

# Workshop on the Science of Climate Change: a focus on Central America and the Caribbean Islands

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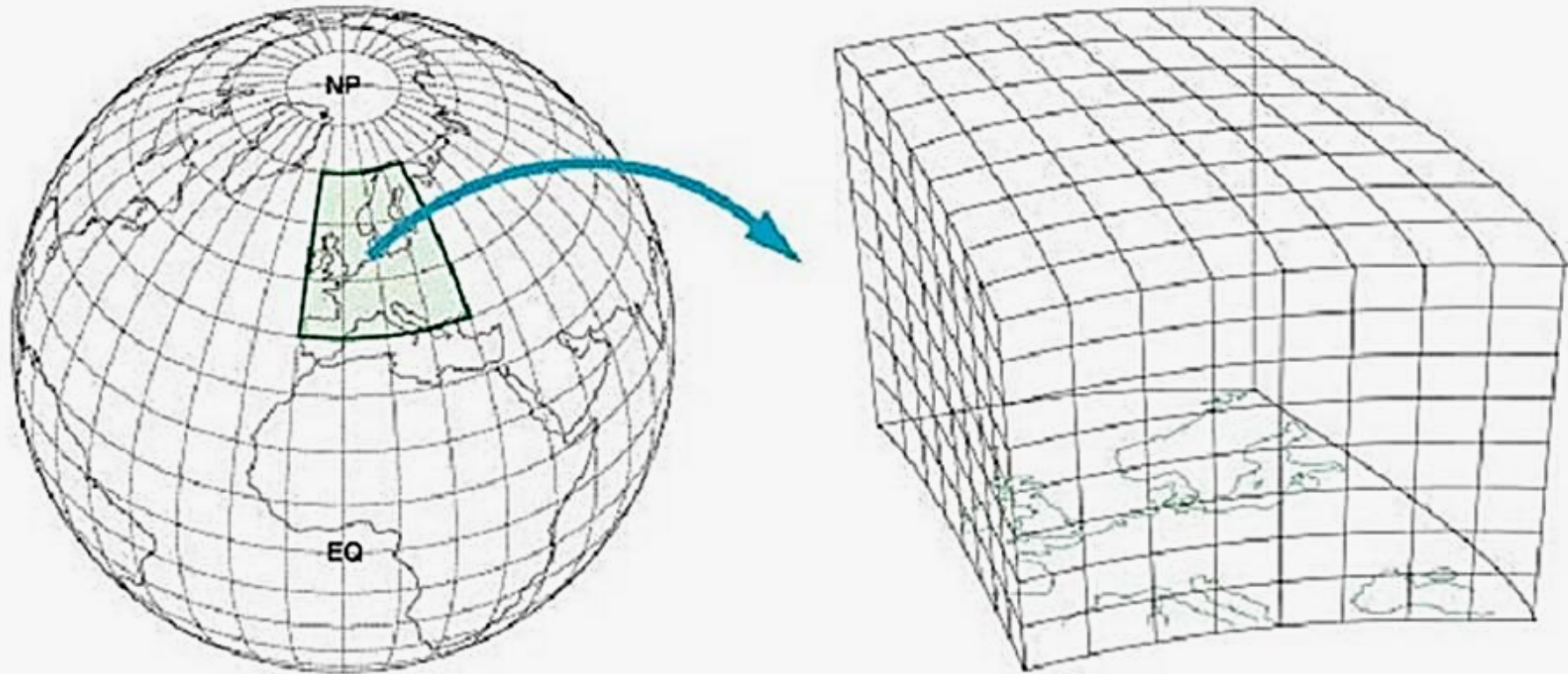


## **Regional modeling in Central America and the Caribbean**

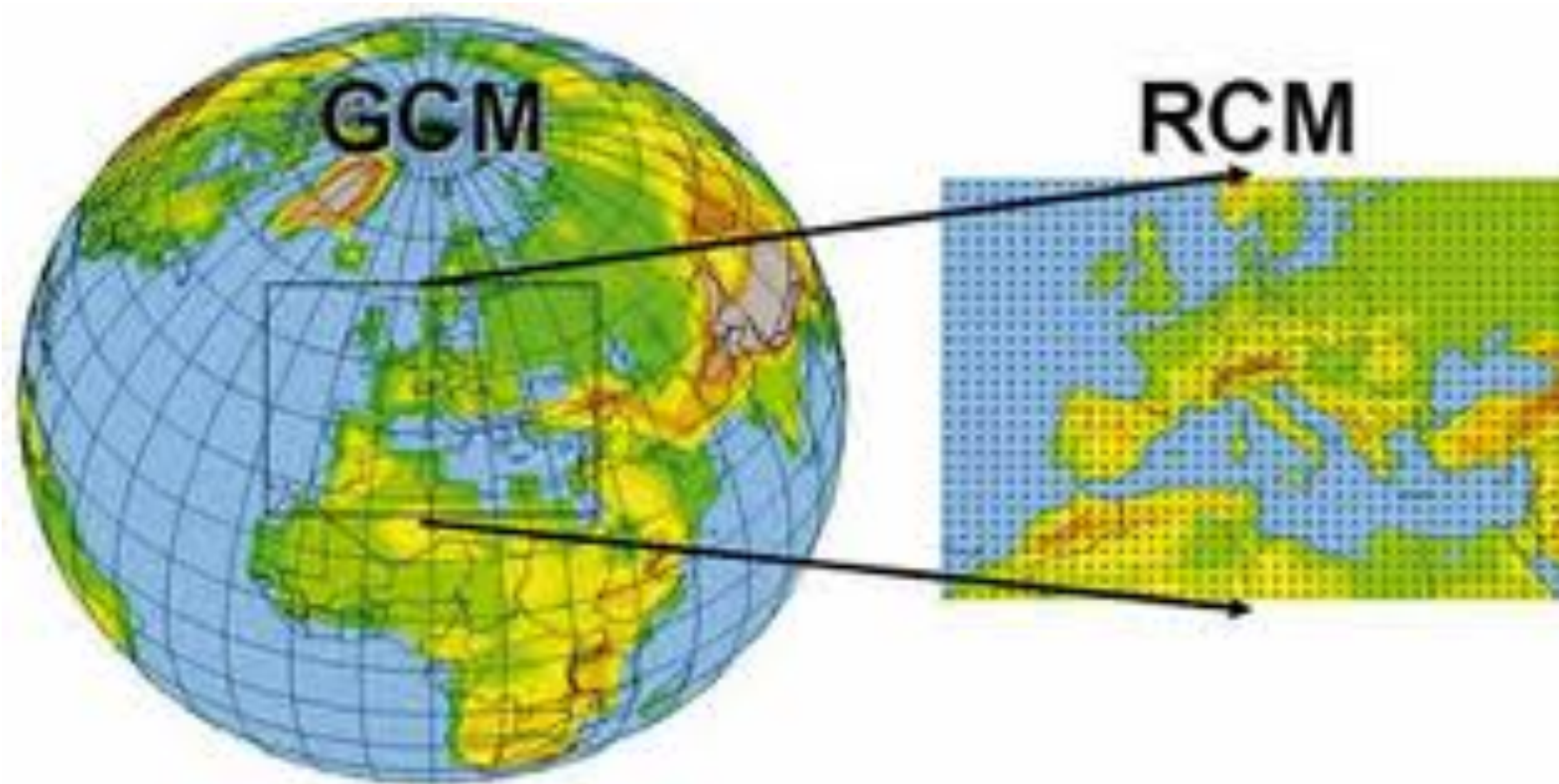
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# Regional Climate Models



Regional atmospheric modelling: nesting into a global state



# Regional Climate Models

The main goal of regional climate models (RCMs) is to reproduce the main climatic features in complex terrain, where mesoscale forcing becomes important and coarse-resolution global climate models (GCMs) are not sufficient for assessing local climate variability. Very high resolution GCMs are an extremely costly alternative solution.

The Caribbean islands and adjacent territories are an example of the usefulness of RCM.

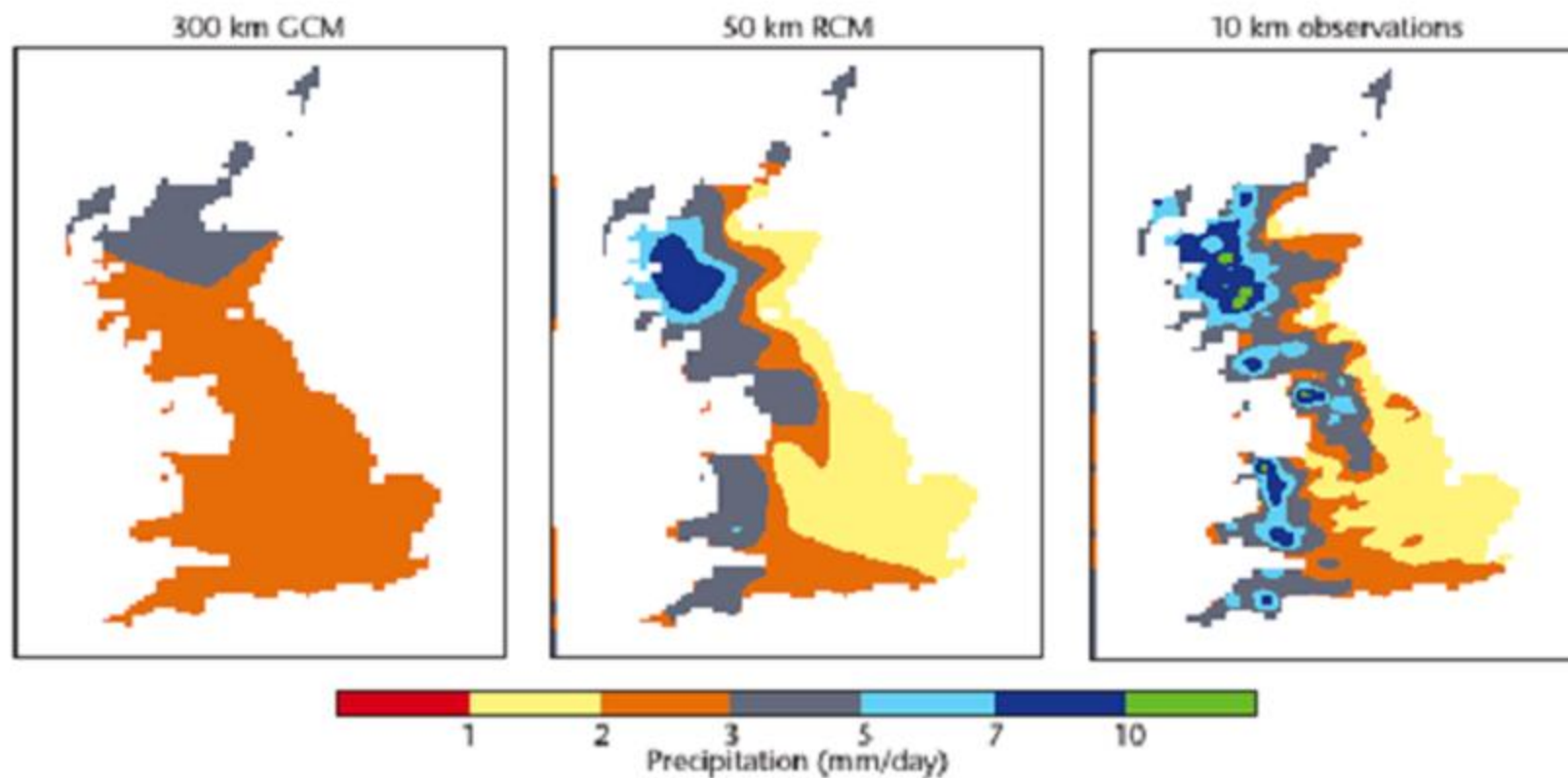


# Regional climate modeling technique

The nested regional climate modeling technique consists of defining a limited region (e.g., Europe, South America, the Caribbean Region) and run a high resolution model only for that region, using the output of a GCM as boundary conditions.

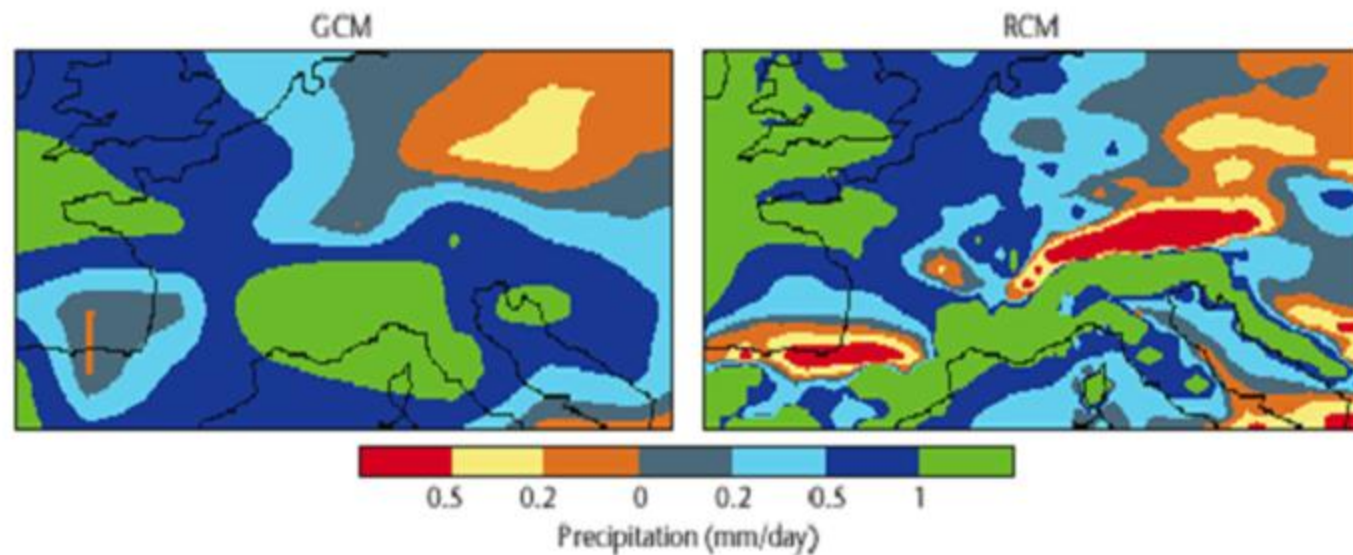
This technique has been mostly used only in one-way mode, i.e. with no feedback from the RCM simulation to the driving GCM. The basic strategy is thus to use the global model to simulate the response of the global circulation to large scale forcings (synoptic scale systems) and the RCM to account for sub-GCM grid scale forcings (e.g. local circulations, complex topographical features and land cover inhomogeneity).

## RCMs simulate current climate more realistically



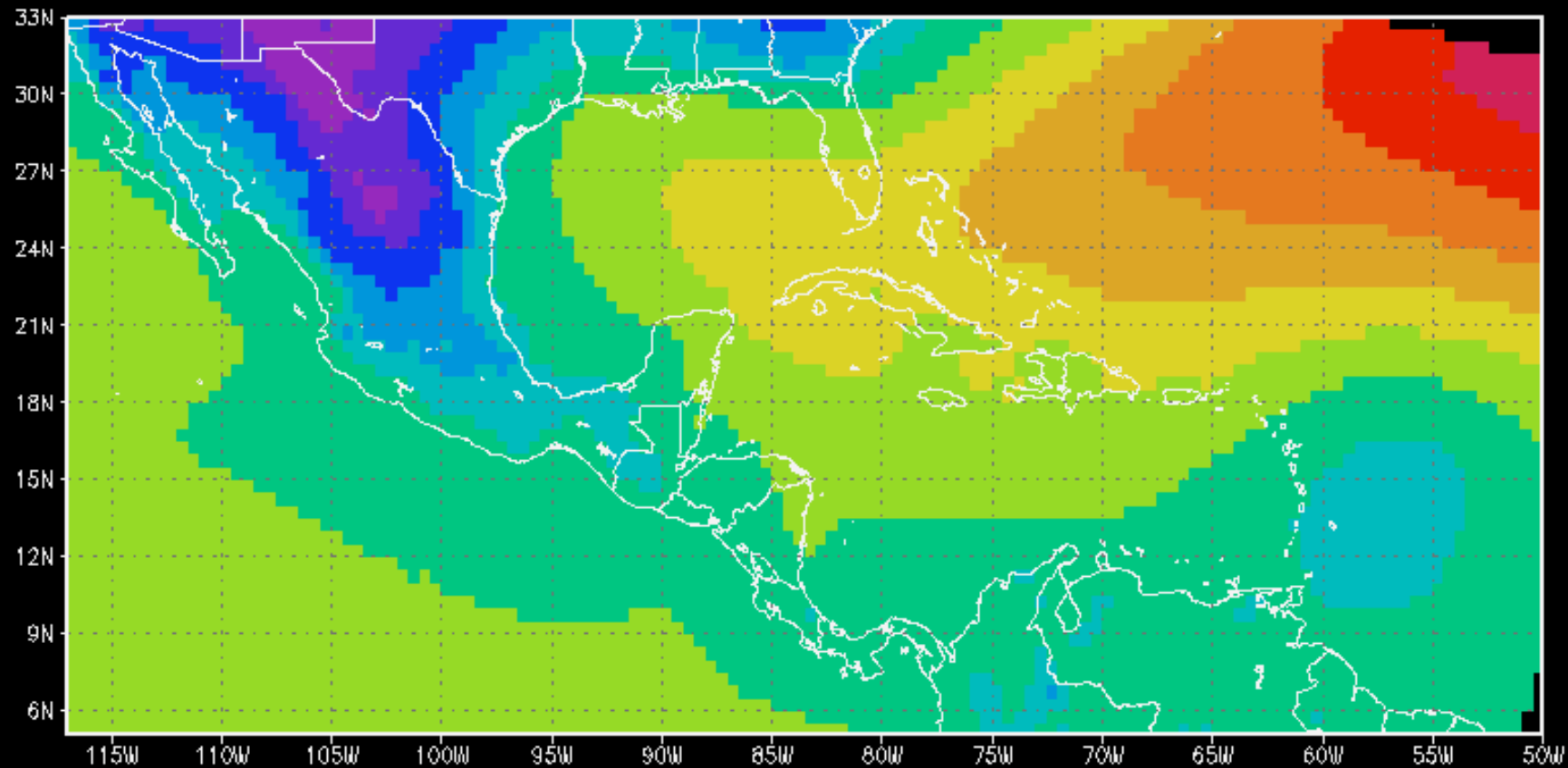
Patterns of present-day winter precipitation over Great Britain

## Predict climate change with more detail



Projected changes in winter precipitation between now and 2080s.

