculated past

near future (2015-2035 -  
dashed) and past calculated  
(1965-1990 - solid).

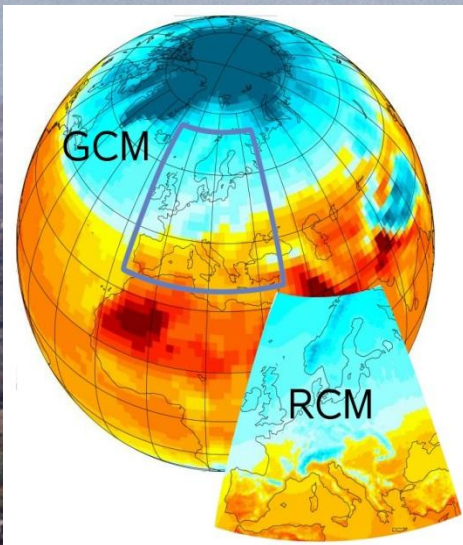
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dashed) and past calculated  
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Number of Spells

# GLOWA Jordan River

Final Conference Limassol,  
Cyprus, 2011



## GLOWA

## Climate Change Simulations for the Jordan River Area

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## Applied RCM models:

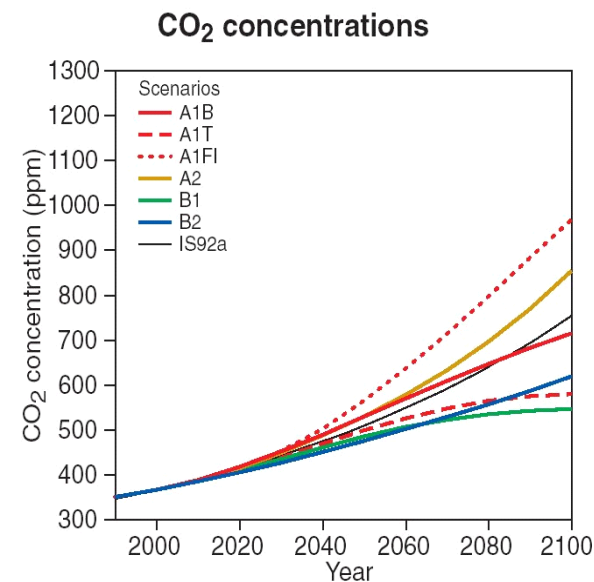
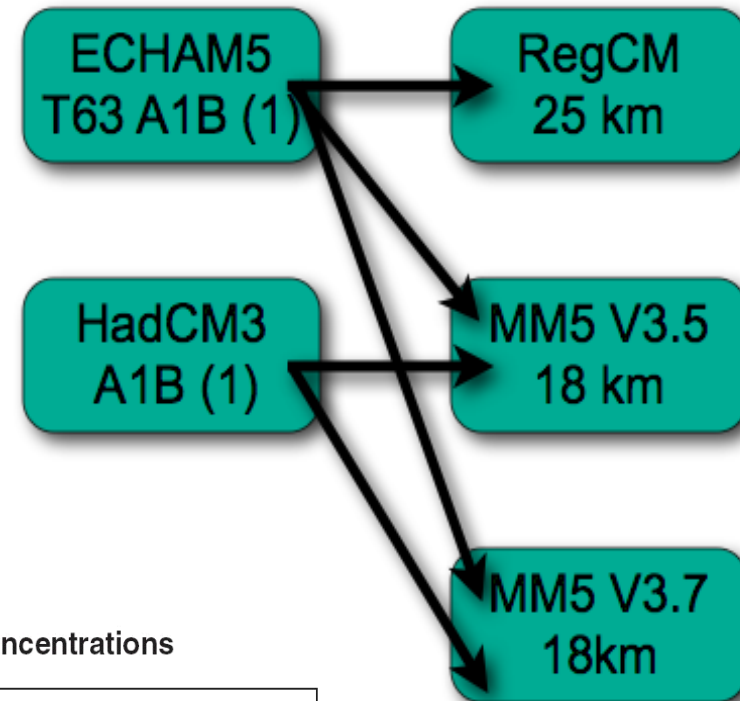
1. RegCM3
2. MM5 V. 3.5 with OSU soil-vegetation -atmosphere transfer model
3. MM5 V. 3.7 with NOAH LSM

## AOGCM driving data :

1. HadCM3 (Hadley Centre, UKMO)
2. ECHAM5 (MPI, Hamburg)

## SRES Scenario: A1B

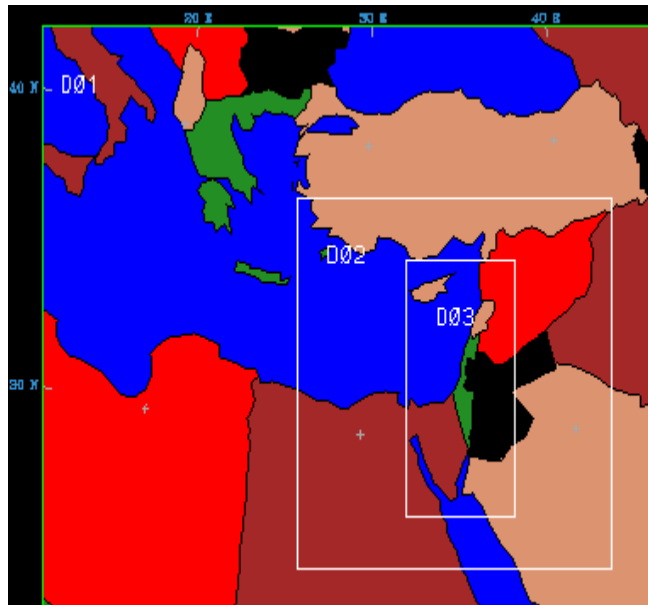
**Time Period: 1960- 2060 (2100)**





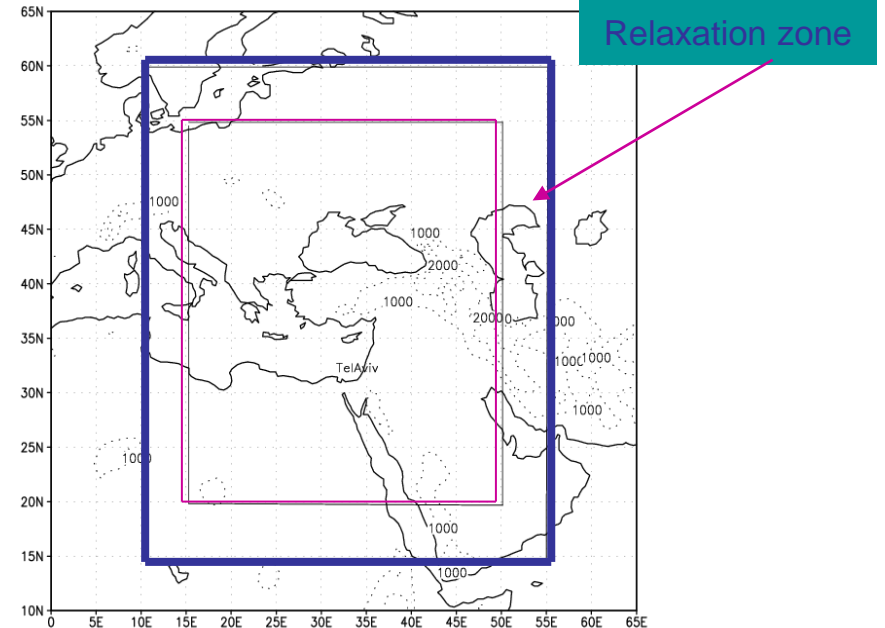
- MM5 (KIT), RegCM3 (TAU)