# Represent Tropical cyclones





# Regional climate modeling in the Caribbean

ICTP-RegCM



**May, 2003: RegCM3. ICTP Workshop on the Theory and Use of Regional Climate Models. RegCM3. Trieste, Italy.**

**Trainers: ICTP Earth Physics Section. Participants: scientists from Third World nations. Different groups worked on different domains**

UK-MetOffice  
Hadley Centre  
PRECIS



**March, 2004: PRECIS Installation and Training Workshop in Havana**

**Financing: GEF MACC Project (Mainstream Adaptation to Climate Change) and Japanese Trust Fund  
Organizers: MACC and INSMET, Cuba  
Participants. Scientists from Caribbean and Central American countries**

# THE PRECIS CARIBBEAN STORY

## Lessons and Legacies

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**PRECIS: Providing Regional Climates for Impacts Studies**  
**Atmospheric and land surface high resolution LAM locatable in  
any region**

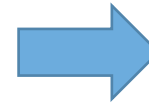
**Horizontal resolution: 0.44°C (50 km) or 0.22°C (25 km)**

**Forced by GCM: HadAM3H; ECHAM4 or other versions**

**Built by Hadley Centre but run locally on linux**

**Available on line at [www.metoffice.gov.uk](http://www.metoffice.gov.uk)**

**The PRECIS Caribbean Agenda: Multicountry collaboration initiative to run the model in different domains following a coordinated strategy to share effort and resources.**  
**UWI (Jamaica, Barbados), INSMET (Cuba), CCCCC (Caribbean Community Climate Change Centre, Belize)**

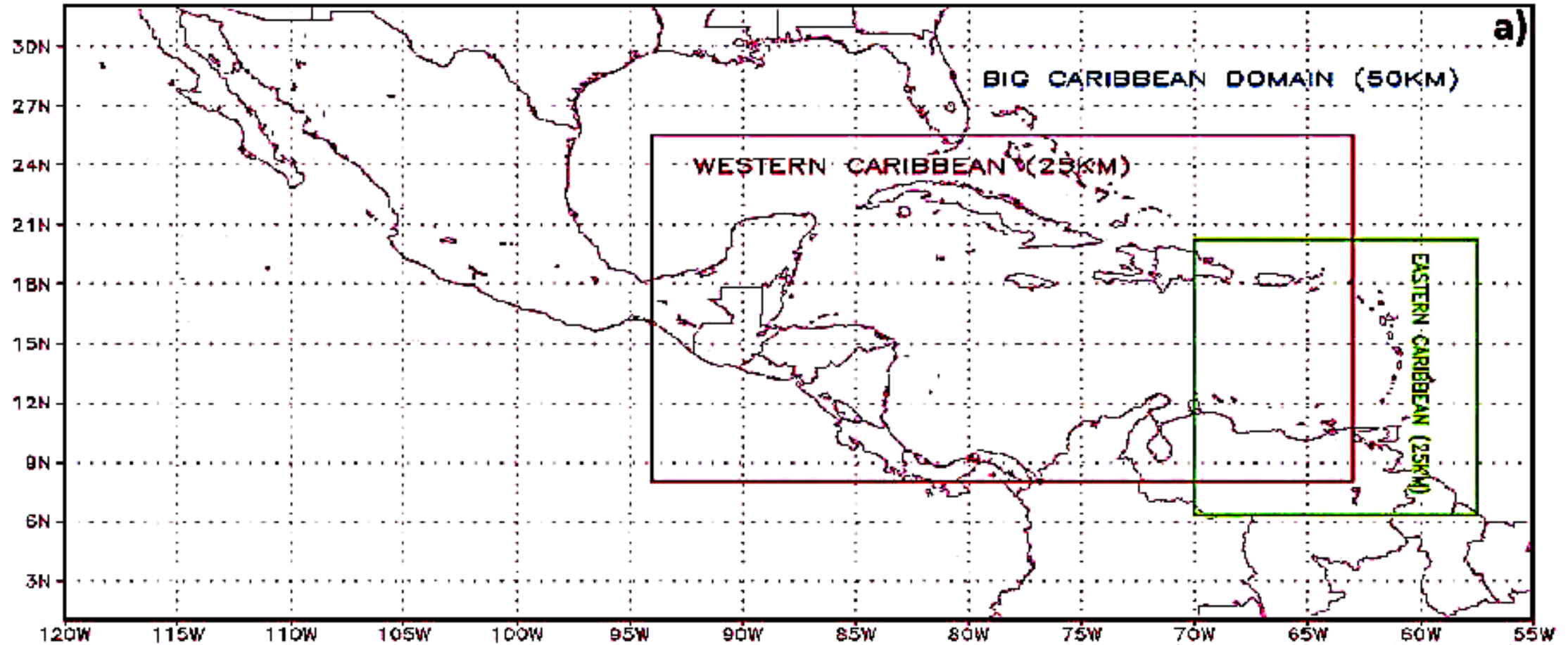


**Three domains :CAM-Caribbean Region (50-km), Eastern Caribbean (Lesser Antilles 25 km) and Western Caribbean (Greater Antilles 25 km). and) GCM: HadAM3H; later HadAM3P and ECHAM4. Time-slice approach. Present (1960–90) and end-of-century (2071–99) . A2 and B2 SRES scenarios**

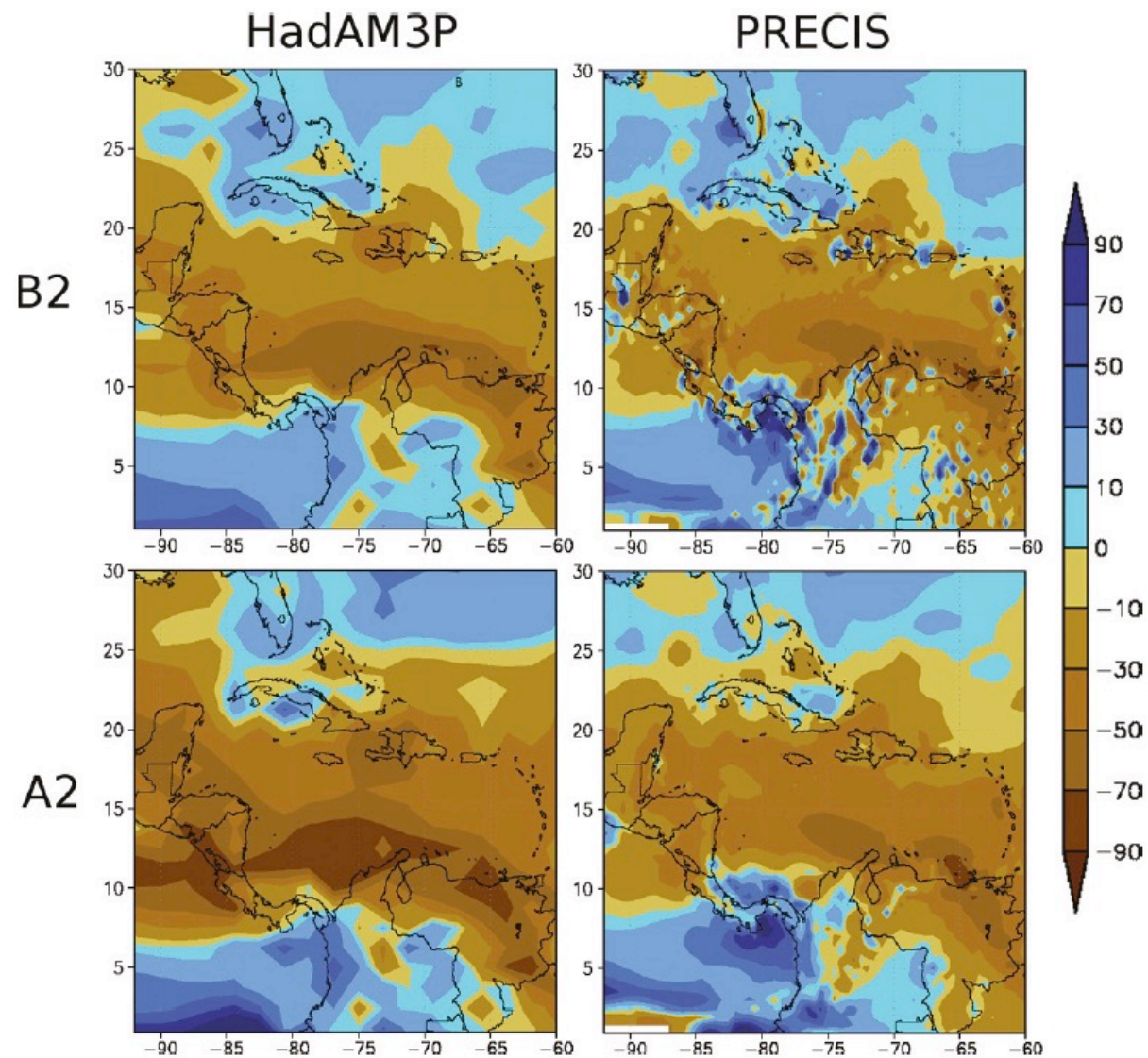
**TABLE 1. Initial division of runs.**

Cuba (INSMET)	Caribbean basin, 50 × 50 km <sup>2</sup>	B1 (30 yr) and A2 (30 yr), baseline (30 yr), reanalysis (15 yr)
Jamaica, UWI (Mona)	Caribbean basin, 50 × 50 km <sup>2</sup>	A2 (30 yr) and B2 (30 yr), baseline (30 yr)
Barbados, UWI (Cave Hill)	Eastern Caribbean, 25 × 25 km <sup>2</sup>	A2 (30 yr) and B2 (30 yr), baseline (30 yr)
Belize, 5Cs	Caribbean and eastern Caribbean	Multiple runs

# PRECIS CARIBBEAN DOMAINS







**FIG. 4.** Annual mean changes in precipitation (%) for 2071–99 with respect to 1961–89 as simulated by (left) HadAM3P and (right) PRECIS. Top (bottom) shows results for the B2 (A2) emission scenario.

# Some papers produced by PRECIS Caribbean initiative

- **Campbell J. D., M. A. Taylor, T. S. Stephenson, R. A. Watson and F. S. Whyte, 2010.** Future climate of the Caribbean from a regional climate model. *Int. J. Clim.* 31, 1866-1878, doi:10.1002/joc.2200.
- **Martínez-Castro D., Borrajero I., Bezanilla A. and Centella A., 2011:** The occurrence of tropical cyclones in the Caribbean and Mexico and global warming. Application of a regional climate model. “*Rev. Ciencias de la Tierra y el Espacio*”, 12, 2011. [http://www.iga.cu/publicaciones/revista/cte\\_12/CTE12.html](http://www.iga.cu/publicaciones/revista/cte_12/CTE12.html)
- **Karmalkar A. V., R. S. Bradley and H. F. Diaz, 2011.** Climate change in Central America and Mexico: Regional climate model validation and climate change projections. *Clim. Dyn.* 37,605-629, doi:10.1007/s00382-011-1099-9.
- **Taylor MA, Whyte F., Stephenson TS. and Campbell JD, 2012:** Why dry? Investigating the future evolution of the Caribbean Low Level Jet to explain projected Caribbean drying. *Int. Journ. Climatology*. DOI: 10.1002/joc.3461
- **Karmalkar A. V., M. A. Taylor, J. Campbell, T. Stephenson, M. New, A. Centella, A. Bezanilla and J. Charlery, 2013.** A review of observed and projected changes in climate for the islands in the Caribbean. *Atmósfera* 26(2), 283-309
- **Taylor MA, Centella A, Charlery J, Bezanilla A, Campbell J, Borrajero I, Stephenson T, Nurmohamed R, 2013:** The Precis Caribbean Story: Lessons and Legacies. *Bulletin of the American Meteorological Society*. 94: 1065-1073.
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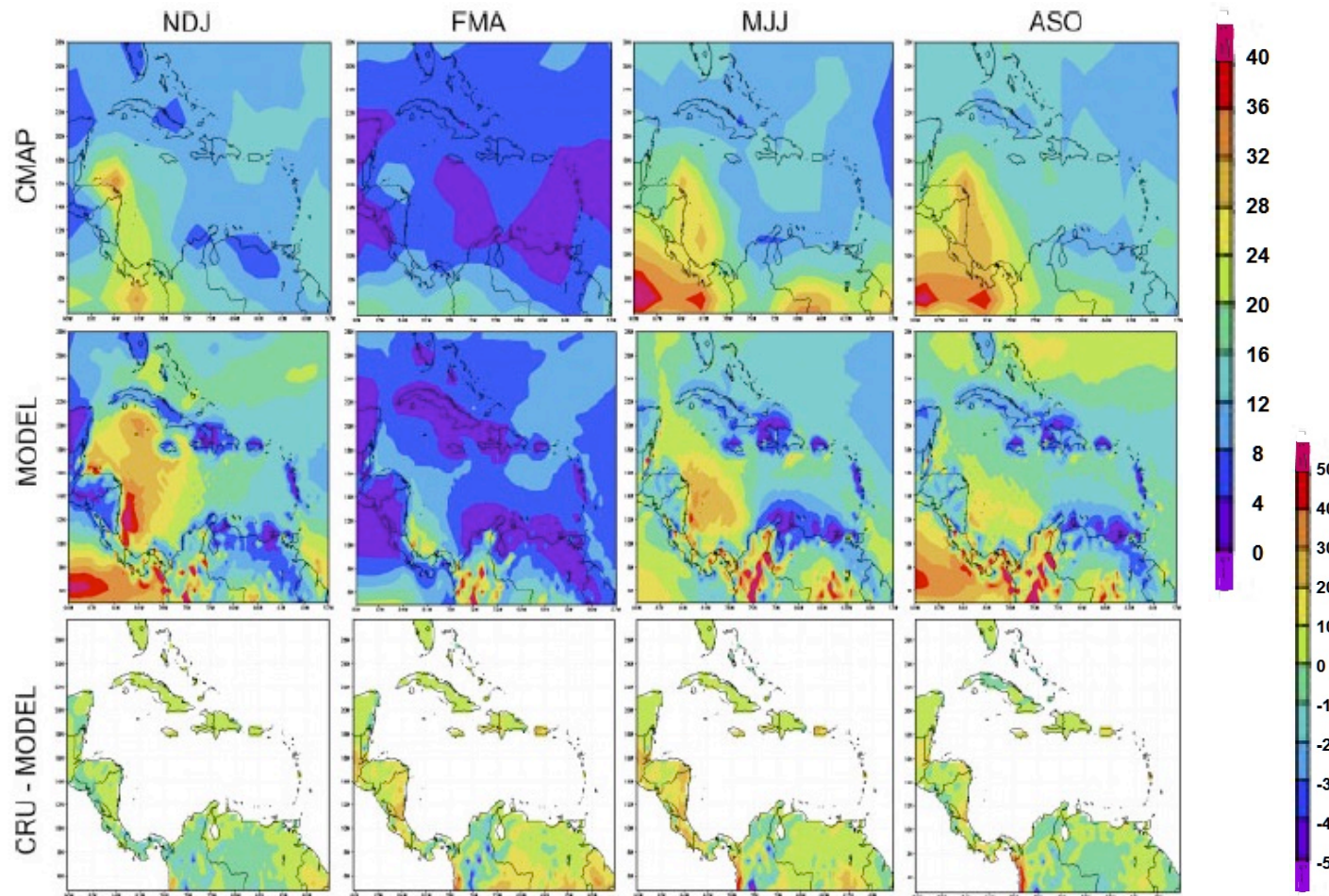
# Future climate of the Caribbean from a regional climate model

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Present time  
Precipitation



**PRECIS**  
**Hor.Res: 50**  
**km**

**Reanalysis:**  
**ERA15**

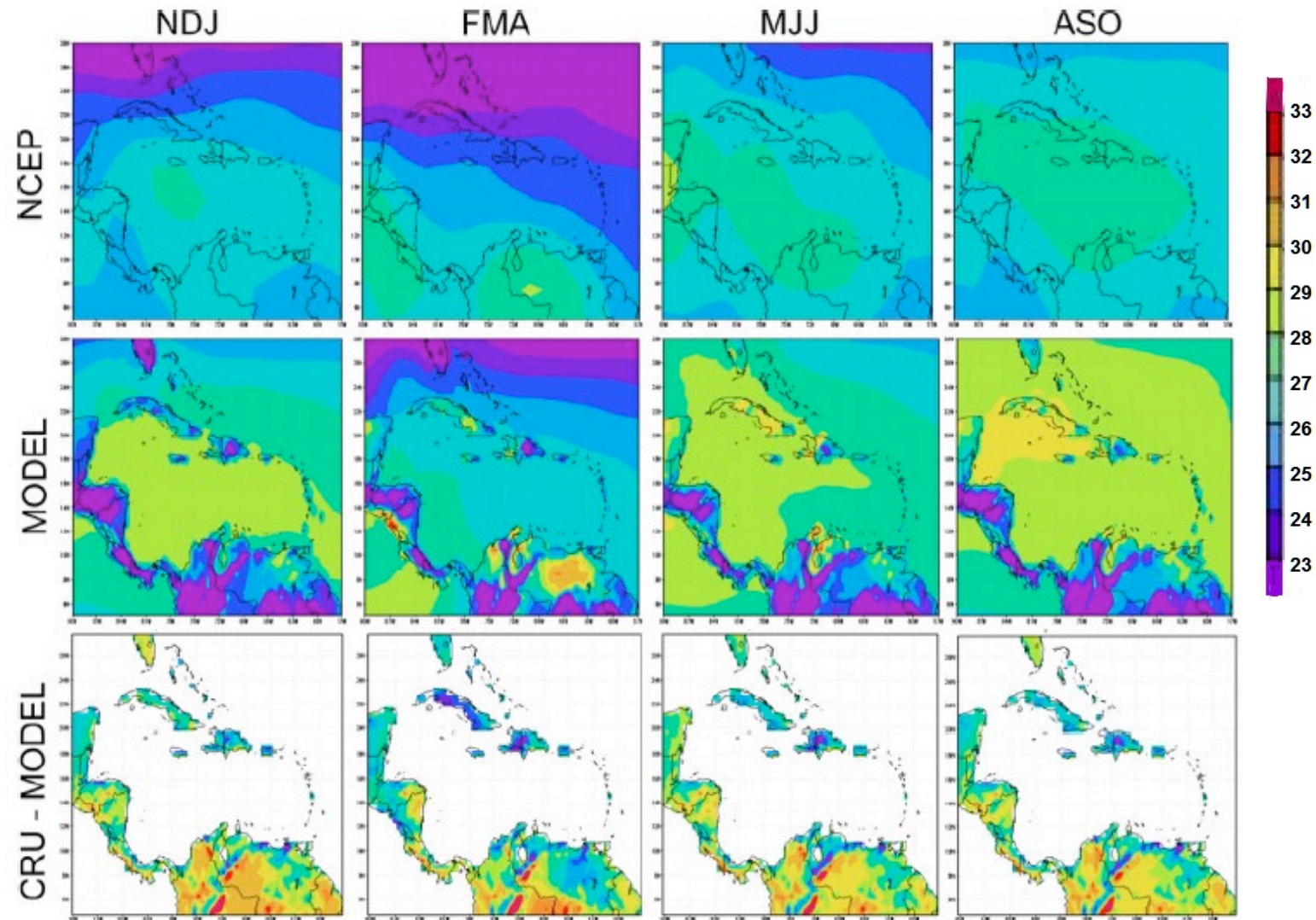
**Projectios**  
**GCM**  
**HADAM3P;**  
**SRES A2**

**Bias**



Present time  
Temperature

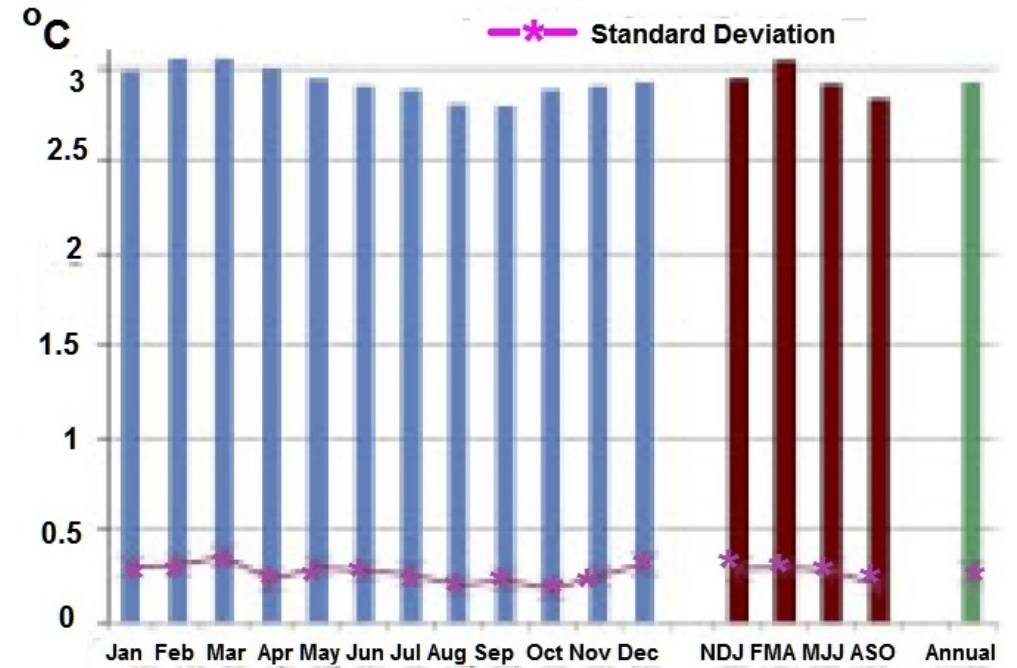
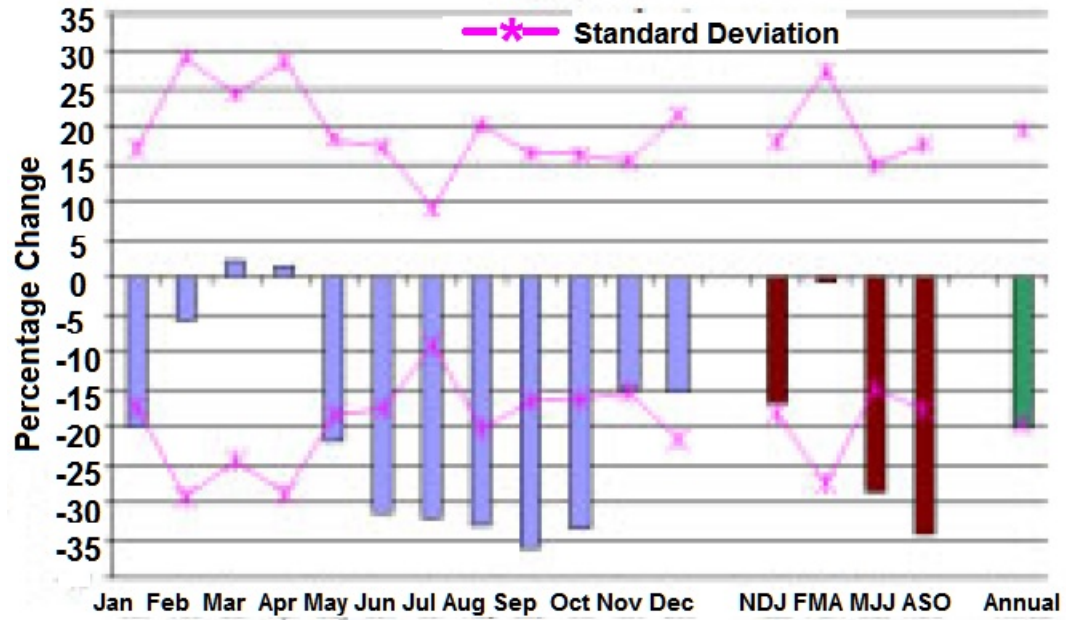
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# PROJECTIONS

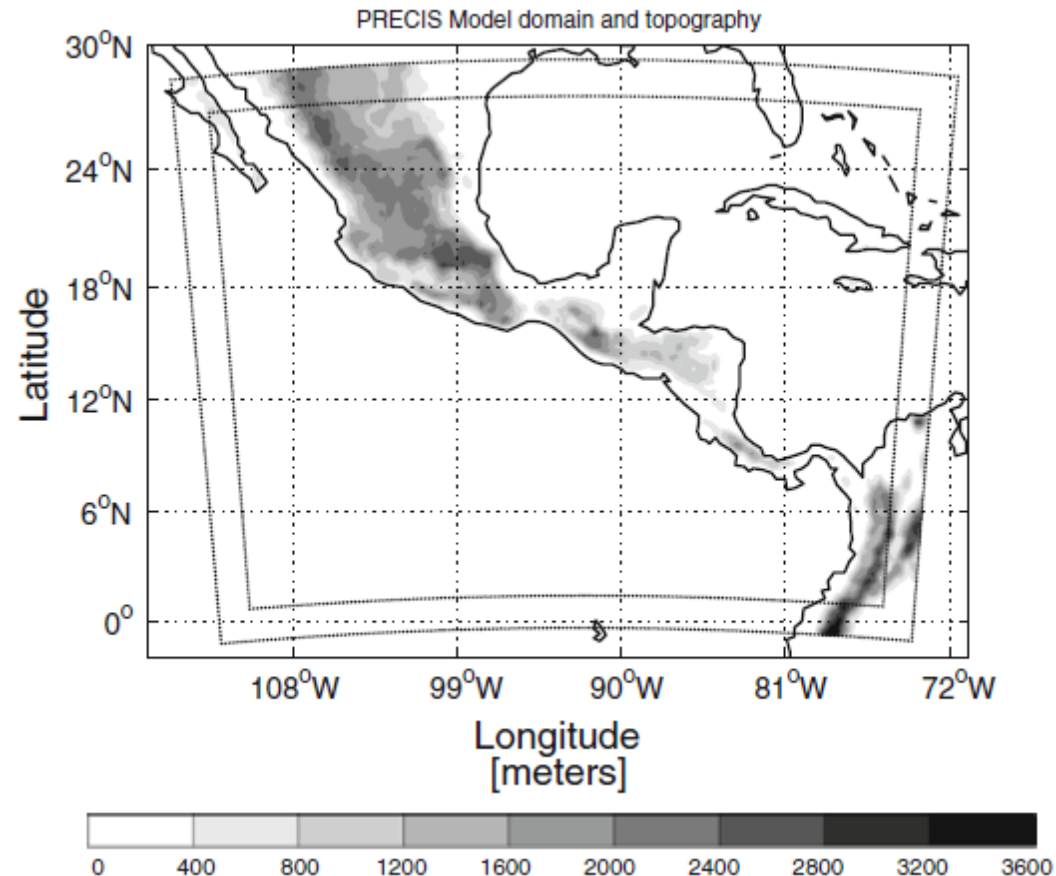
(2071-2100) - (1961-1990)



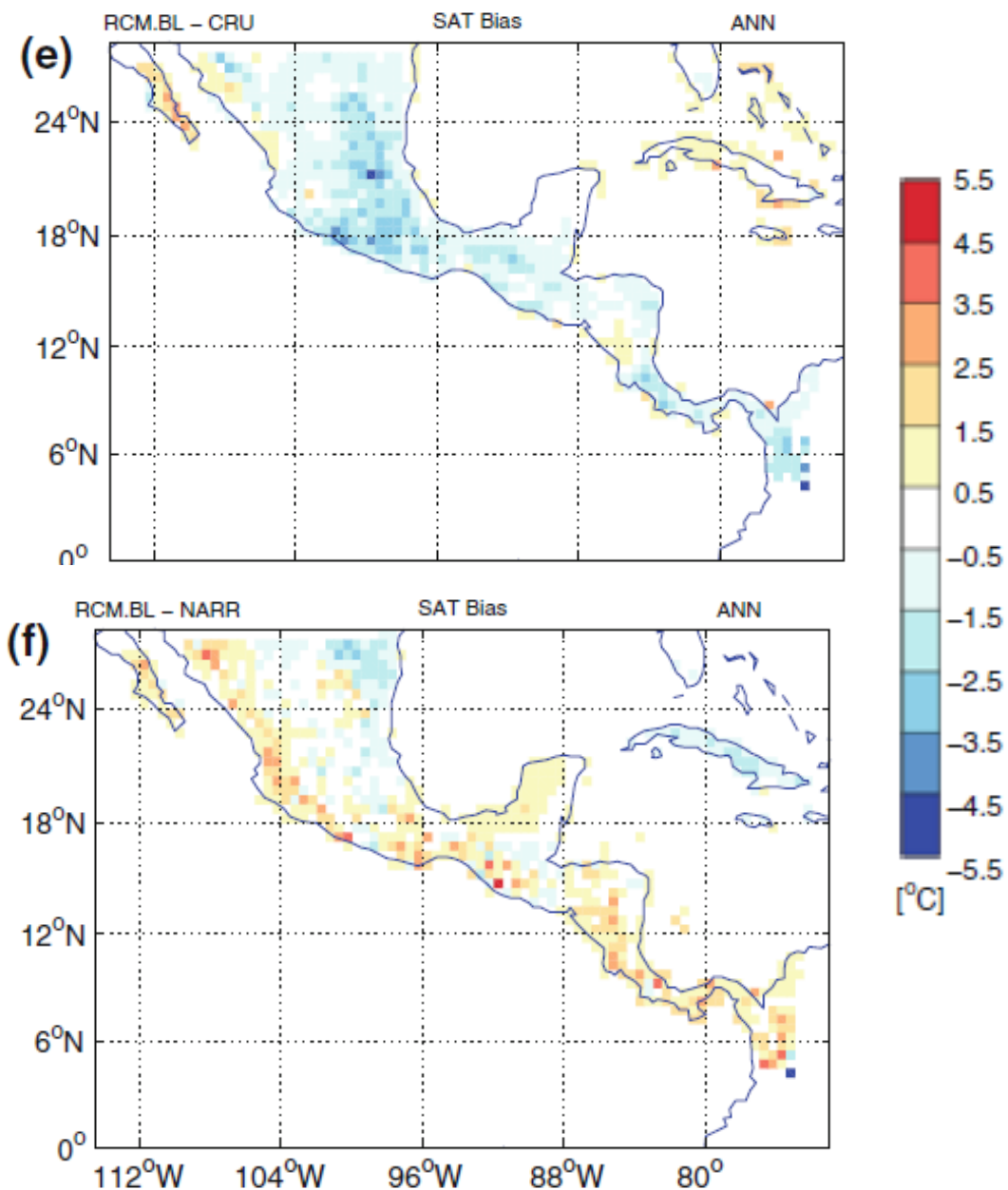
# Climate change in Central America and Mexico: regional climate model validation and climate change projections