MM5v3.5 & MM5v3.7



Two nested domains  
D01 – 54 km/25L; D02 -18 km/25L

RegCM3

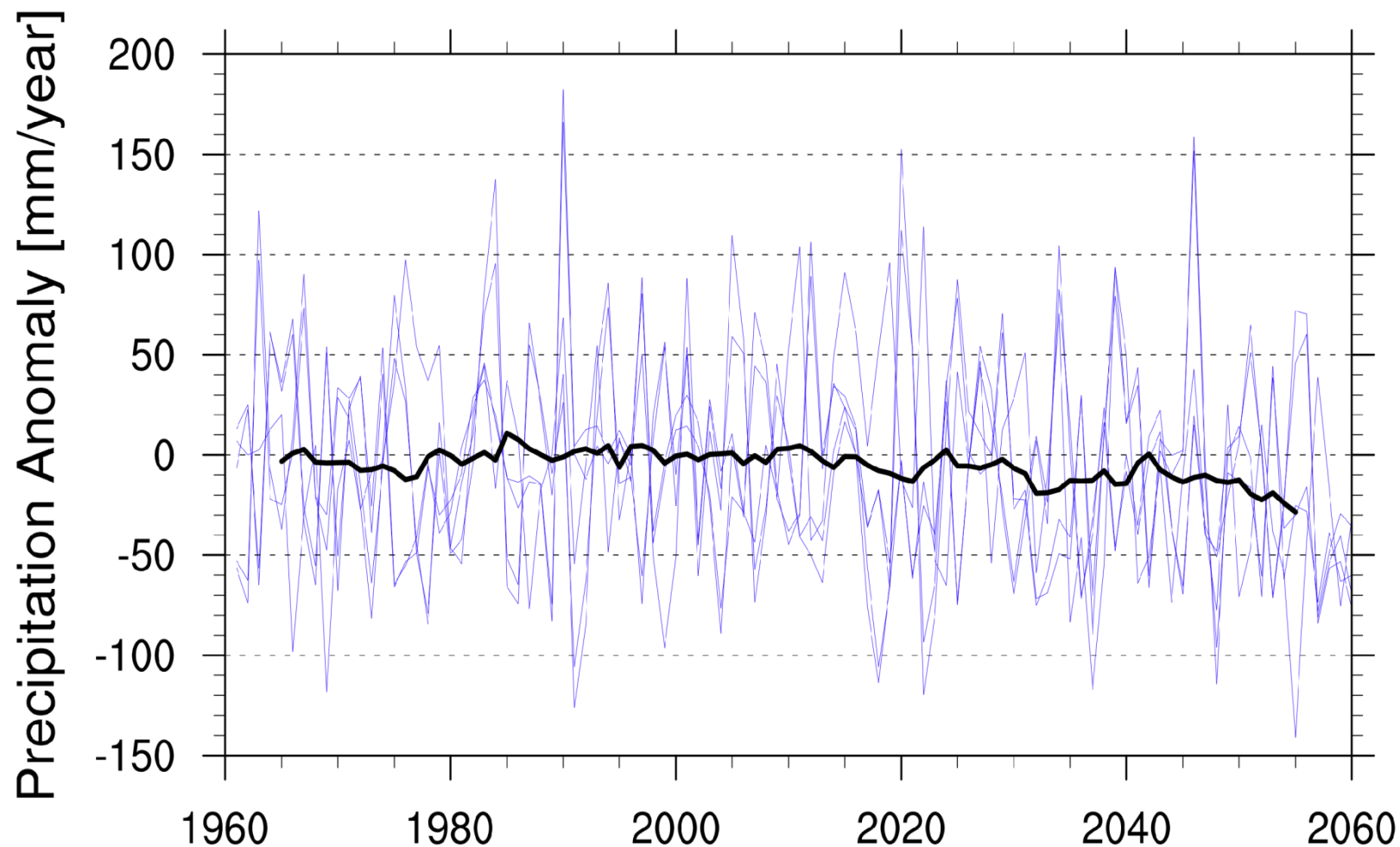


One domain  
25 km/18L



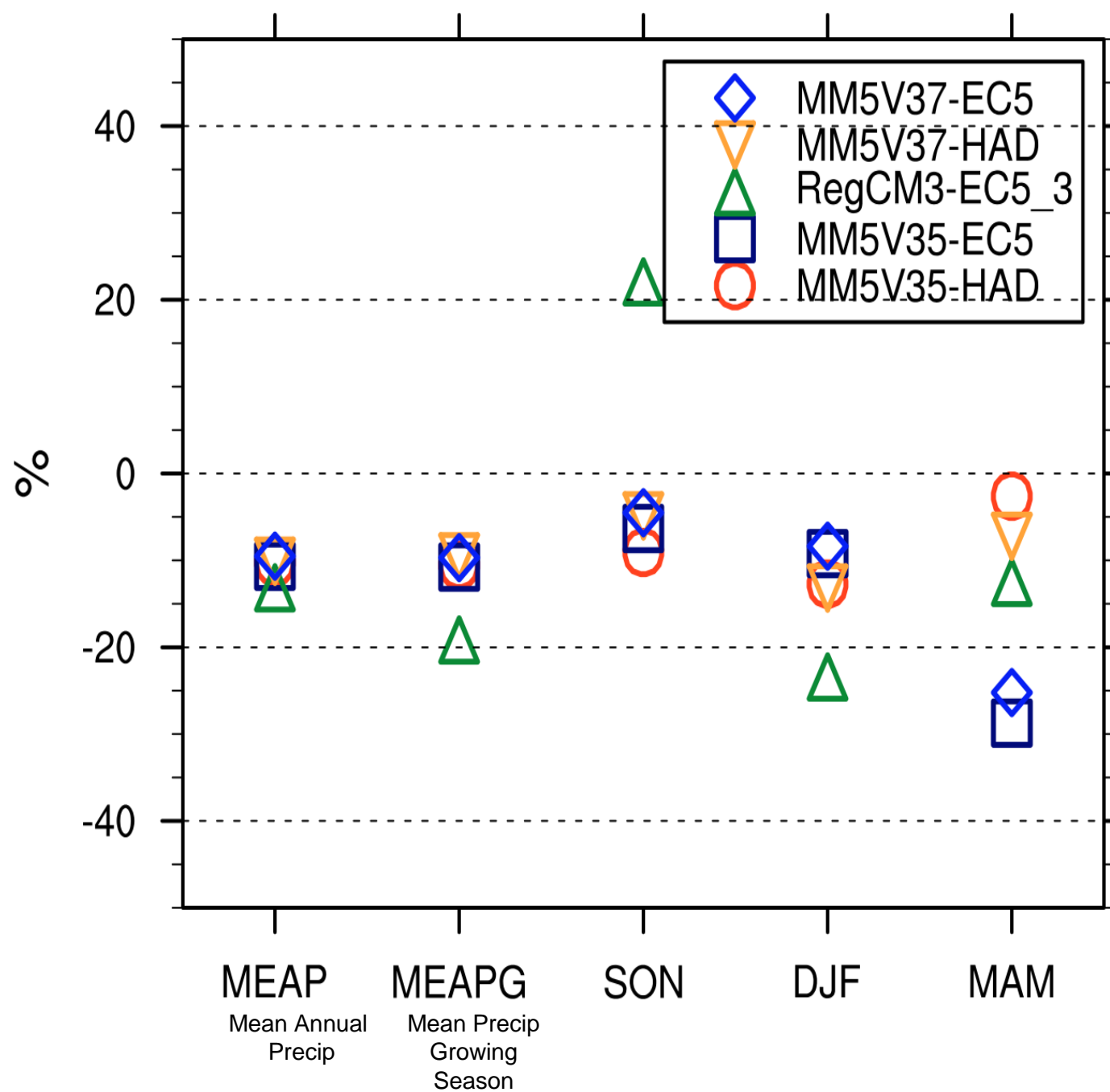
## PRECIPITATION

## Precipitation