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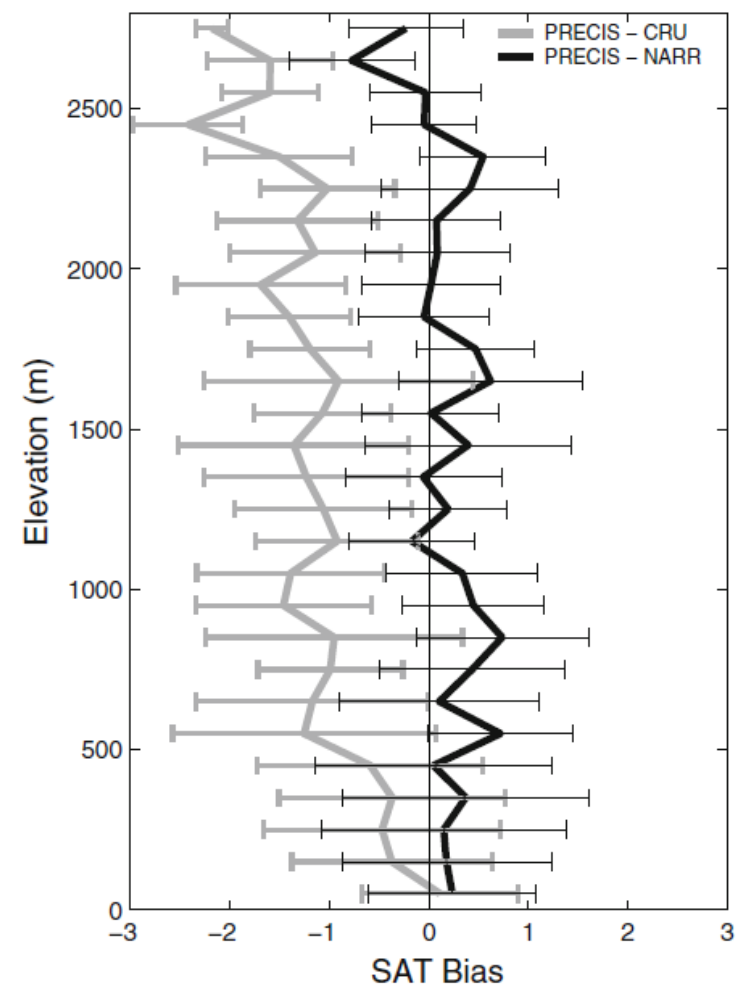
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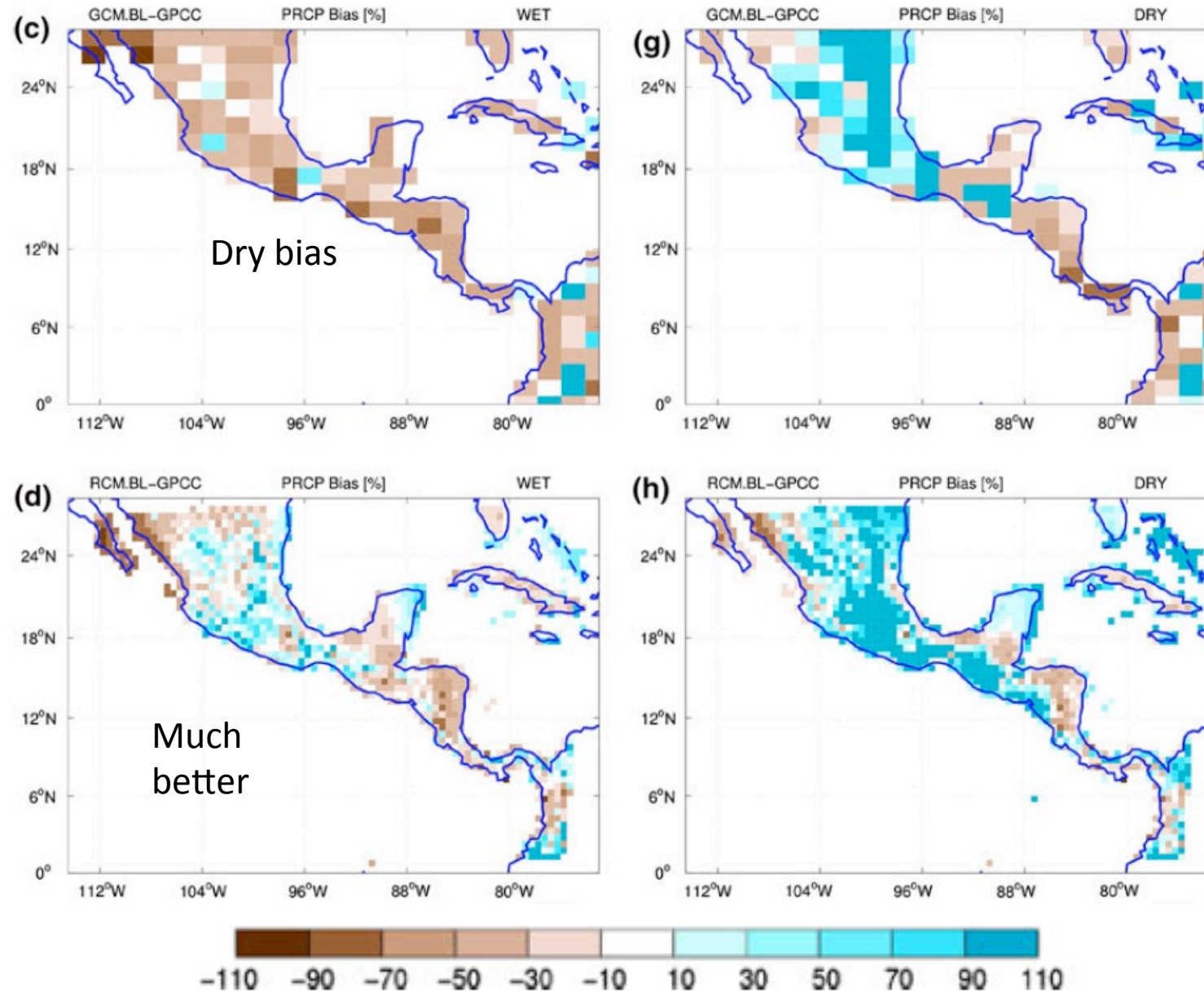
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## Dependence of bias on elevation

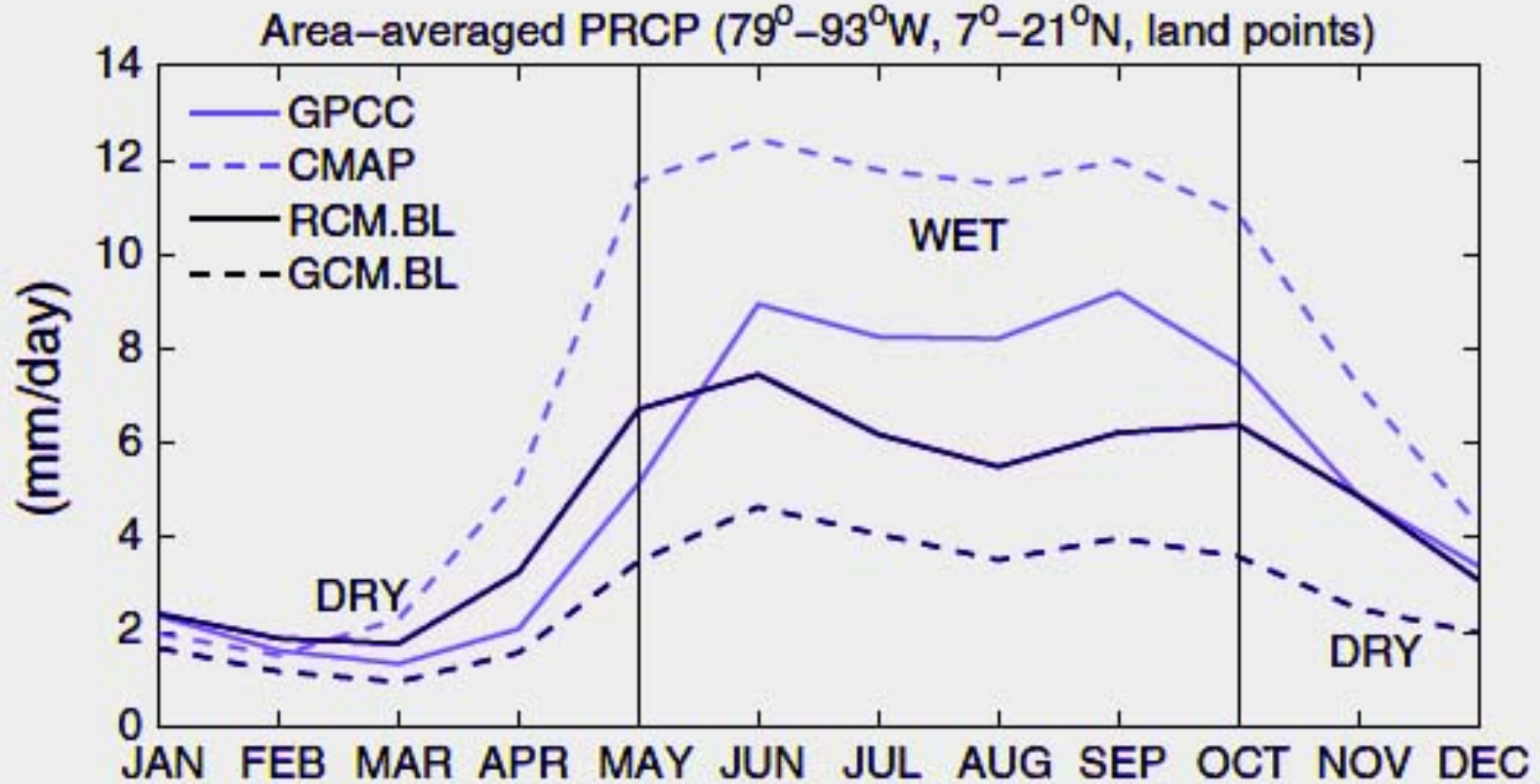


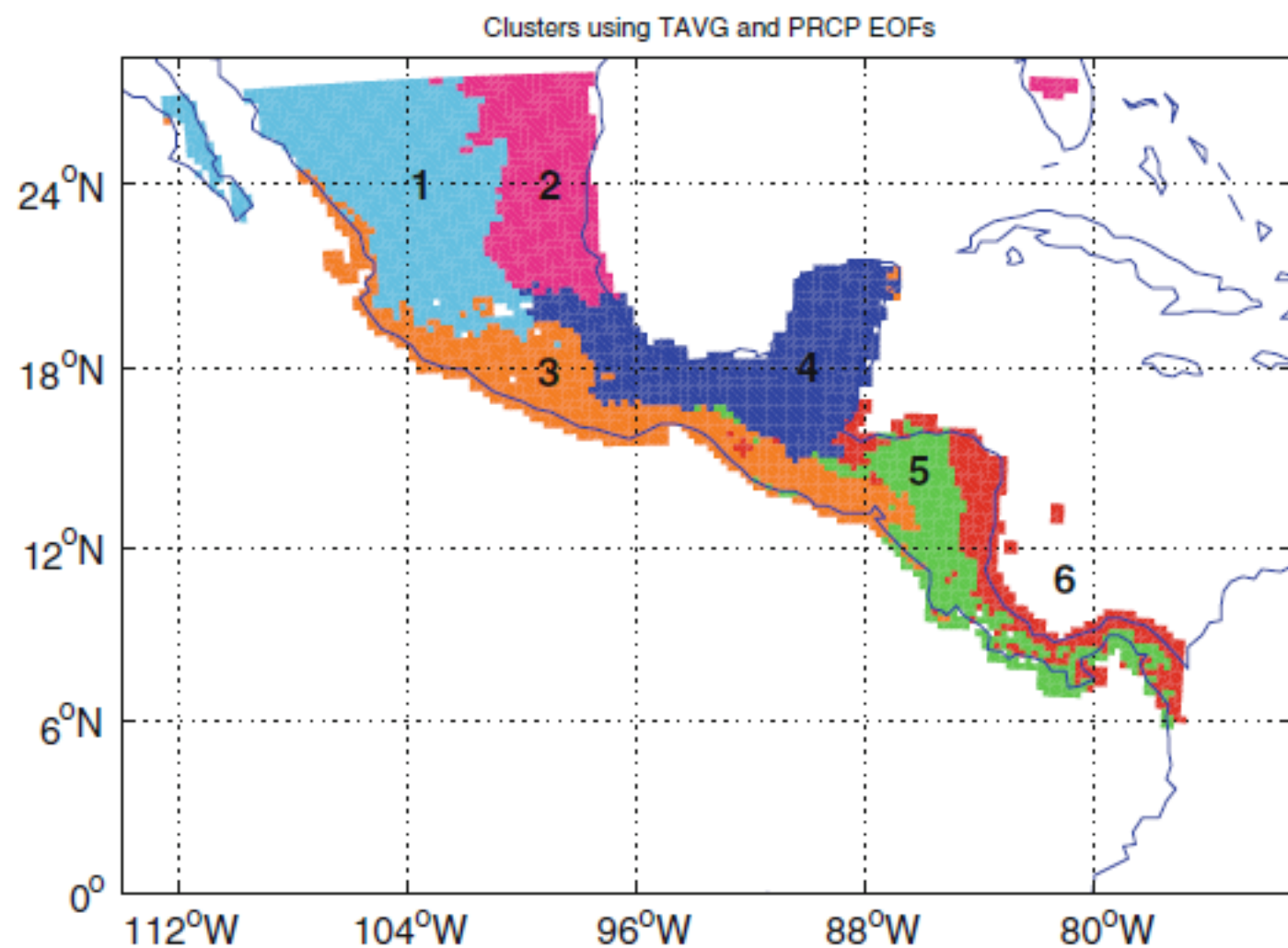
## Baseline. GCM and RCM bias relative to GPCC





## Precipitation seasonal cycle. Domain landmass





**Fig. 7** Regional model domain divided into six regions using EOF and cluster analyses on simulated mean annual SAT and PRCP data

**Table 3** Model bias in the mean ( $\mu$ ) and variability ( $\sigma$ ; standard deviation) of seasonal PRCP relative to the GPCC data for six regions defined in Fig. 7

	Wet season				Dry season			
	$\mu_{\text{bias}} (\%)$		$\sigma_{\text{bias}} (\%)$		$\mu_{\text{bias}} (\%)$		$\sigma_{\text{bias}} (\%)$	
	GCM	RCM	GCM	RCM	GCM	RCM	GCM	RCM
1	-33	-9	-64	-39	30	35	-9	-2
2	-42	15	-57	6	95	78	10	15
3	-53	2	-72	-39	15	87	-26	59
4	-31	-3	-61	-40	25.5	30	-28	-15
5	-57	-23	-77	-45	-59	-18	-53	-1
6	-45.5	-21	-68	-30	-47	15	-58	-19

**Table 2** Model bias in the mean ( $\mu$ ) and variability ( $\sigma$ ; standard deviation) of seasonal SAT relative to the CRU data for six regions defined in Fig. 7

	Wet season				Dry season			
	$\mu_{\text{bias}} (^\circ\text{C})$		$\sigma_{\text{bias}} (\%)$		$\mu_{\text{bias}} (^\circ\text{C})$		$\sigma_{\text{bias}} (\%)$	
	GCM	RCM	GCM	RCM	GCM	RCM	GCM	RCM
1	0.2	-1.1	1	-10	-0.1	-0.7	10	0
2	-0.1	-1.5	9	-18	-1.5	-0.7	-4	-17
3	-0.5	-1.1	47	-22	-0.6	-0.3	46	-22
4	-0.7	-0.7	6	-17	-0.4	-0.3	1	-15
5	0.2	-0.4	13	-8	0.6	-0.1	29	-2
6	-0.9	0	-7	-38	-0.4	0	1	-41

## MAIN CONCLUSIONS

RCM captures precipitation pattern, showing improvement over the GCMs

Negative bias in the wet season

Positive bias in the dry season

(Driving GCM underestimates precipitation in CAM)

Warming in CAM in the wet season higher than in the dry season and nearly 4°C.