Anomaly from 1961 – 1990, mean



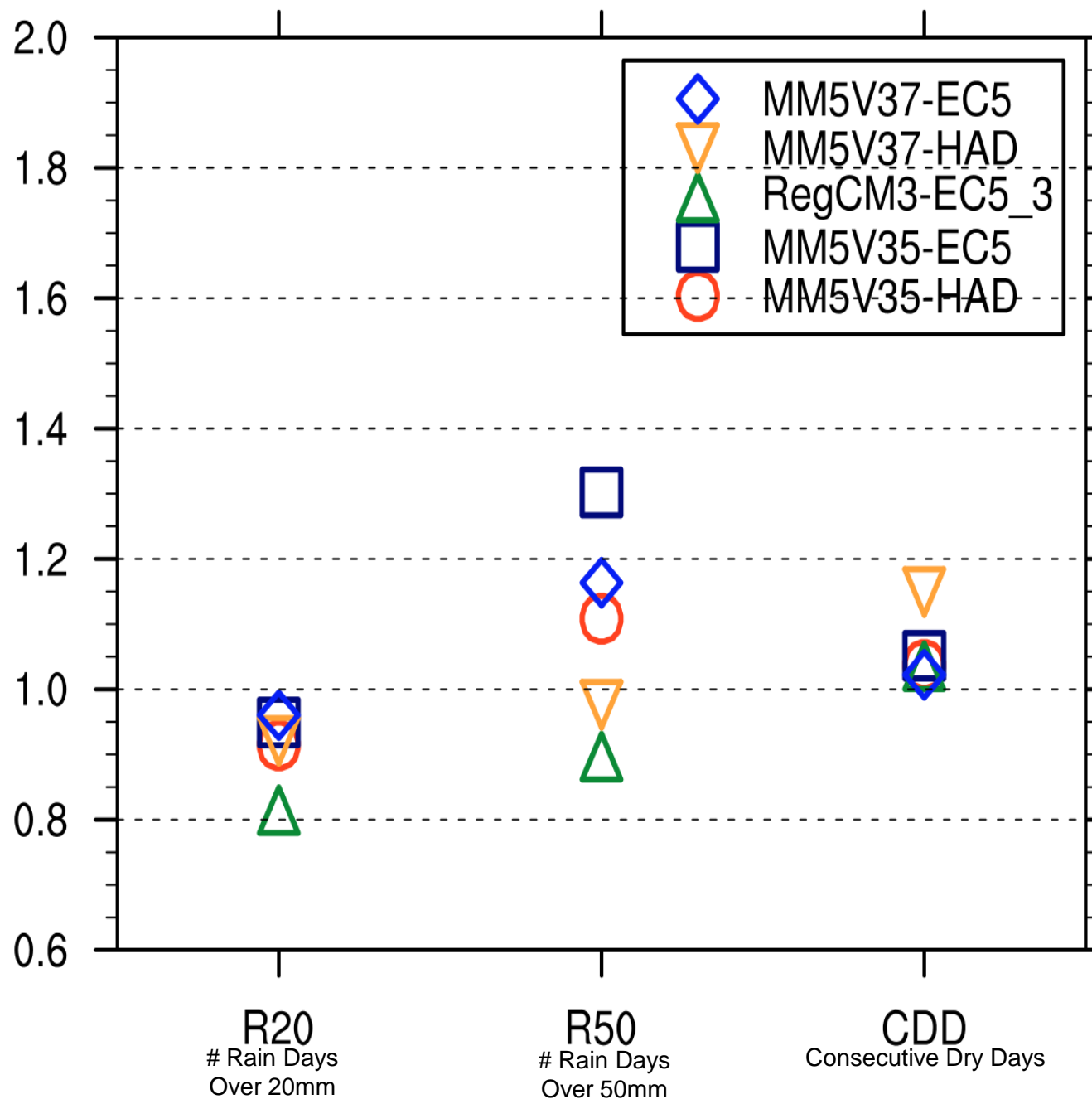
# Precipitation indicators: Seasonal Mean

Precipitation change (2031-2061) / (1961-1990)



# Precipitation indicators: Extremes

(2031-2060)/(1961-1990)