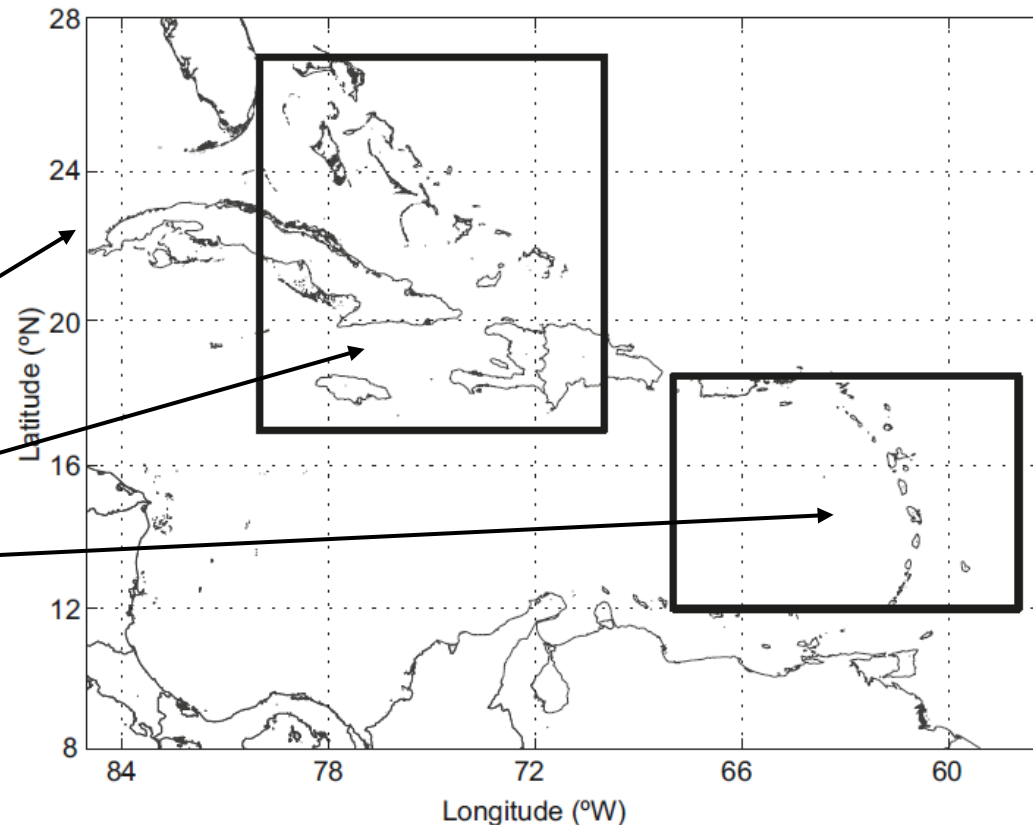
# A review of observed and projected changes in climate for the islands in the Caribbean

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DOMAIN: The same as in  
Campbell et al. (2010)

STUDY AREAS



**RCM: PRECIS**  
**GCM: HadamP;**  
**ECHAM4**

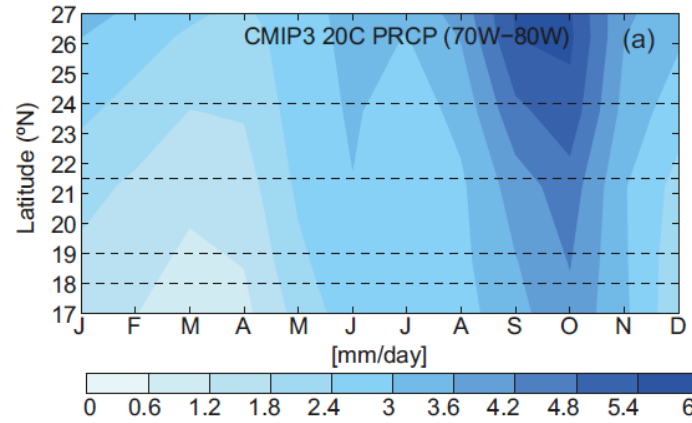
**Present: 1970-1089**  
**Future: 2080-2089**

Fig. 1. Two regions of the Caribbean—western (70-80° W) and eastern (58-68° W)—for which zonal means are calculated.

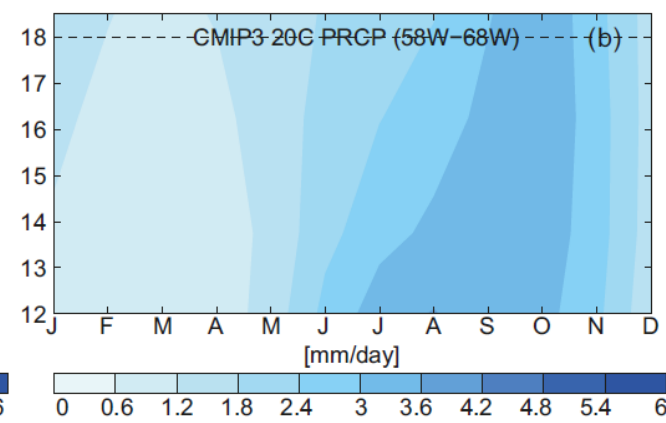
# Present time precipitation (70-89) CMIP3 and PRECIS

CMIP3  
ensemble

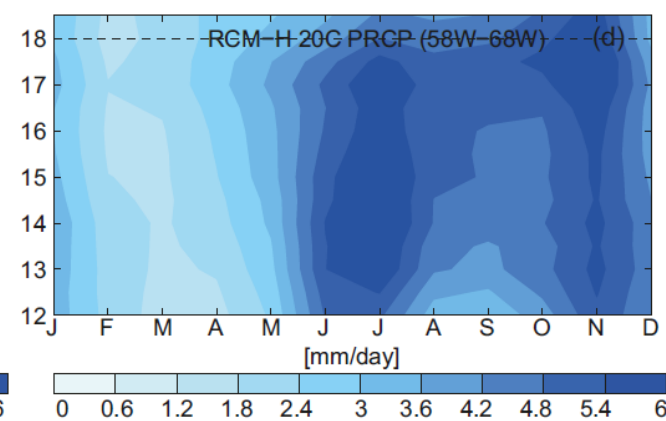
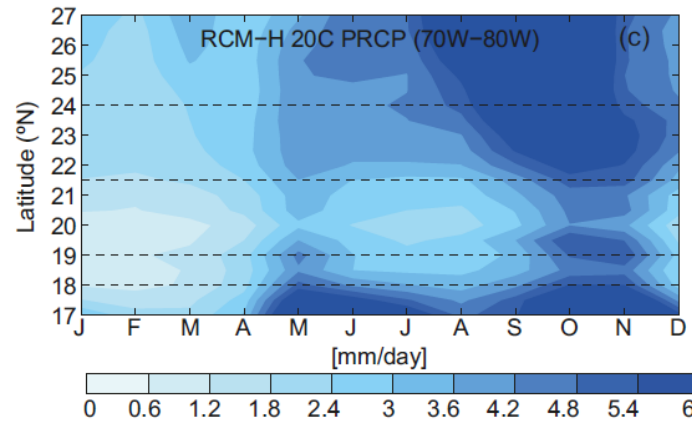
## Western Caribbean



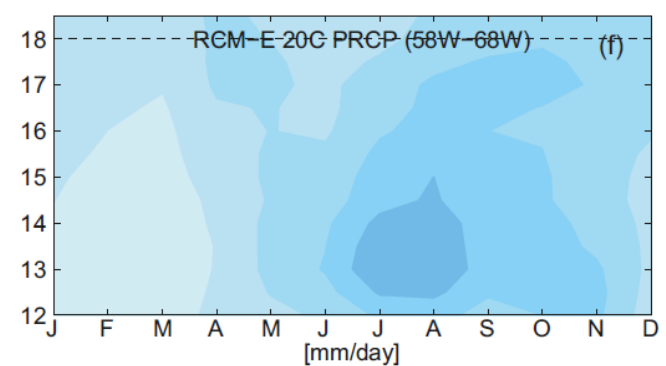
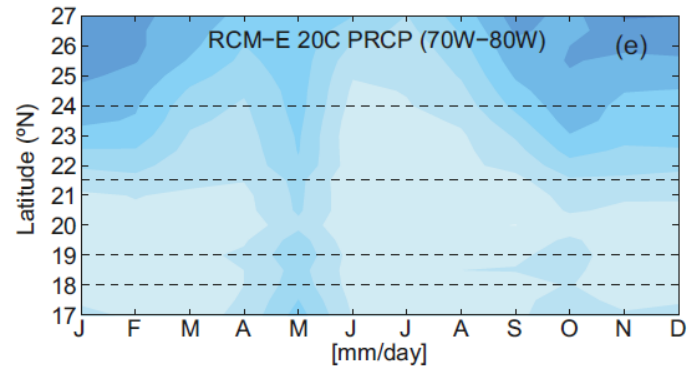
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PRECIS  
RCM-Hadley



PRECIS  
RCM-ECHAM





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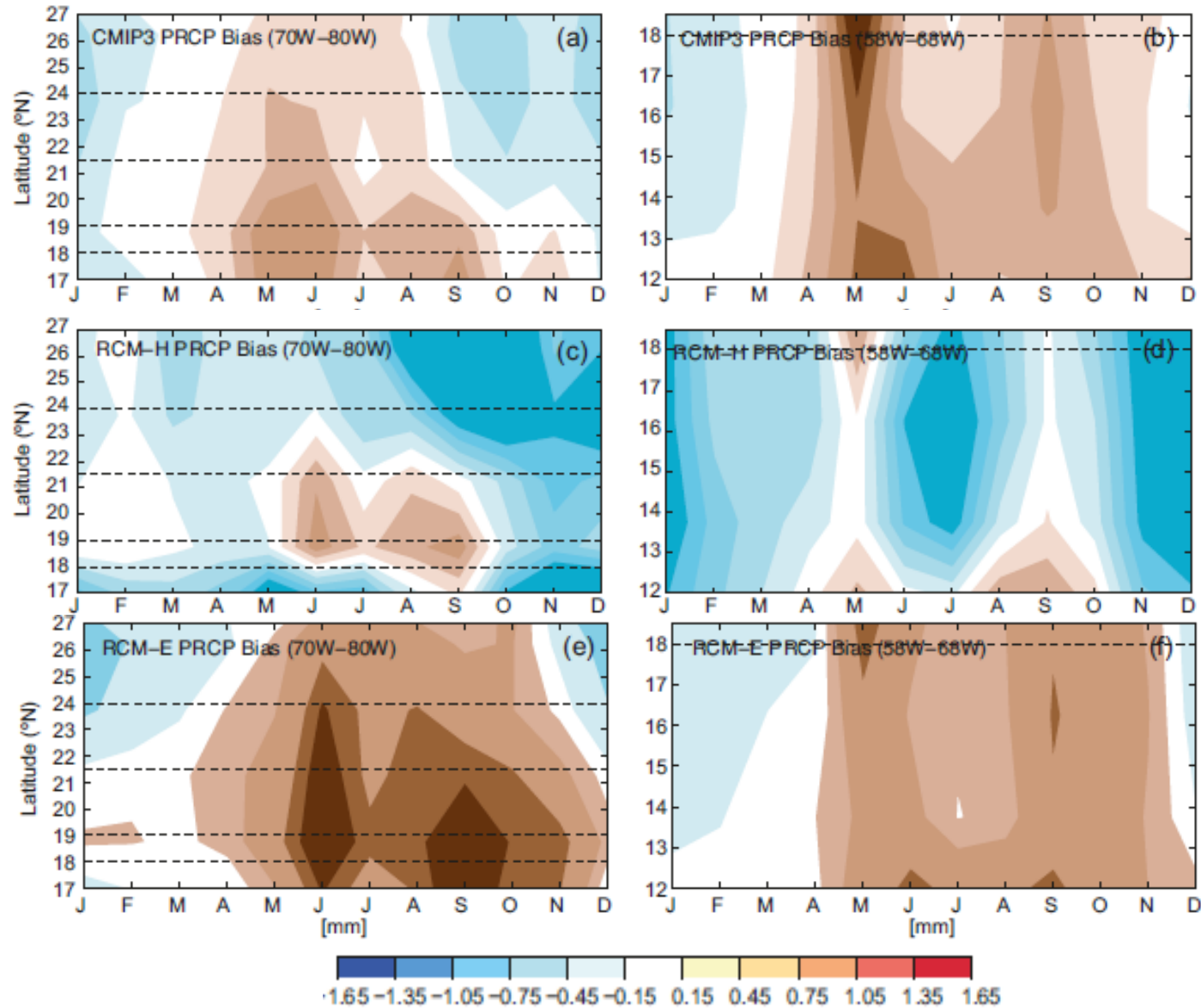
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## Western Caribbean

## Eastern Caribbean

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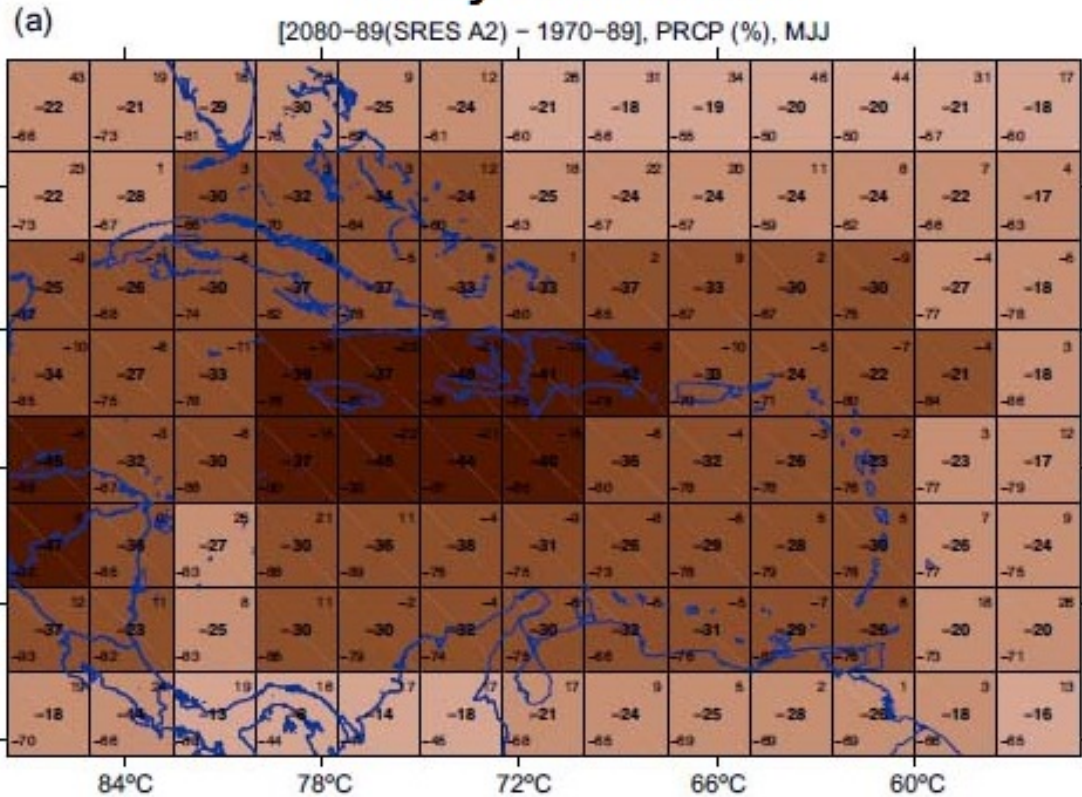
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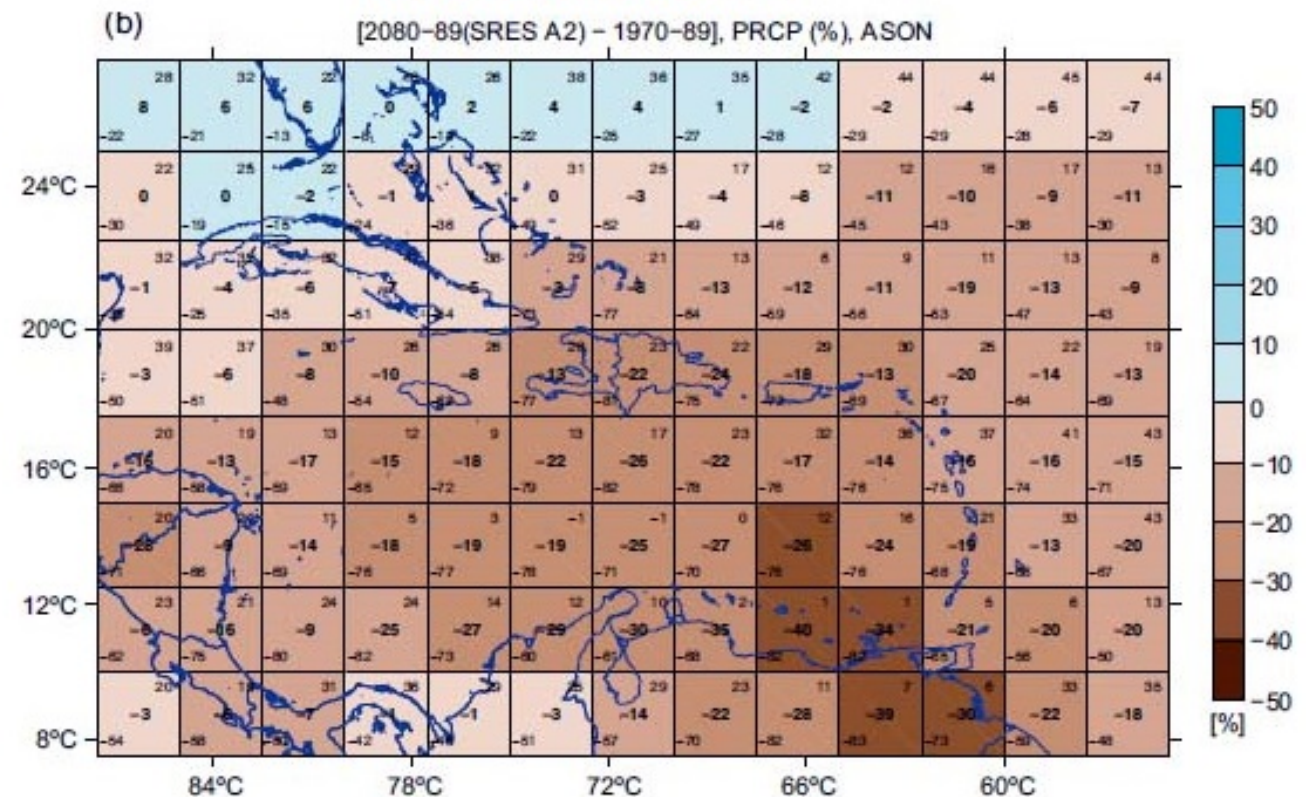
# Projected changes in precipitation by 2080 under SRES A2