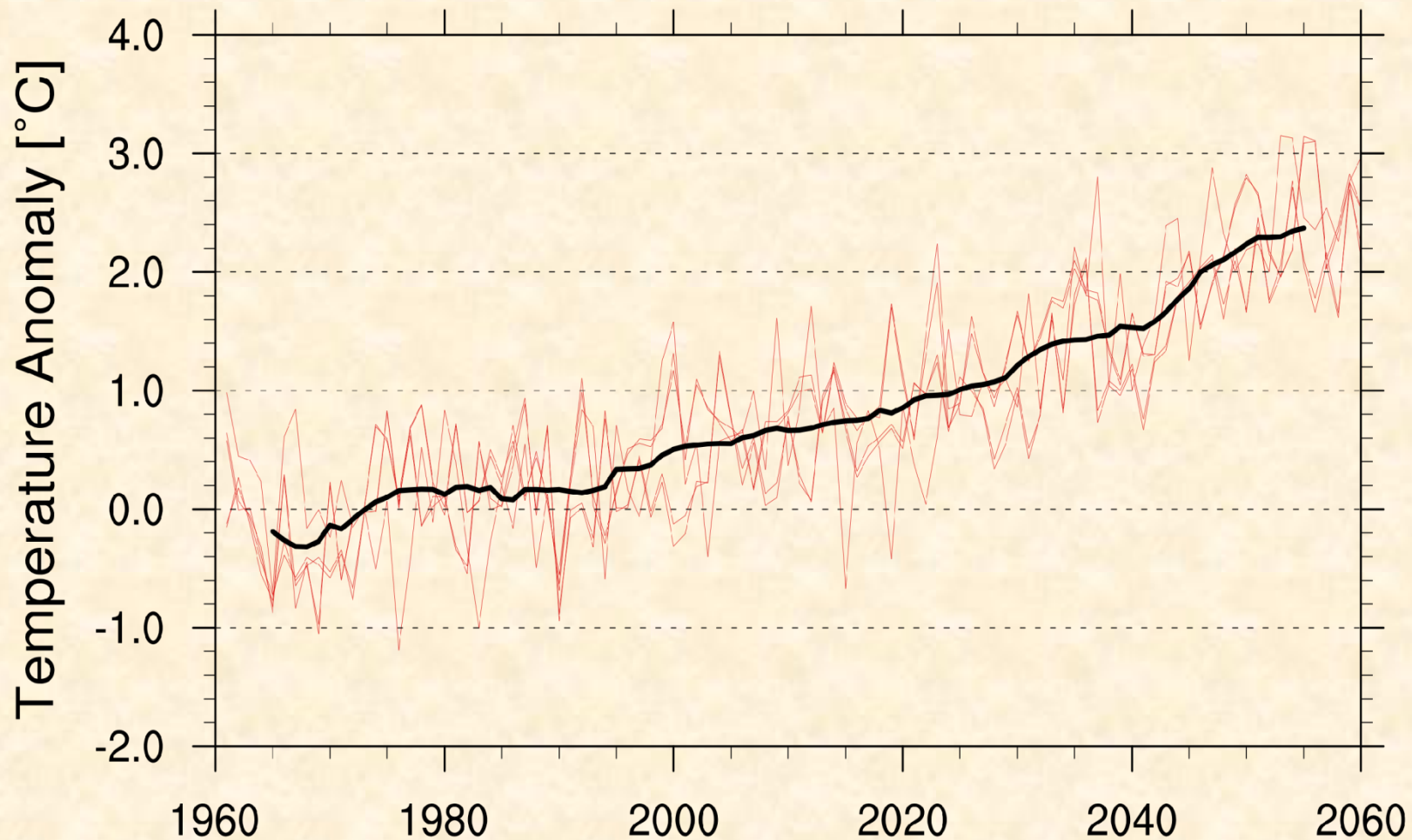


# Model Simulation Results

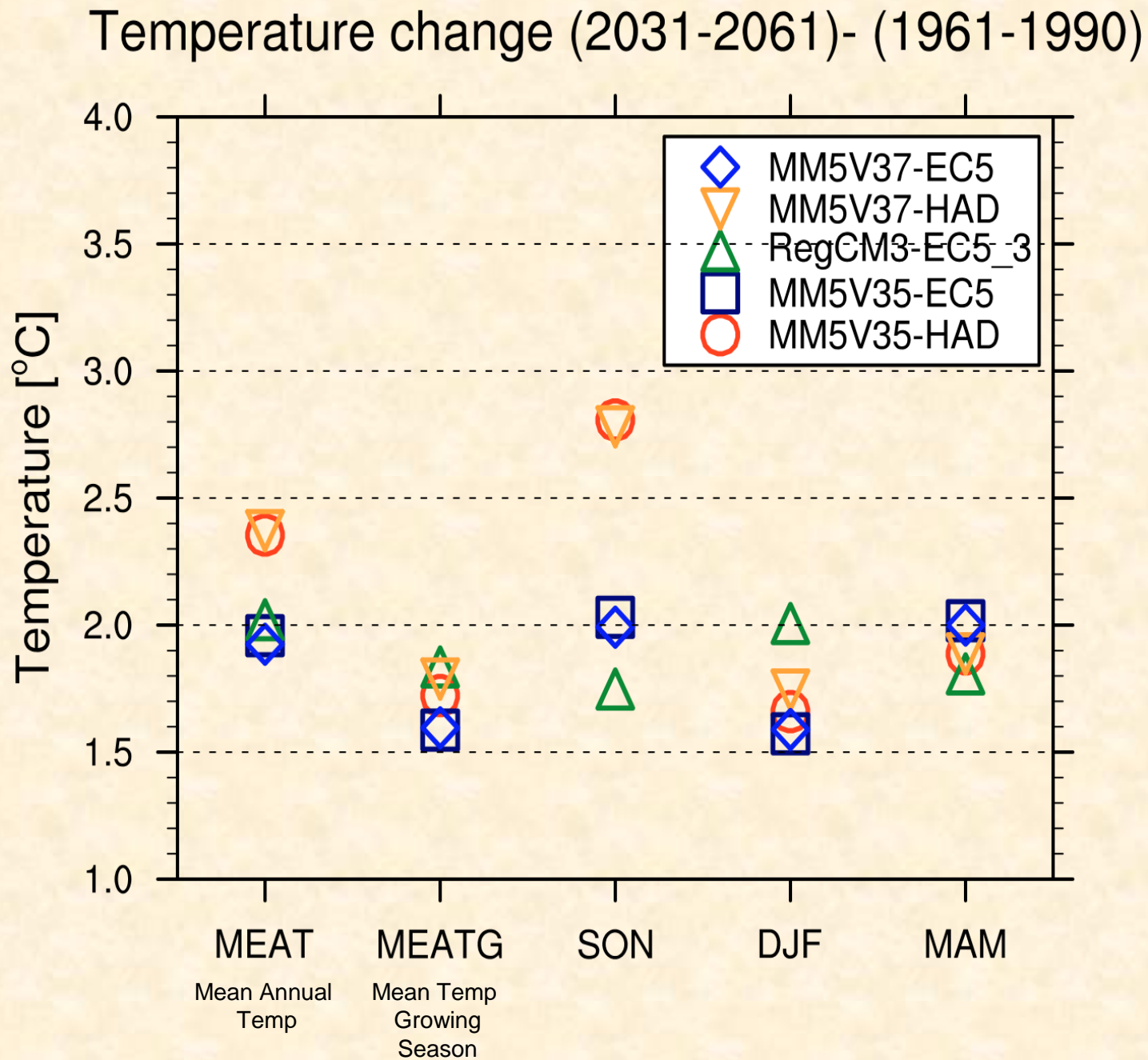
**TEMPERATURE**

# Simulated Future Climate

## Temperature Anomaly 1961 – 2060, Control 1961-1990



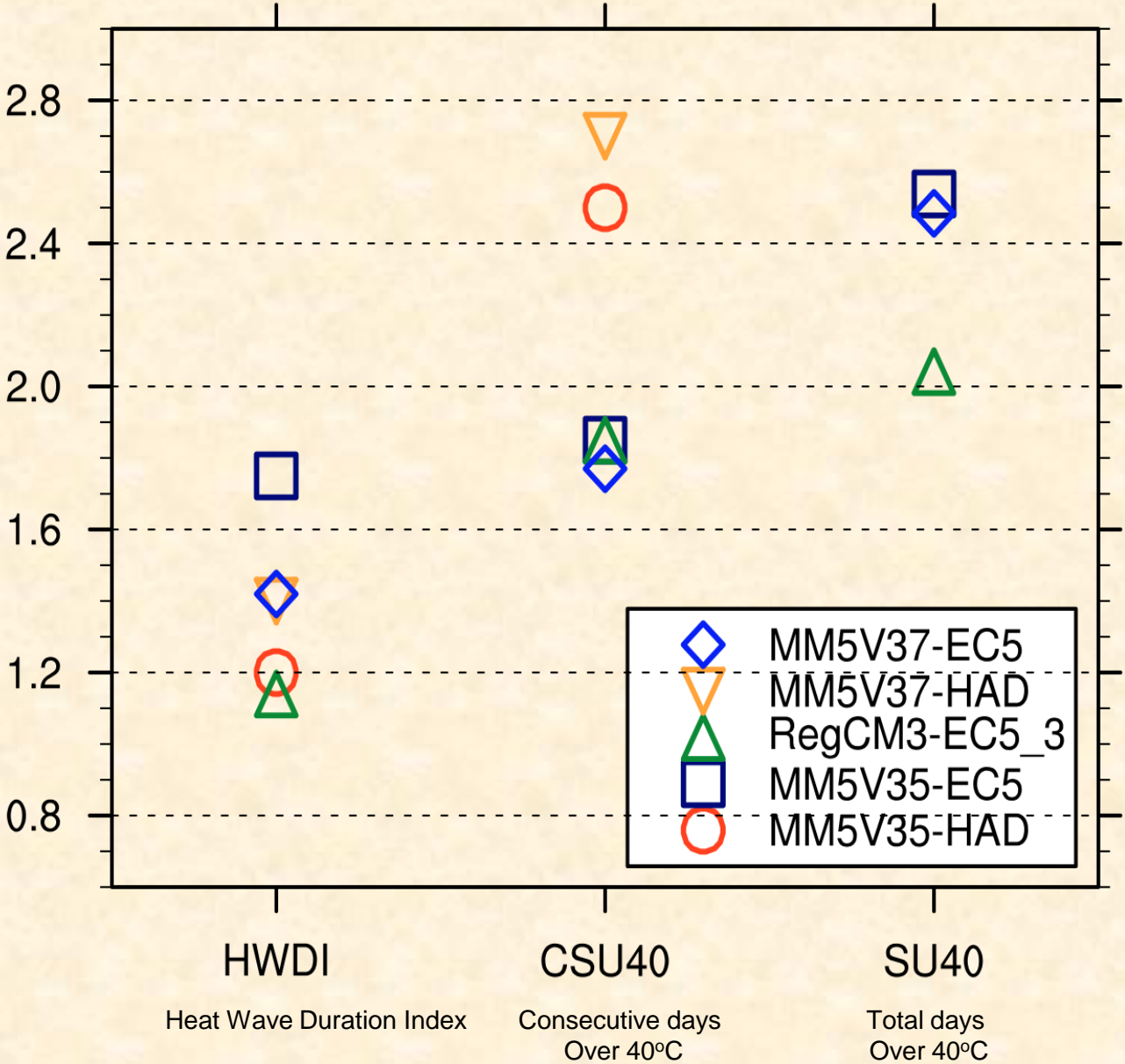
# Temperature Indicator: Area Mean





# Temperature Extremes: Area Mean

(2031-2060)/(1961-1990)