## CMIP3 Wet season

### Early wet season



### Late wet season



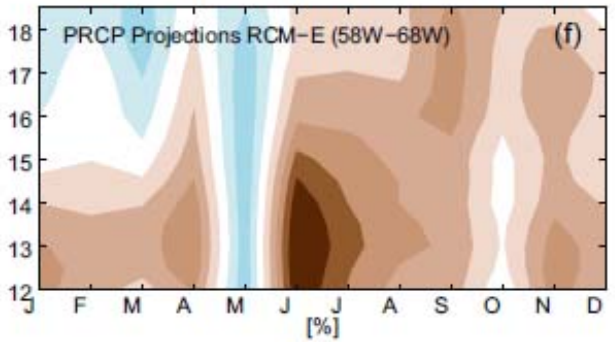
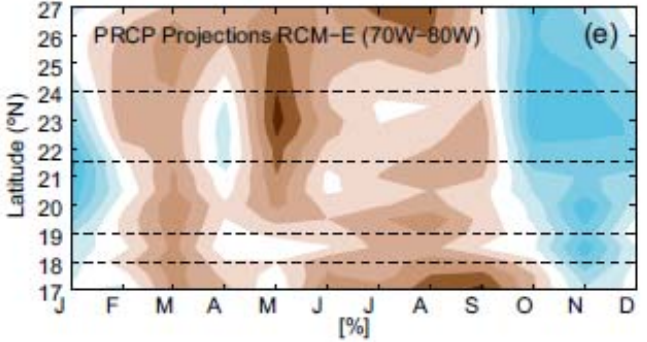
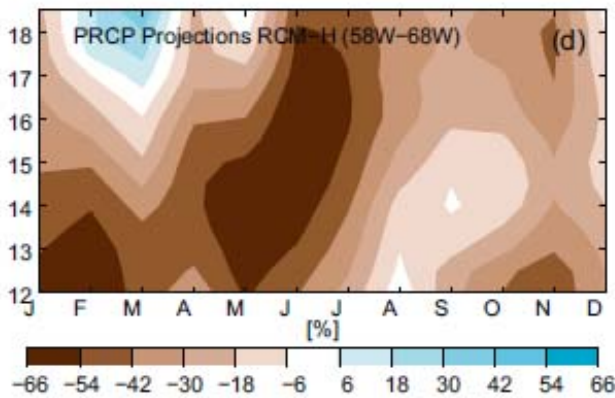
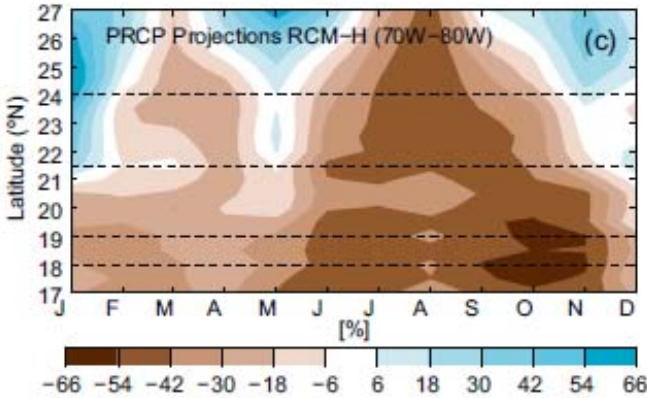
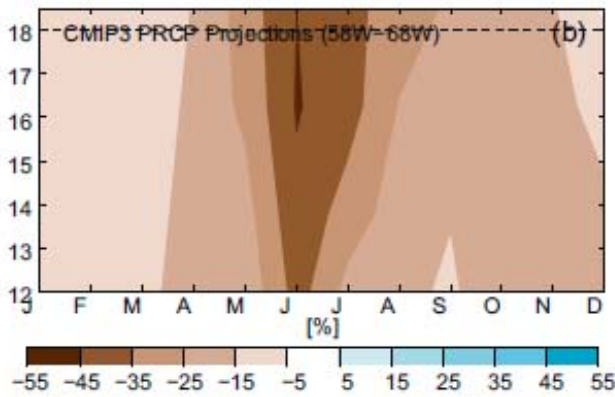
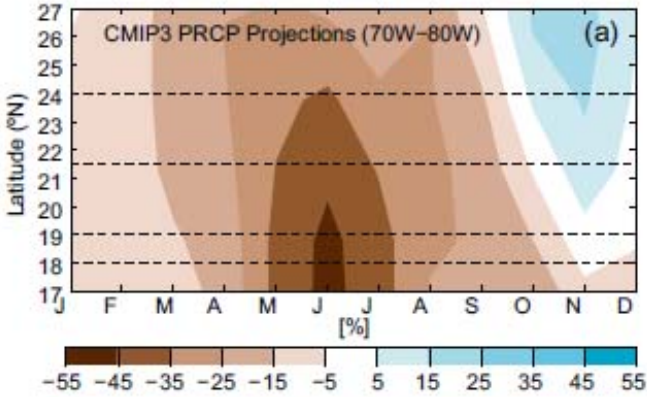


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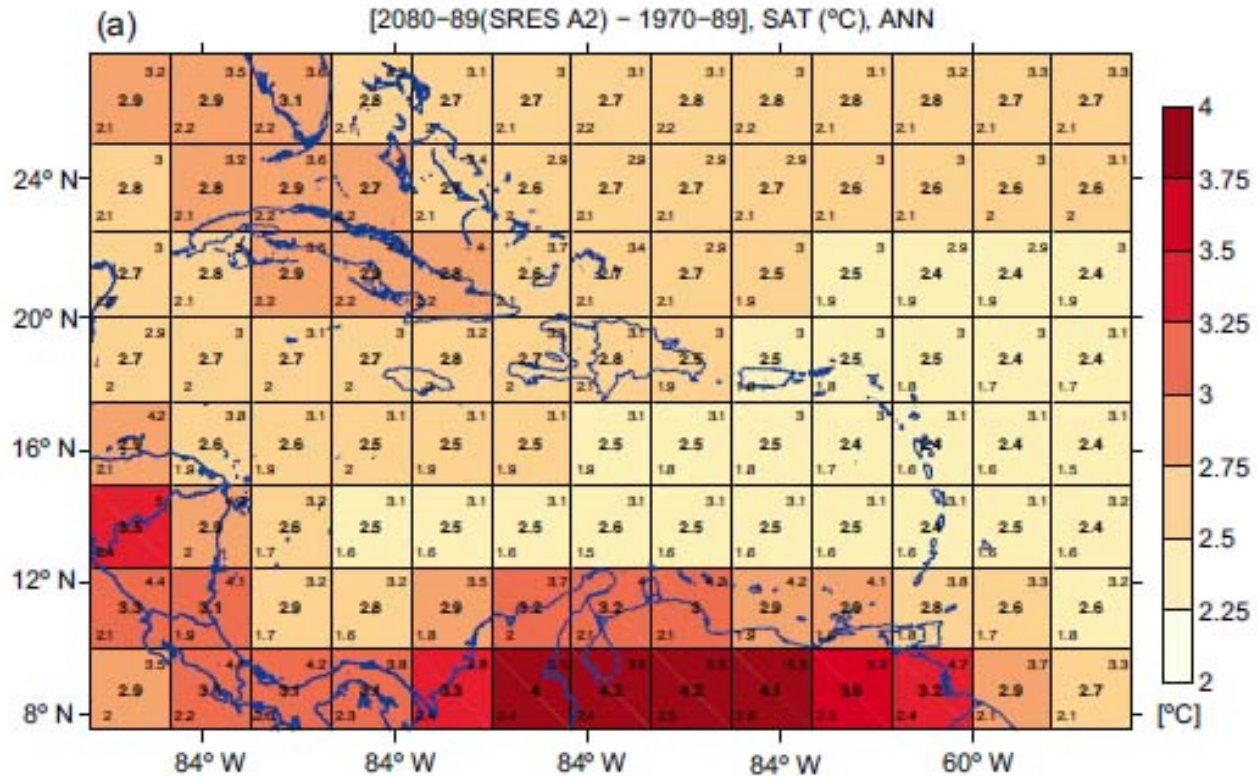
MAIN CONCLUSIONS

RCM project more intense drying in the wet season than GCM.

GCM and RCM project higher warming over NW Caribbean. RCM projects higher warming.

MSD is reproduced and projected.

# Projected changes in air temperature by 2080 under SRES A2 CMIP3 Annual



# Assessing the effect of domain size over the Caribbean region using the PRECIS regional climate model

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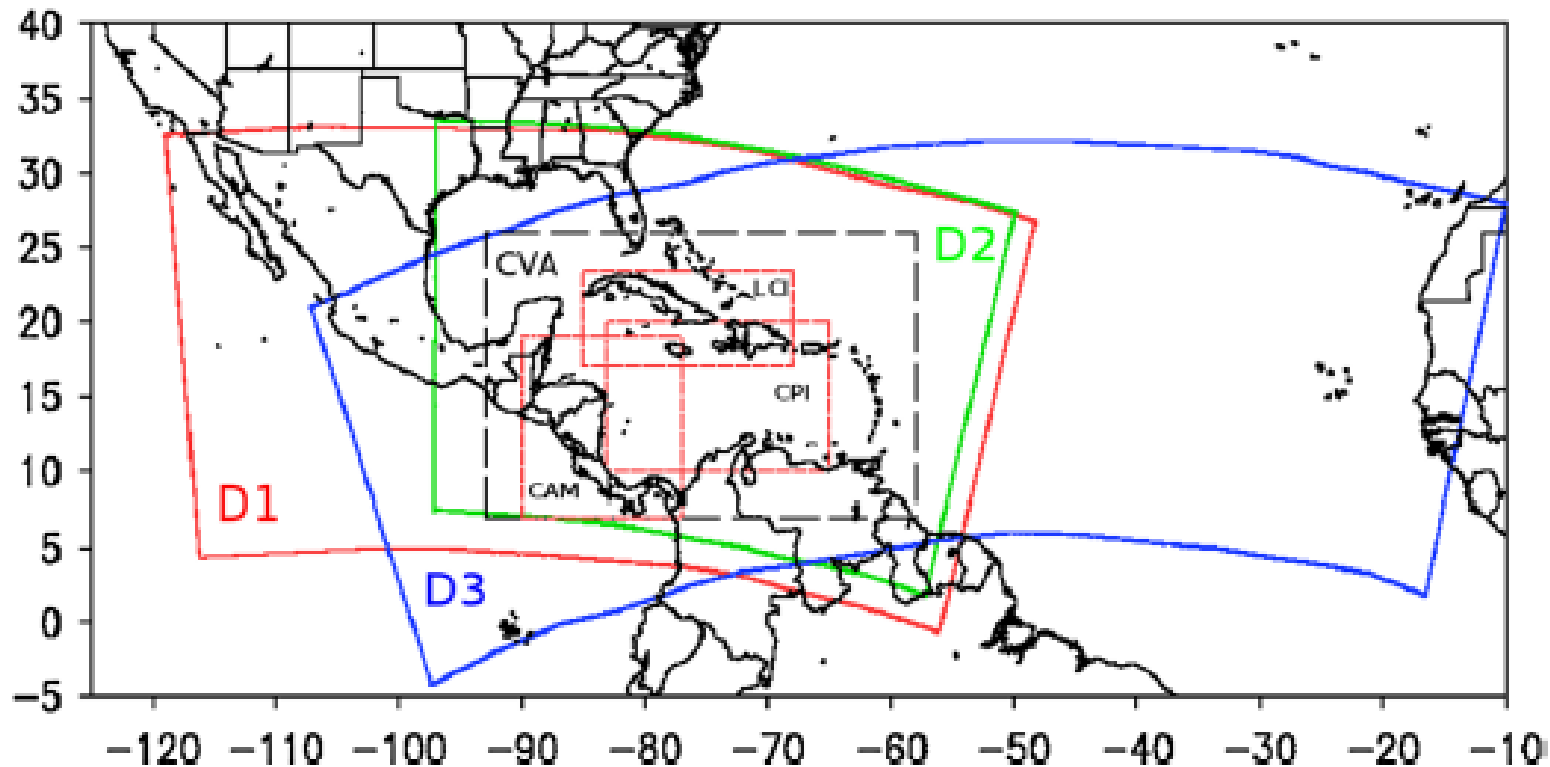
## Main conclusions

Precipitation, cloud cover,  
evaporation: D1, D2, D3  
comparable

Reproduction of MSD and NASH:  
D2 best

Wind circulation, wind shear: D1,  
D2 best

The extension of the domain  
through the Atlantic does not  
improve simulations





# REGIONAL CLIMATE MODELING FOR THE DEVELOPING WORLD

The ICTP RegCM3  
and RegCNET

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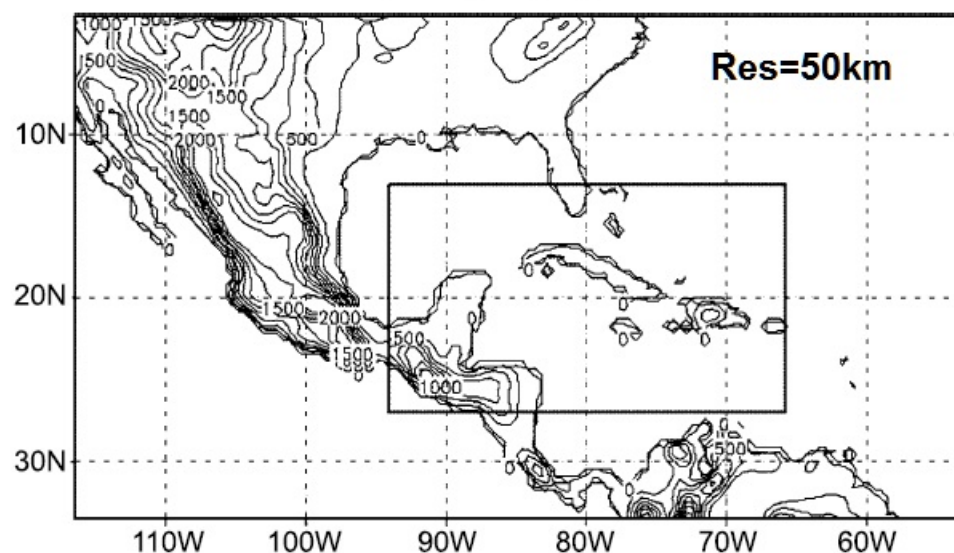
# Sensitivity studies of the RegCM3 simulation of summer precipitation, temperature and local wind field in the Caribbean Region