# Conclusions

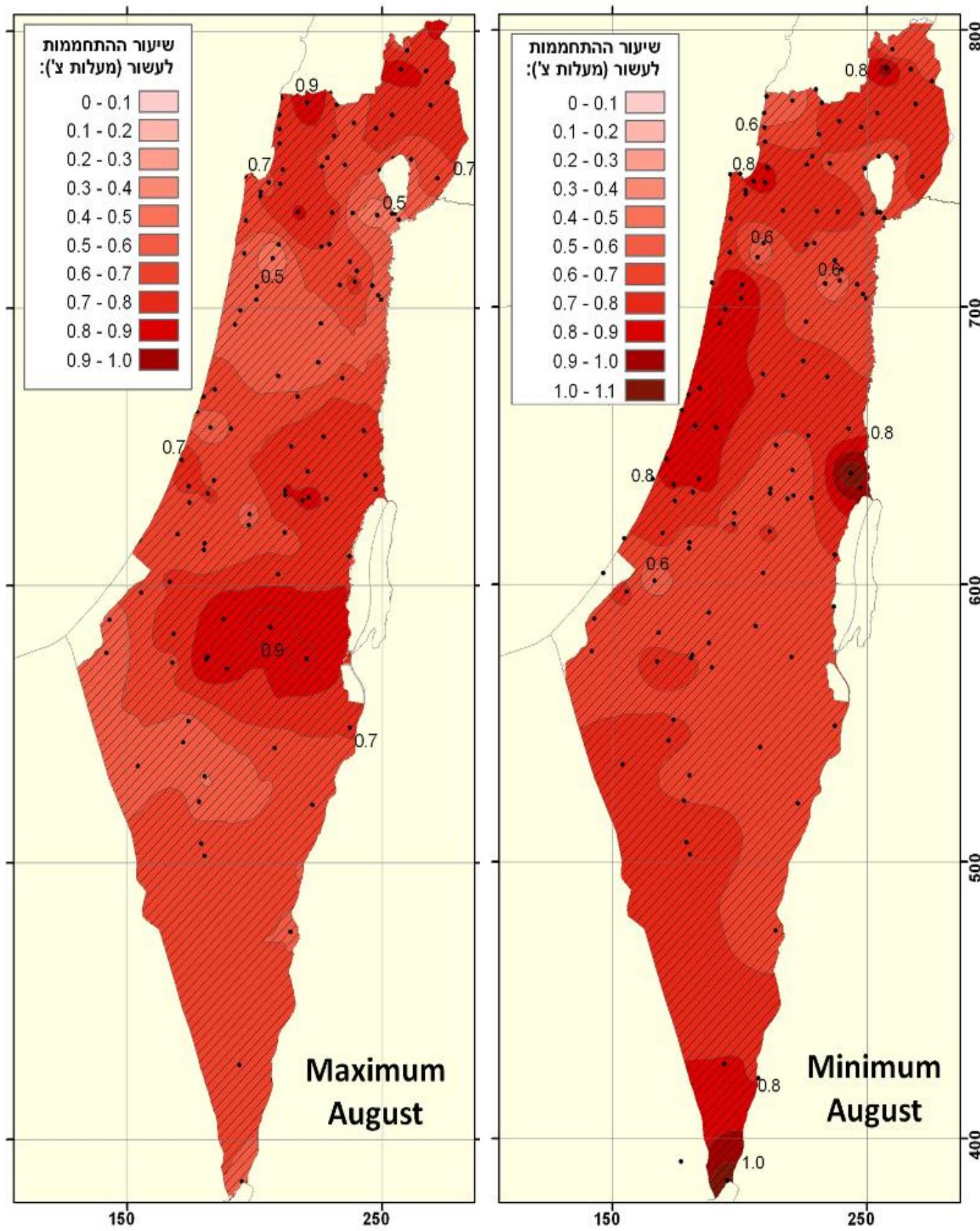
## Performed climate change simulations

- For the period 2021-2050 :
  - Increase of the mean summer (JJA) temperatures up to 3 ° C
  - Increase of the mean annual temperatures up to 2 ° C
  - Decrease of the annual mean precipitation in range of 10 to 20 %
- Increase in extreme events – temperature and precipitation
- High variability between model simulations provides a range as well as ensemble results
- Multiple data sets available for GLOWA partners and stakeholders

# **Observed Trends & extremes in Israel**

## **2010-1975**

**B. Ziv, H. Saaroni, R. Pargament T. Harpaz and P. Alpert, "Trends in Rainfall Regime over Israel, 1975-2010, and their Relation to the Variations in the Synoptic Systems and Large-Scale Oscillations", For a Special Issue on The climate of the Mediterranean region: recent progresses and climate change impacts in the Regional Environmental Changes Journal, DOI [10.1007/s10113-013-0414-x](https://doi.org/10.1007/s10113-013-0414-x), 2013.**



**T min & T max trends  
In August 1975-2010  
(deg/decade)**

# Trends in number of Hot Days (March-Nov)

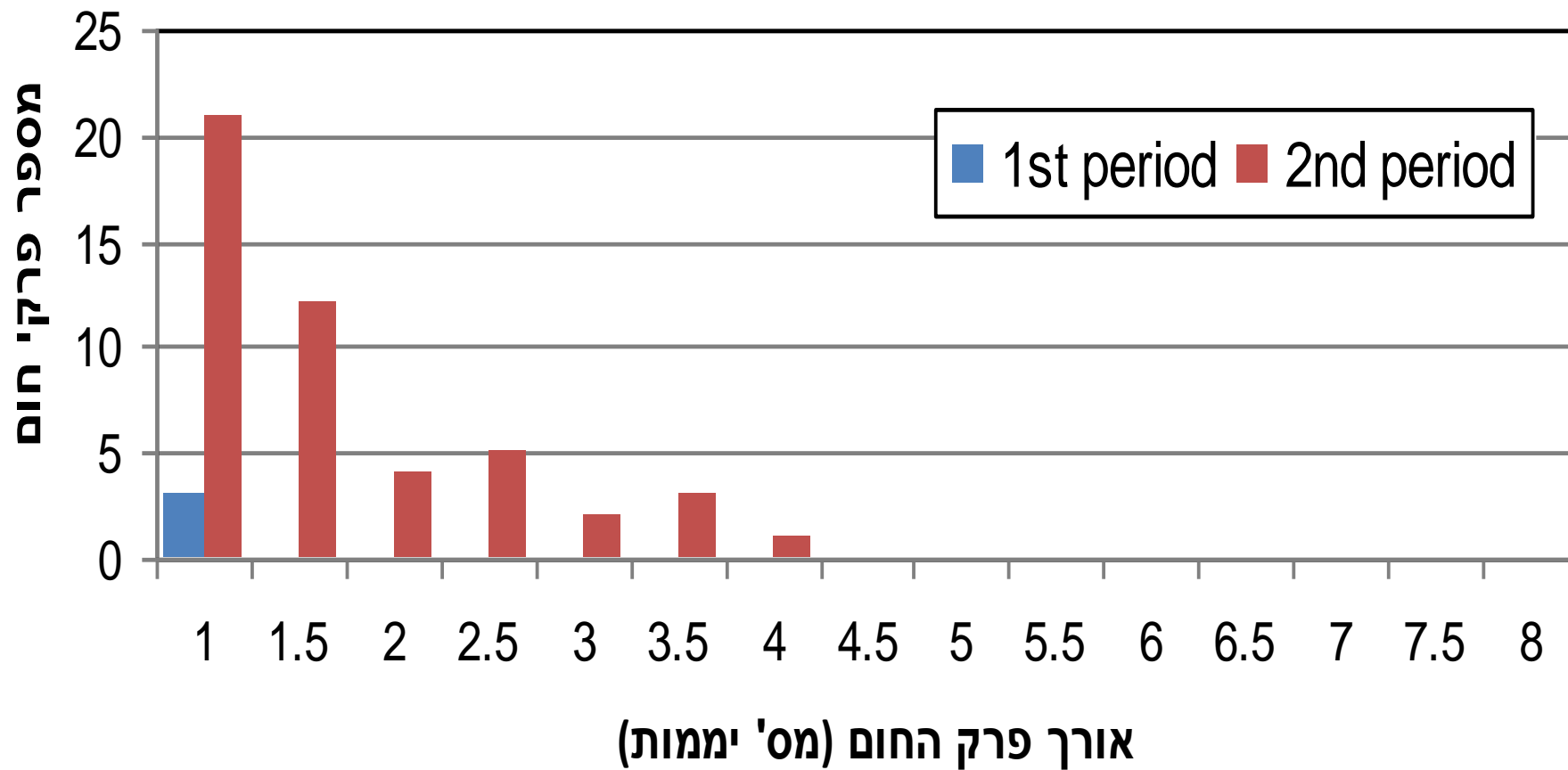
Eilat	Sde-Boqer	Ein-Hachoresh	Bet-Dagan	Jerusalem	Knaan Mount	Masada	Threshold	
172.8	50.6	13.7	16.0	11.3	11.9	145.1	> 33	Number of hot days above different thresholds
130.0	9.9	4.3	4.5	1.5	1.5	90.6	> 36	
69.5	1.1	1.0	1.1	0.0	0.0	23.1	> 39	
68.0						2.6	> 42	
<b>+2.4</b>	<b>+7.6</b>	<b>+2.0</b>	<b>+3.2</b>	<b>+2.8</b>	<b>+2.6</b>	+3.4	> 33	Trends (days/decade)
<b>+5.0</b>	+1.0	<u>+0.7</u>	+0.5	-0.1	+0.2	<b>+9.7</b>	> 36	
<b>+8.2</b>	+0.1	+0.0	-0.0	+0.0	+0.0	<b>+5.6</b>	> 39	
<b>+8.9</b>						<u>+0.6</u>	> 42	

95% significance bold

בכל האזורים מספרם של הימים החמים עולה. המגמה מובהקת בגבול השרב (33°C), בשיעור העולה על 5% לעשור ברוב האזורים