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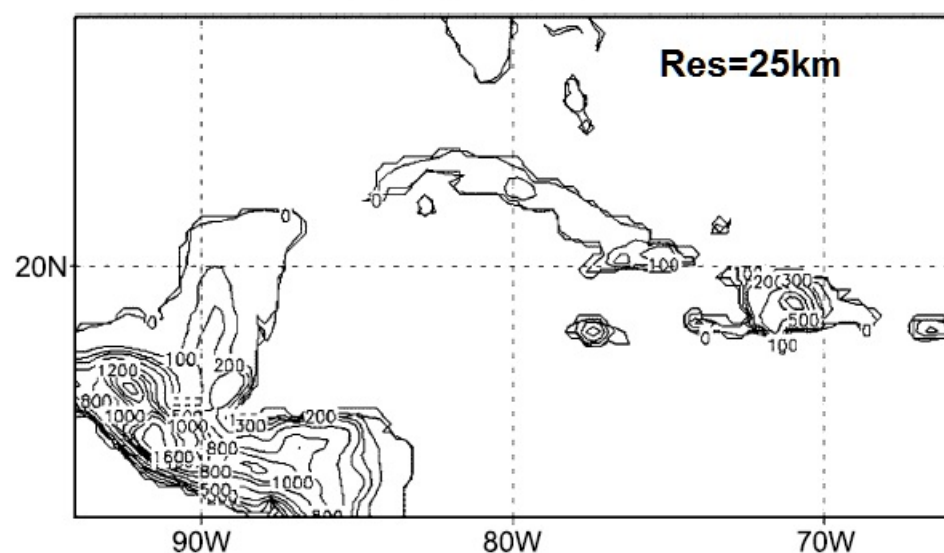
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a. Big Domain



b. Small Domain



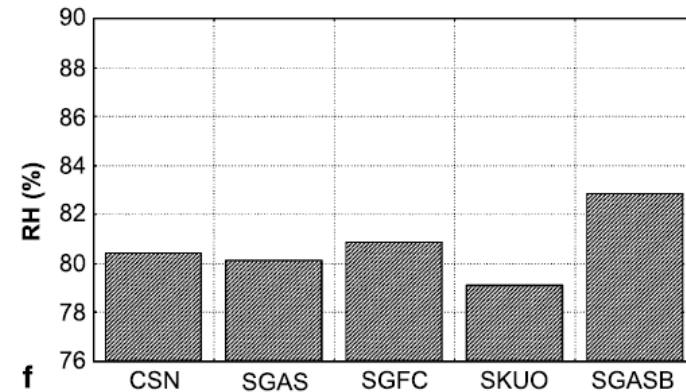
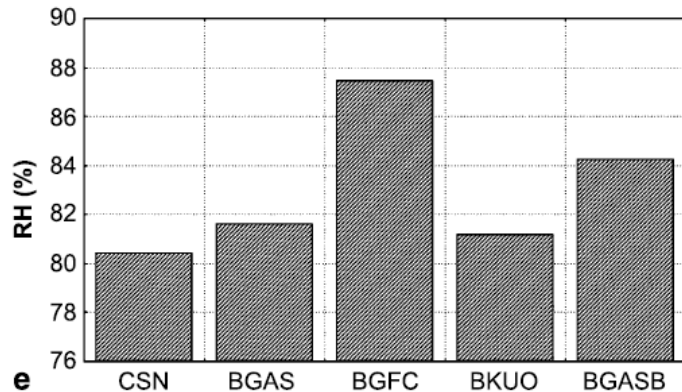
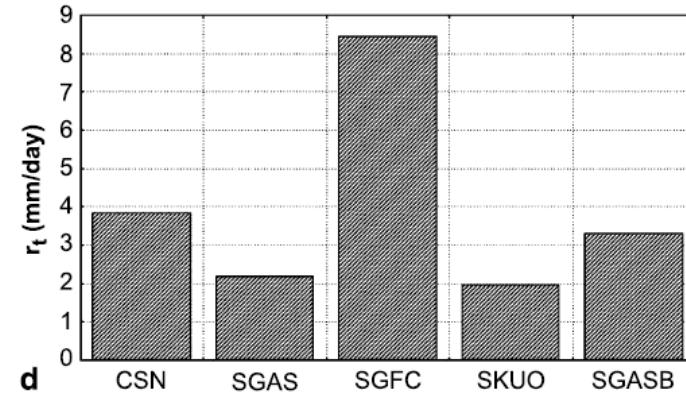
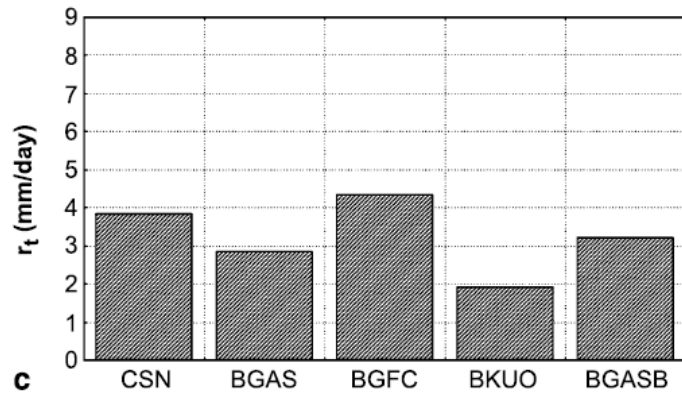
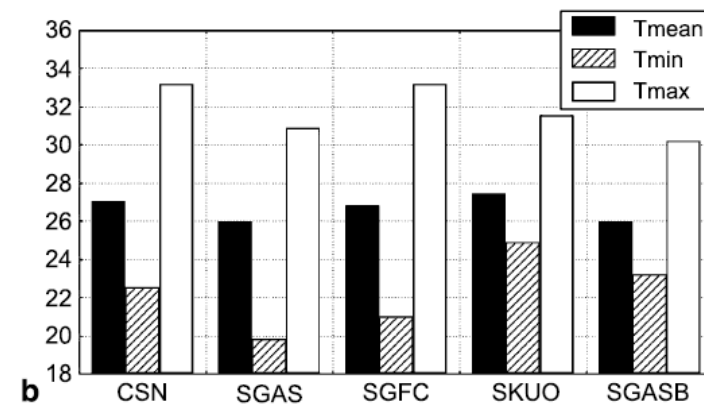
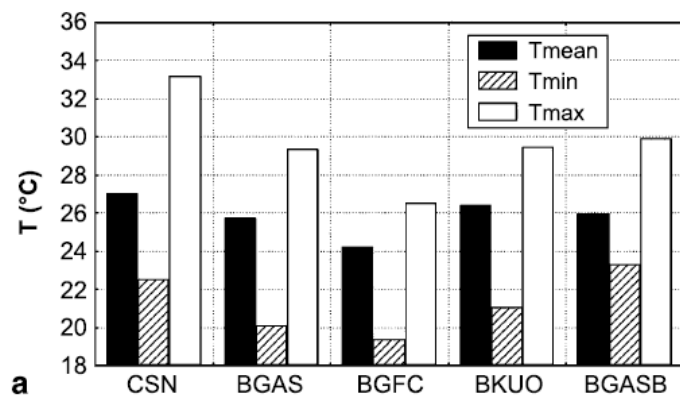


# Numerical experiments with RegCM3

Experiment	Domain	Hor. Res. (km)	Conv.Sch.	Closure	Surf.Flux over Ocean
BGAS	Big	50	Grell	Arak-S	Zeng
BGFC	Big	50	Grell	Fritsch-C	Zeng
BGKuo	Big	50	Kuo	--	Zeng
BGASB	Big	50	Grell	Arak-S	BATS
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**Period of simulation: A rainy season + 1 month spin-up**





## MAIN CONCLUSIONS

**Grell\_AS** was the less sensitive to change of domain and resolution and in reproducing local circulations. Kuo fails to reproduce local circulation and diurnal cycle.

**Recommendes schemes:**  
**Grell-AS with BATS**

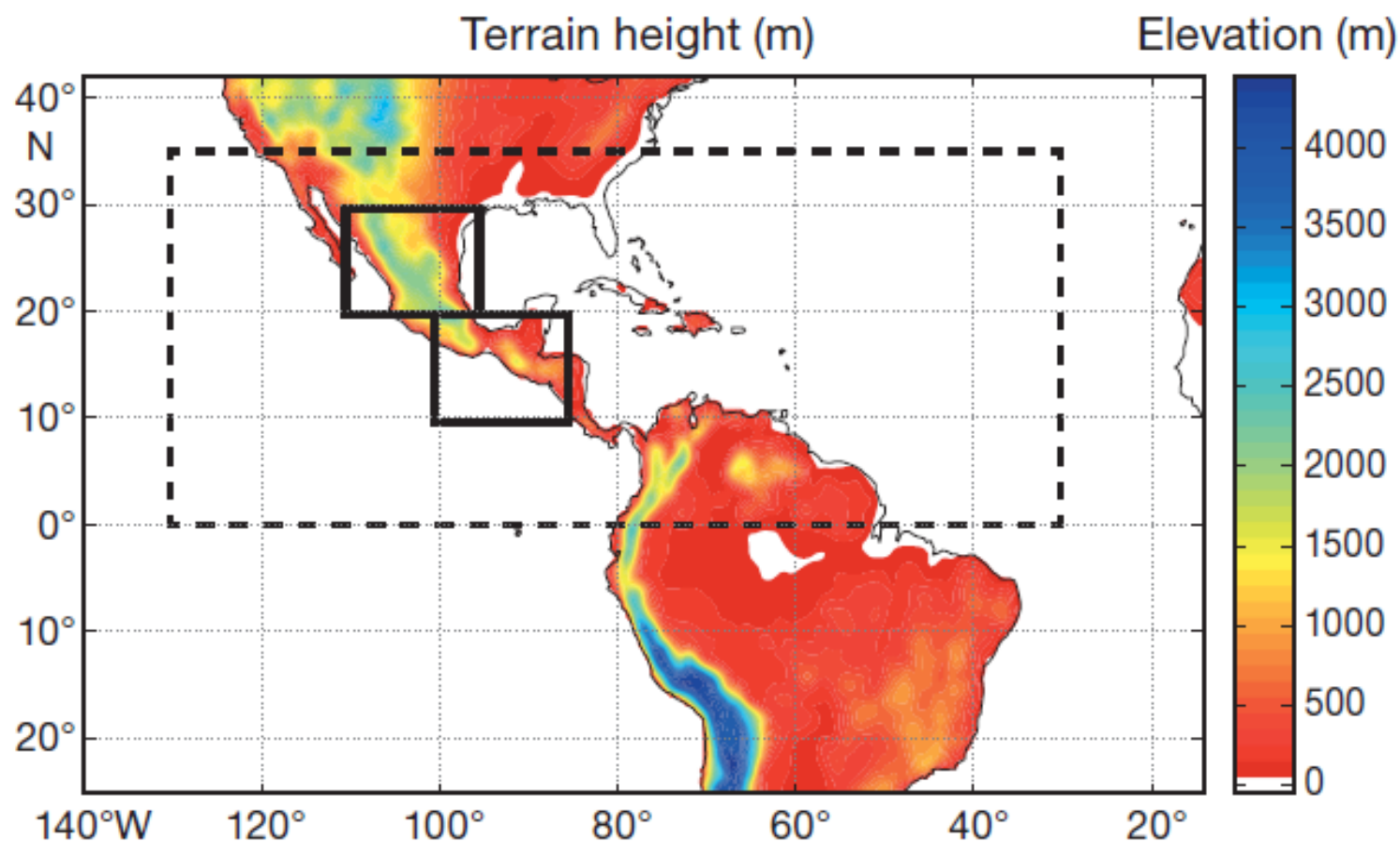
# Sensitivity of seasonal climate and diurnal precipitation over Central America to land and sea surface schemes in RegCM4

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**Convective scheme:**  
**MIT\_Emanuel over ocean**  
**Grell (AS) over land**  
**Period of simulation: Six**  
**years**

**Experiments:**

**Control: CTRL: Land surface**  
**scheme Biosphere-**  
**Atmosphere Transfer Scheme**  
**(BATS)**

**Sensitivity 1: CLM: Land**  
**Surface scheme Community**  
**Land Model 3.5 (CLM 3.5)**

**Sensitivity 2: DCSST: Diurnal**  
**cycle SST scheme**

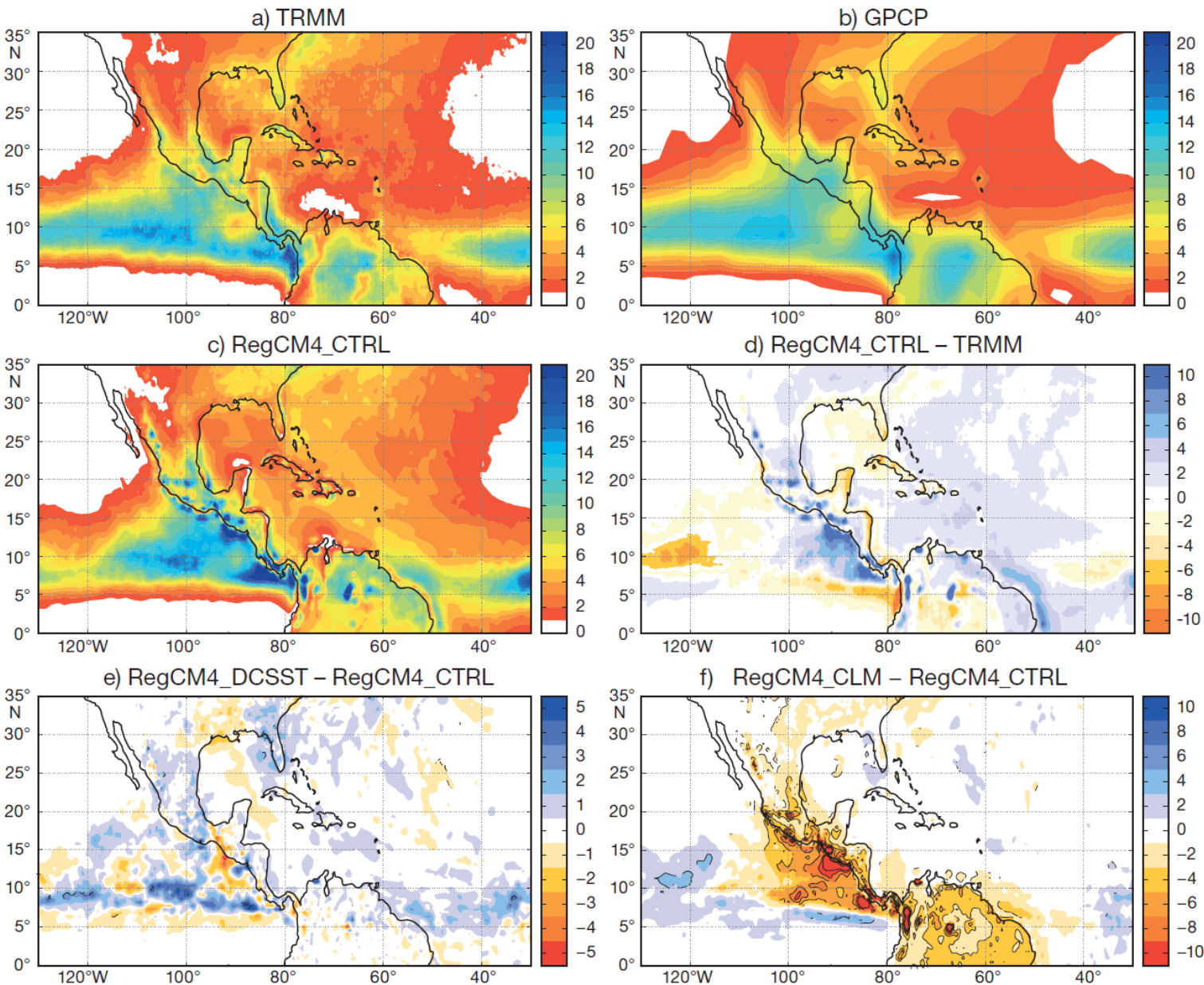


Fig. 2. JJAS mean precipitation (mm d<sup>-1</sup>) for: (a) TRMM, (b) GPCP, (c) RegCM4\_CTRL; and precipitation difference for (d) RegCM4\_CTRL minus TRMM; (e) RegCM4\_DCSST minus RegCM4\_CTRL; and (f) RegCM4\_CLM minus RegCM4\_CTRL. Contour lines in the bottom-right panel: differences which are statistically significant at the 0.1 level