# Number of Heat Waves vs. length (d) for July-August

בית דגן



Upper percentile

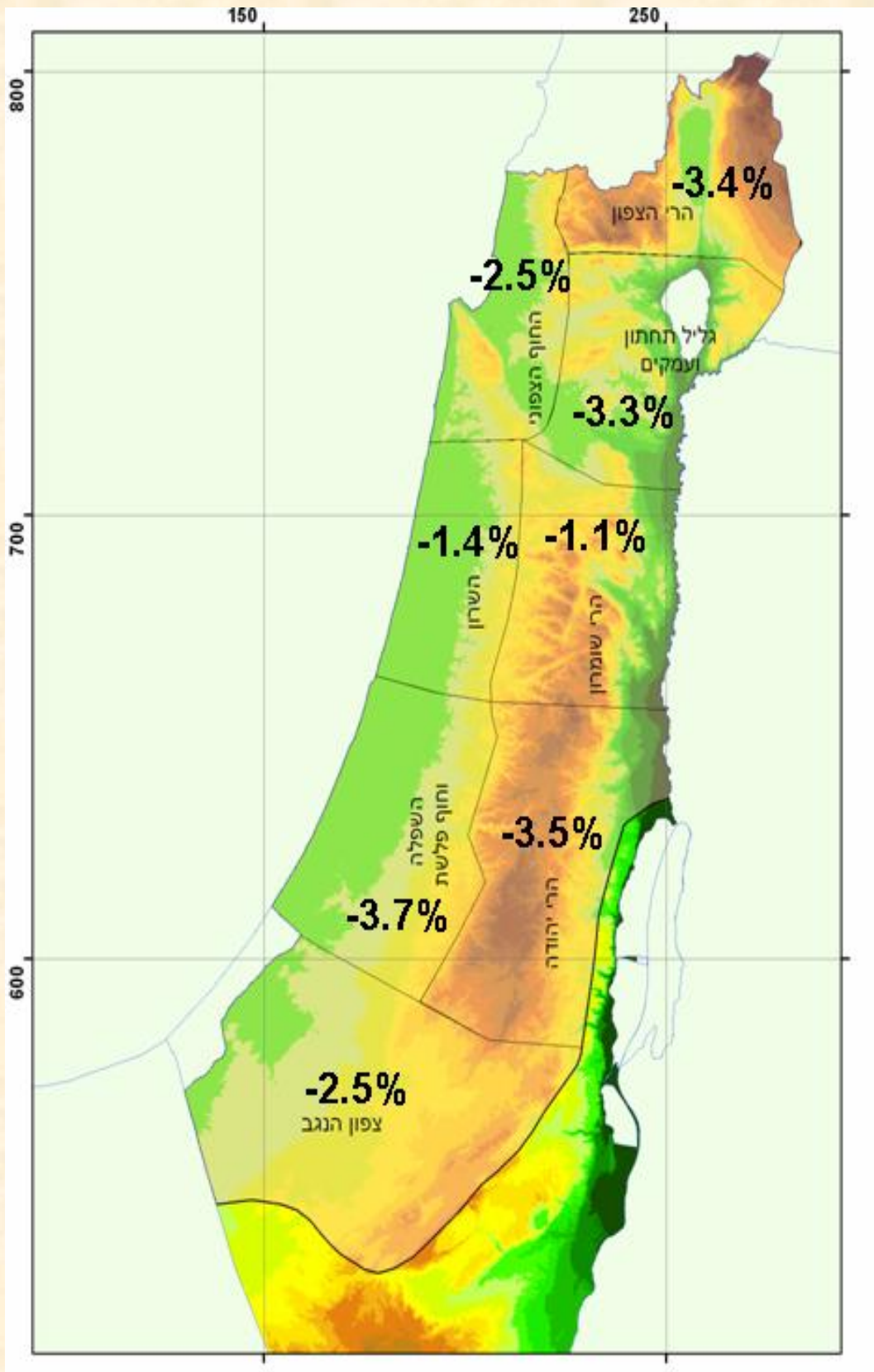
T- value

$T_{\max} = 32.7^{\circ}\text{C}$

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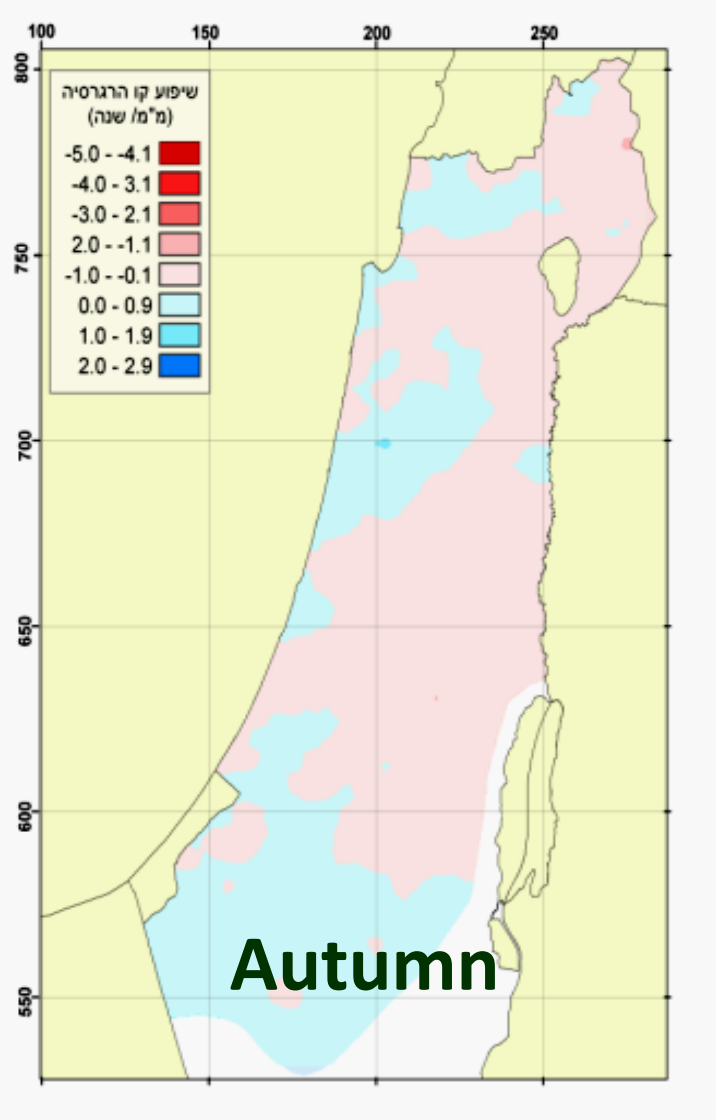
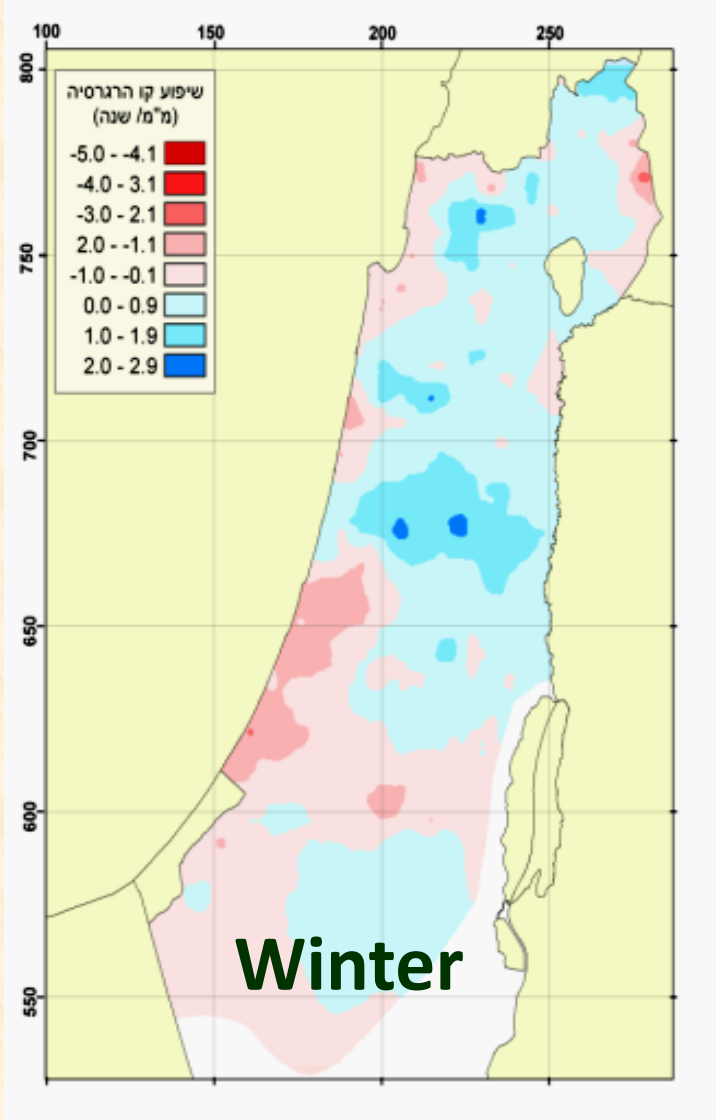
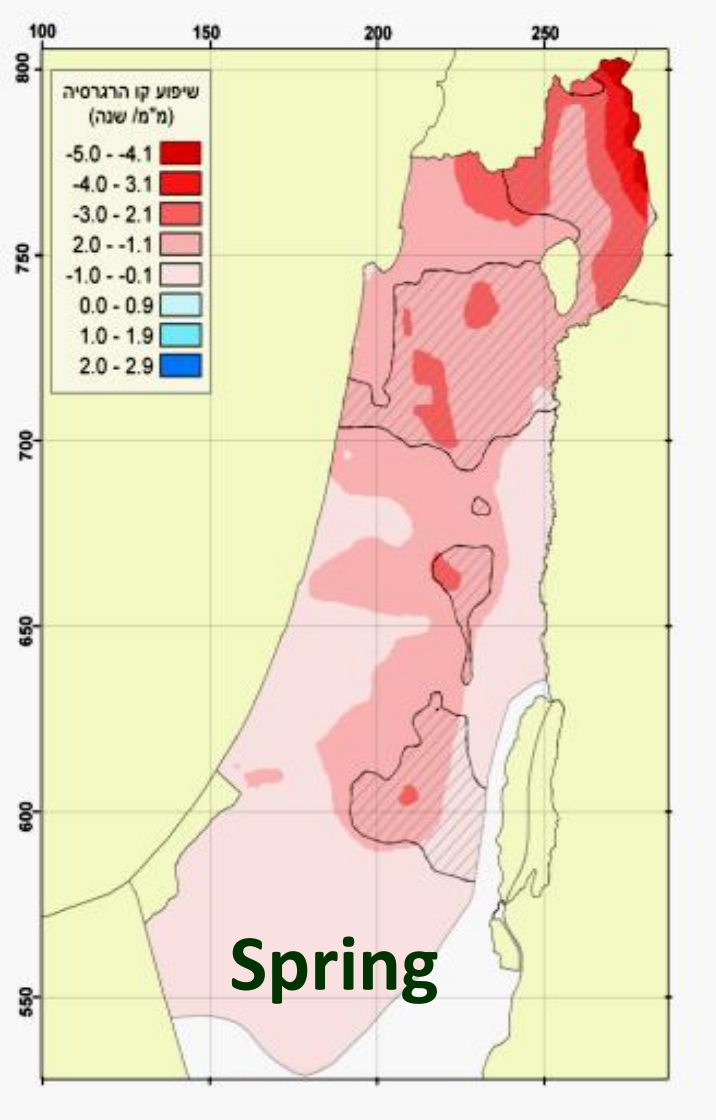
**More Heat Waves & Longer**

**Bet-Dagan 1992-2009 & 1975-1992**



**Linear Annual rainfall trends in sub-regions (%/decade)**  
**Trends-not significant**

# Geographic distribution of Rainfall Trends in 3 seasons



Spring- rainfall drops



# Trends in dust events

**E. Ganor, I. Osetinsky, A. Stupp, and P. Alpert, "Increasing trend of African dust, over 49 years, in the eastern Mediterranean", J. Geophys. Res., 115, D07201, doi:10.1029/2009JD012500, 2010.**



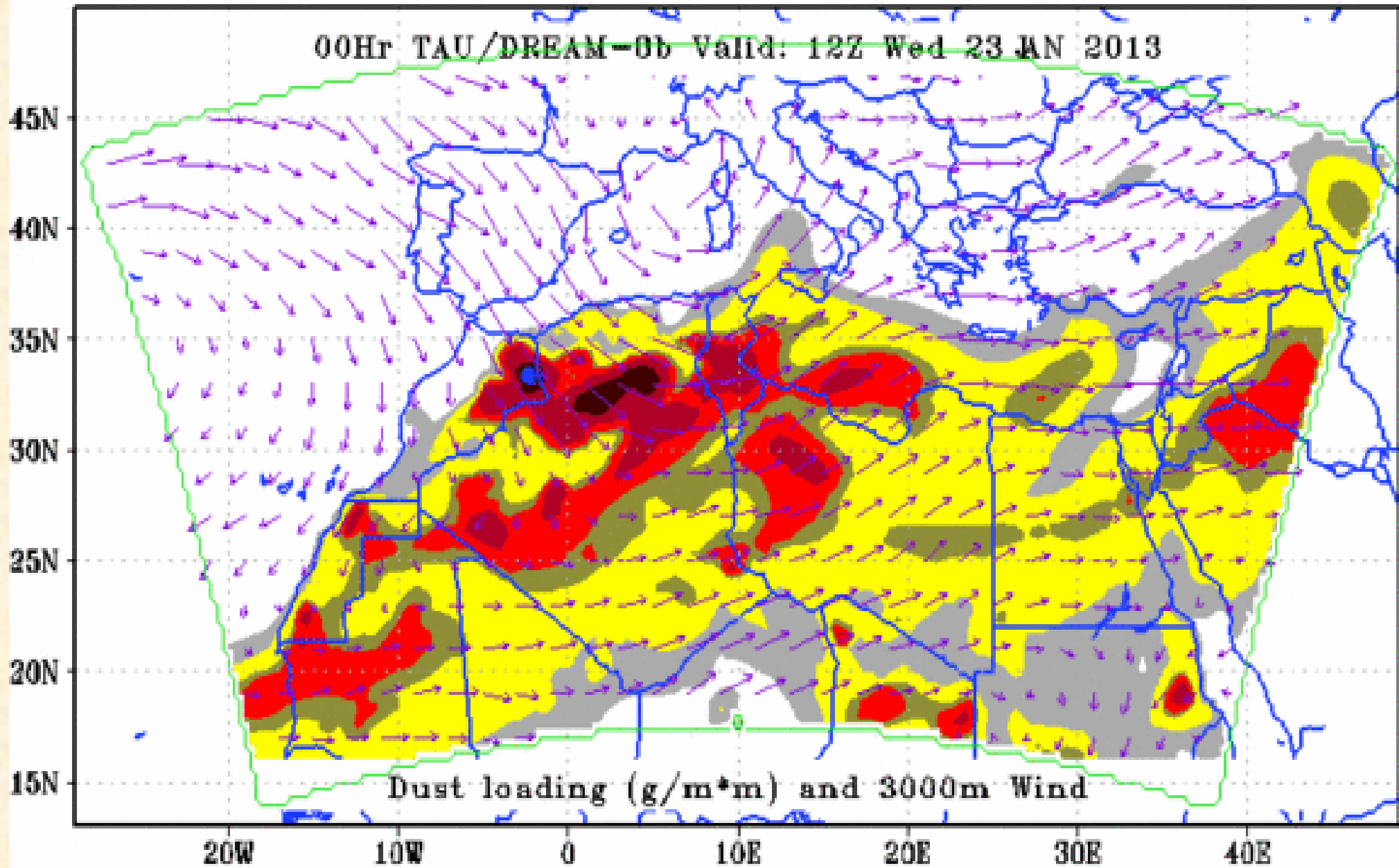
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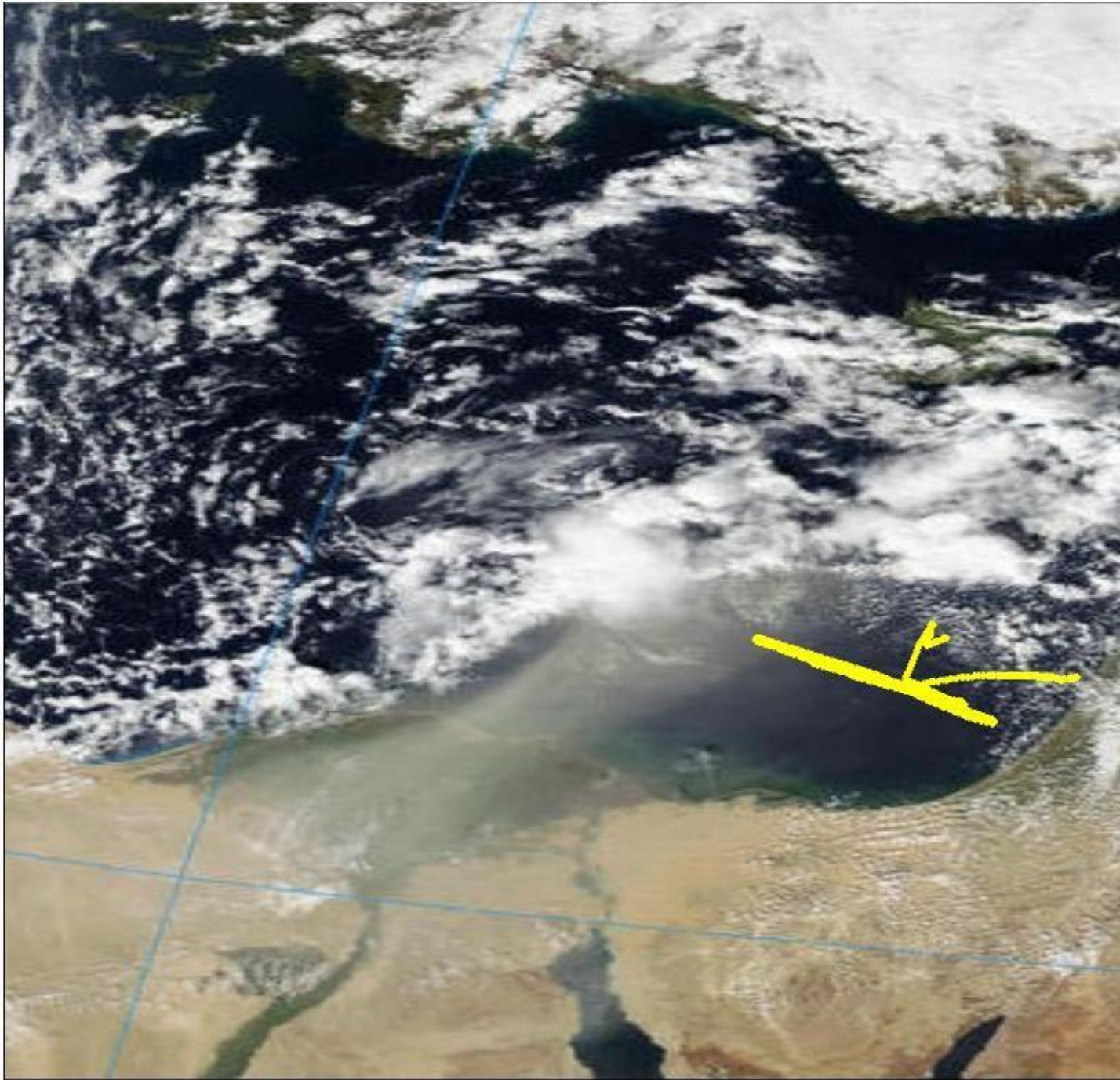
# Dust in Tel-Aviv



### Desert Dust Forecast from 23/01/13\_12



# Dust over Israel During Columbia Flight

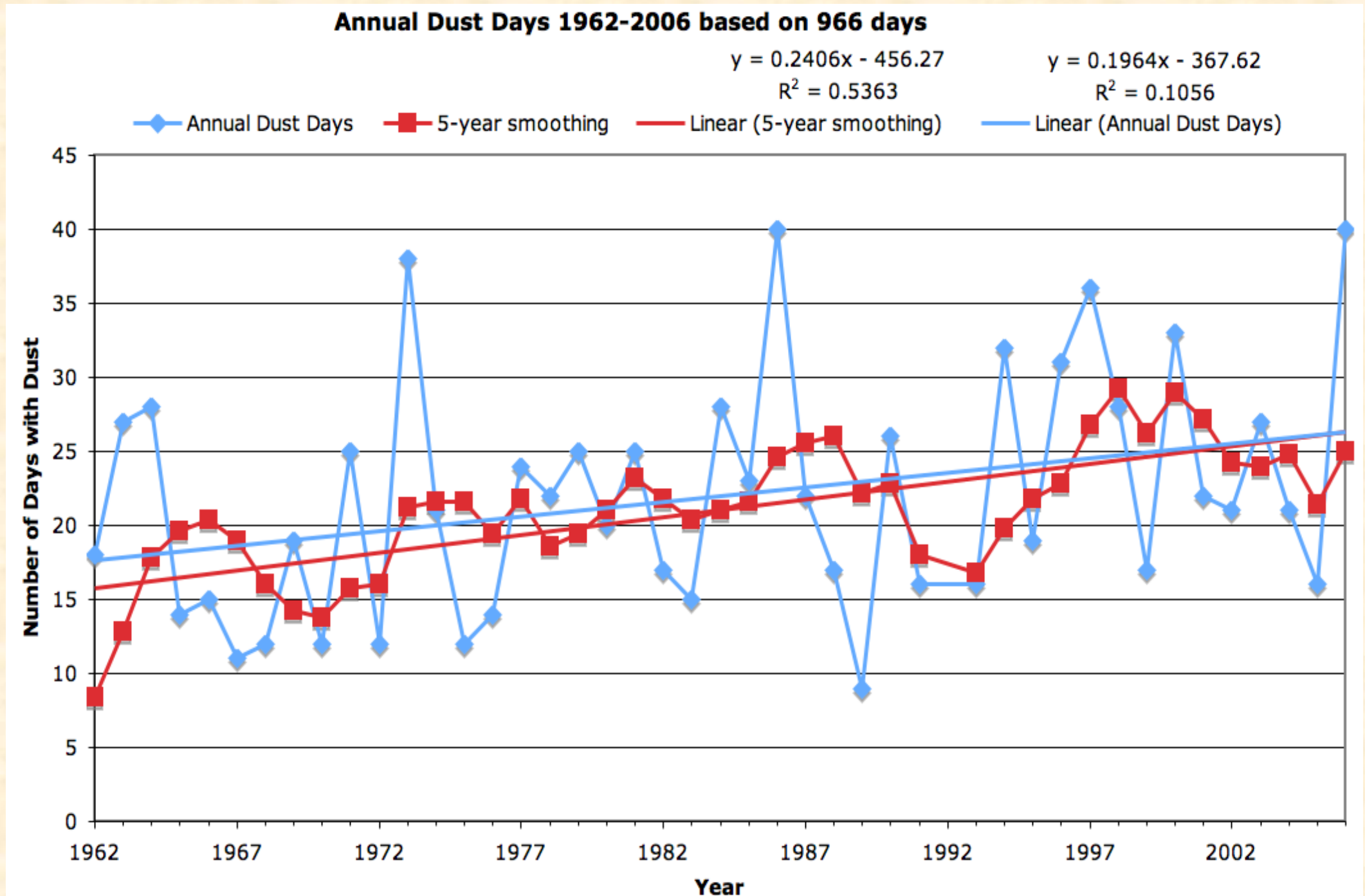


MODIS image of the Eastern Mediterranean from 28.01.03, the yellow line shows the airplane track

P. Alpert, S.O. Krichak, M. Tsidulko, H. Shafir and J.H. Joseph, "A dust prediction system with TOMS initialization" Mon. Wea. Rev., Vol. 130, No.9, pp. 2335-2345, 2002.

# Number of days with Dust Events in Tel-Aviv per year has increased 1958-2006

with a slope of 2.4 days per decade, from 18 days in 1962 to 40 days in 2006 (16 to 26 smoothed fit).



# Summary

- **Global and regional multi-model evaluation indicate strong warming and drying of the Mediterranean region.**
- **Best models currently for Israel at the 20/50 km scale. Good for temperature. For precipitation, sometimes still need bias correction primarily due to orographic effects**
- **Temperature: 1-2 degree increase shown in both global and local models. Japanese model shows higher increase in summer, RegCM shows higher increase in winter.**
- **Precipitation: Japanese and RegCM both show increased interannual variability and probability of multi-year droughts. Different timescale of when precipitation decreases.**
- **Additional information from other climate models will improve our ability to answer questions such as “what is the probability that there will be a multi-year drought or severe heat wave in the coming decade?” and help inform our planning, policy and adaptive response.**

**Thank you!**