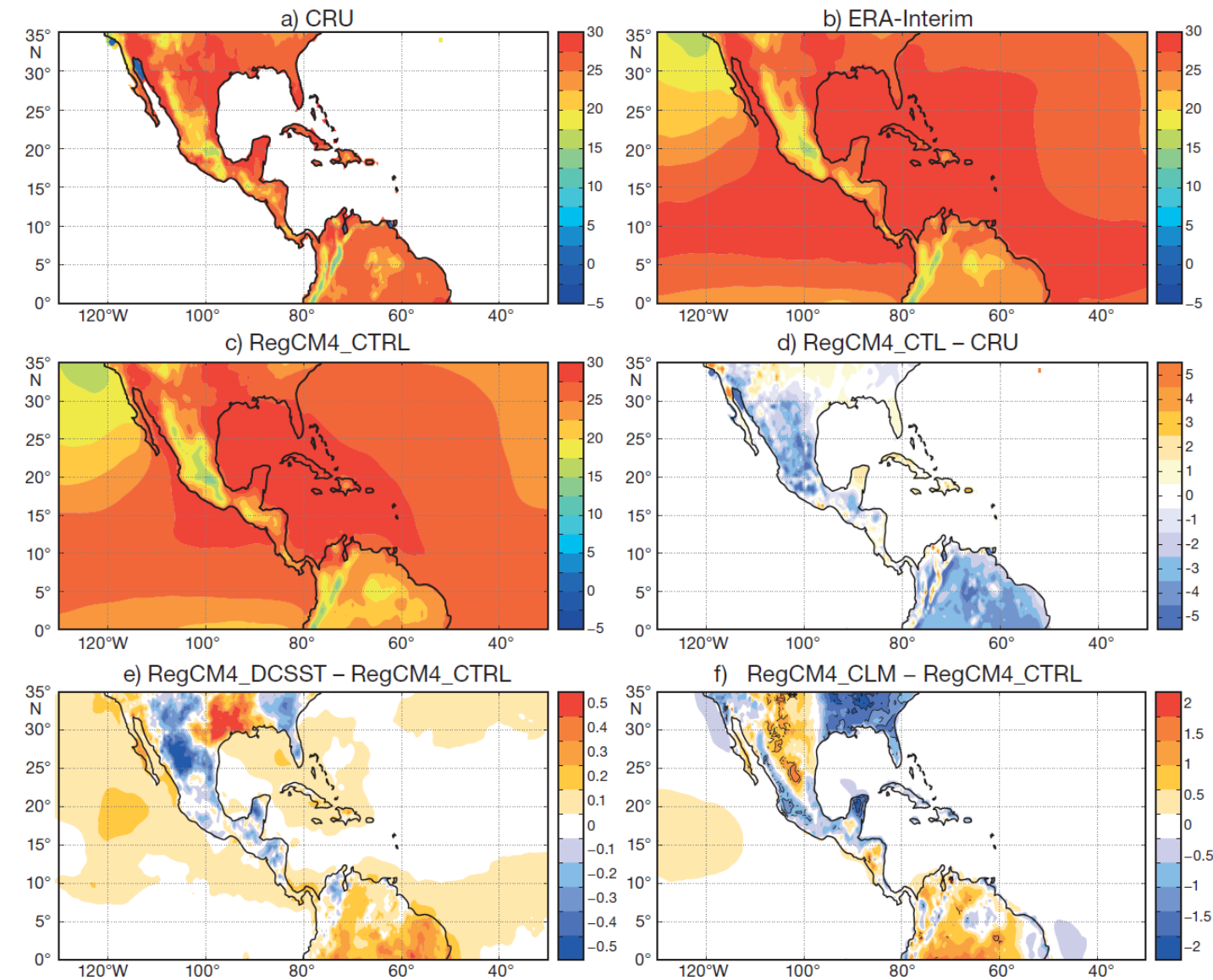


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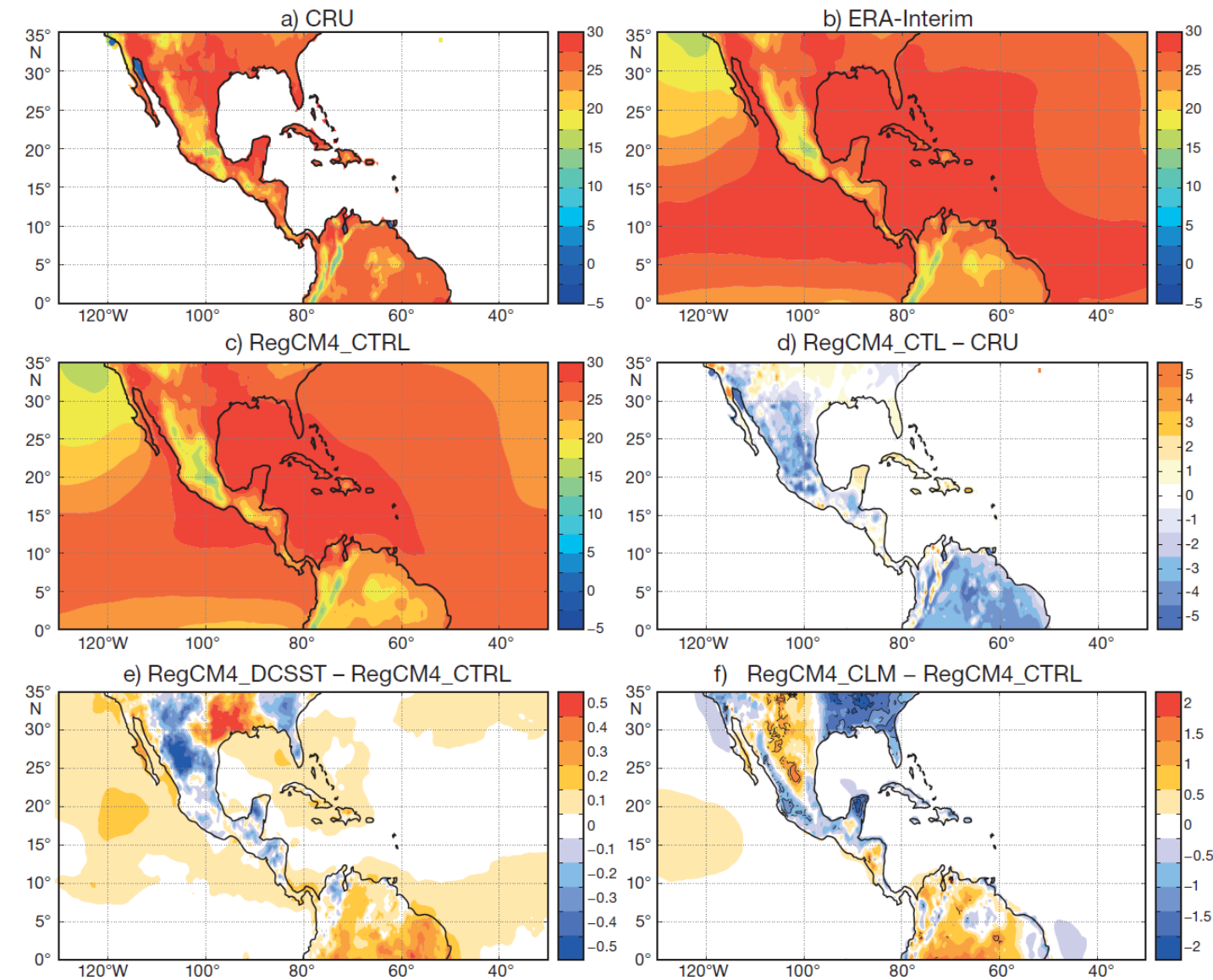


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# Assessment of RegCM4 simulated inter-annual variability and daily-scale statistics of temperature and precipitation over Mexico

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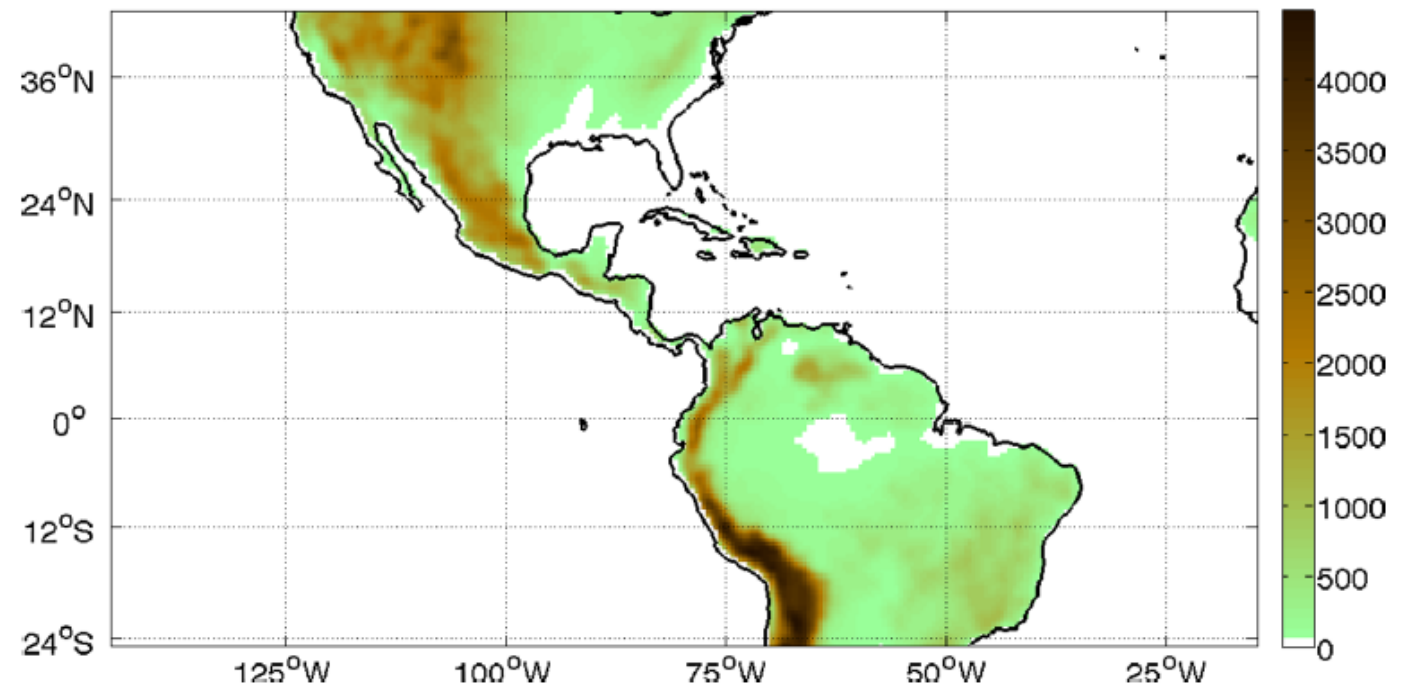
Clim Dyn (2014) 42:629–647

DOI 10.1007/s00382-013-1686-z

**RegCM4 configuration:**  
**Convective scheme:**  
**MIT-Emanuel over Ocean**  
**Grell over land**

**Land surface processes:**  
**BATS**

**Simulation period:**  
**1982-2008 (27 ysars)**  
**BC: ERA Interim**

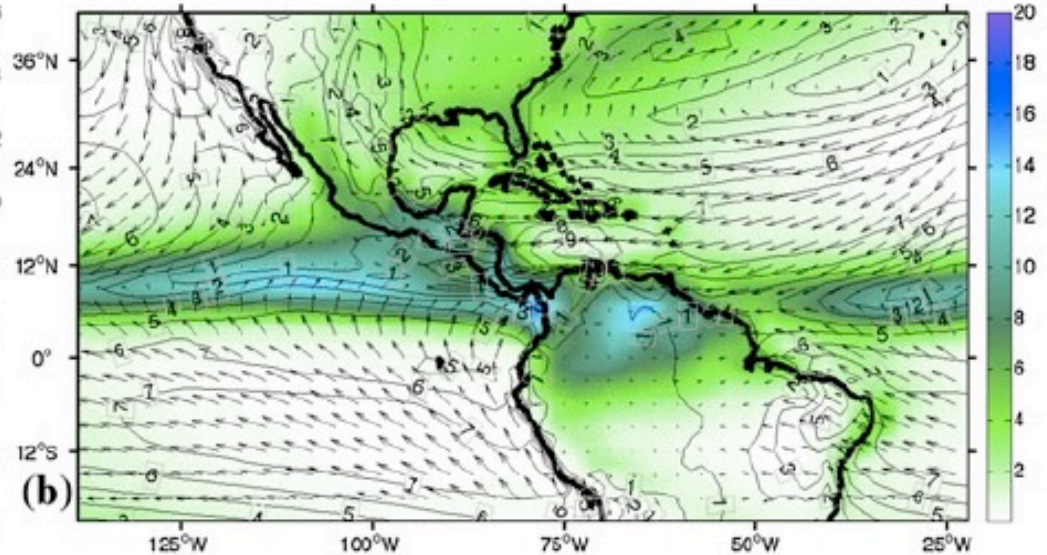
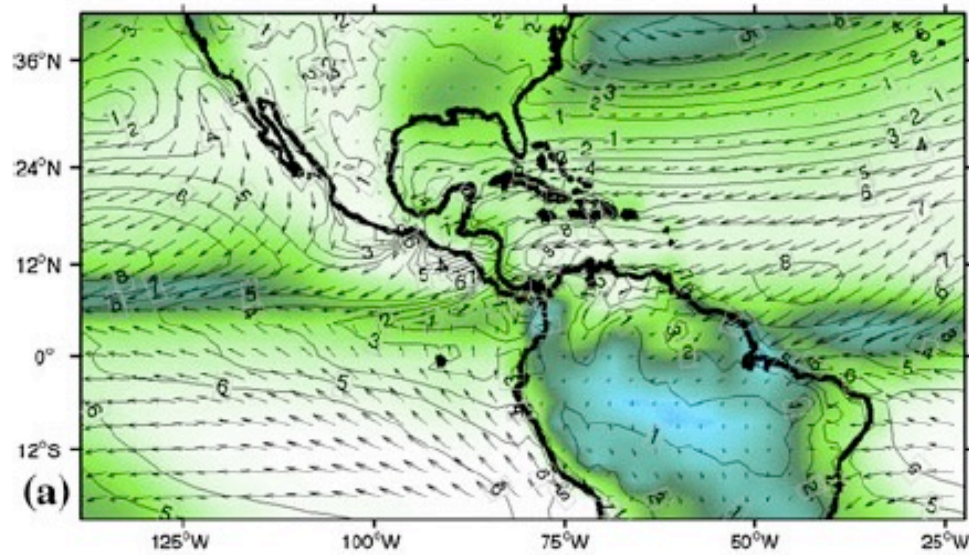




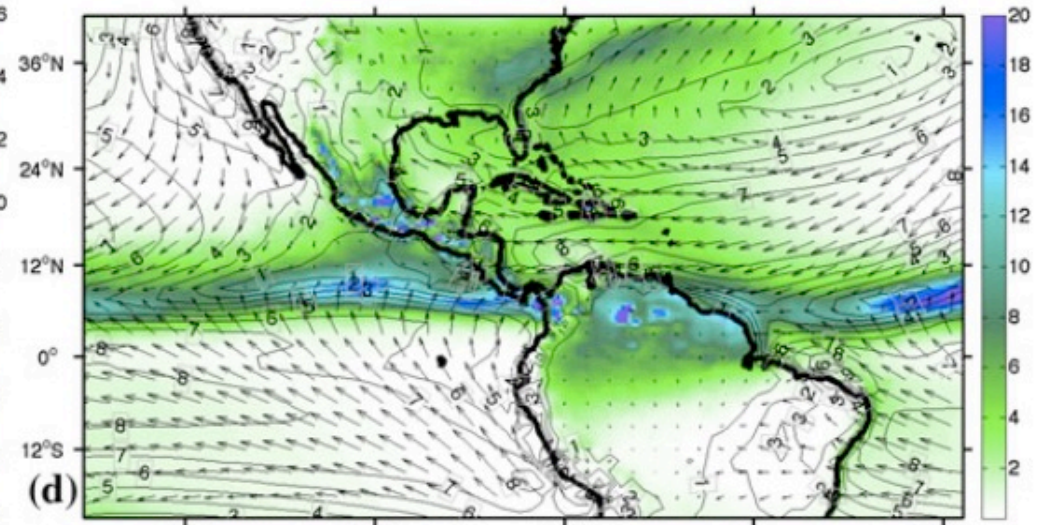
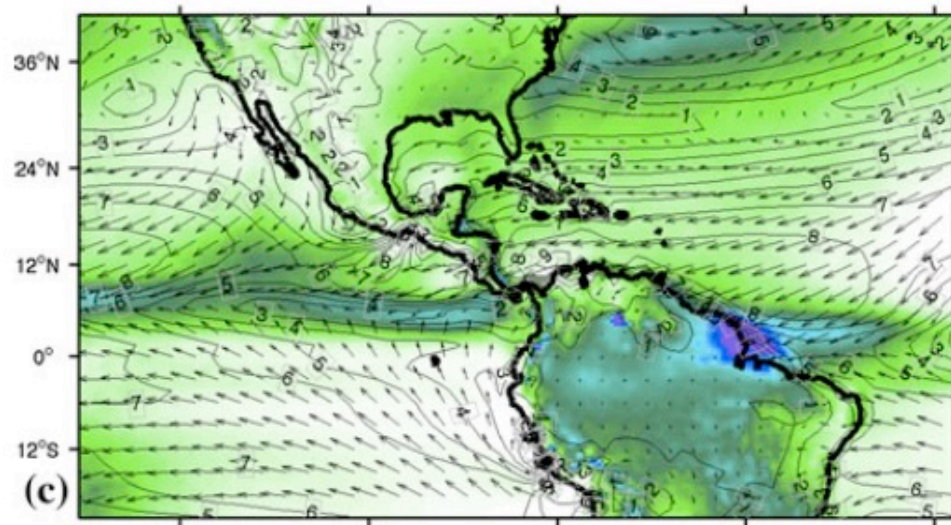
ERA wind –GPCP precip.

RegCM4 wind and precip.

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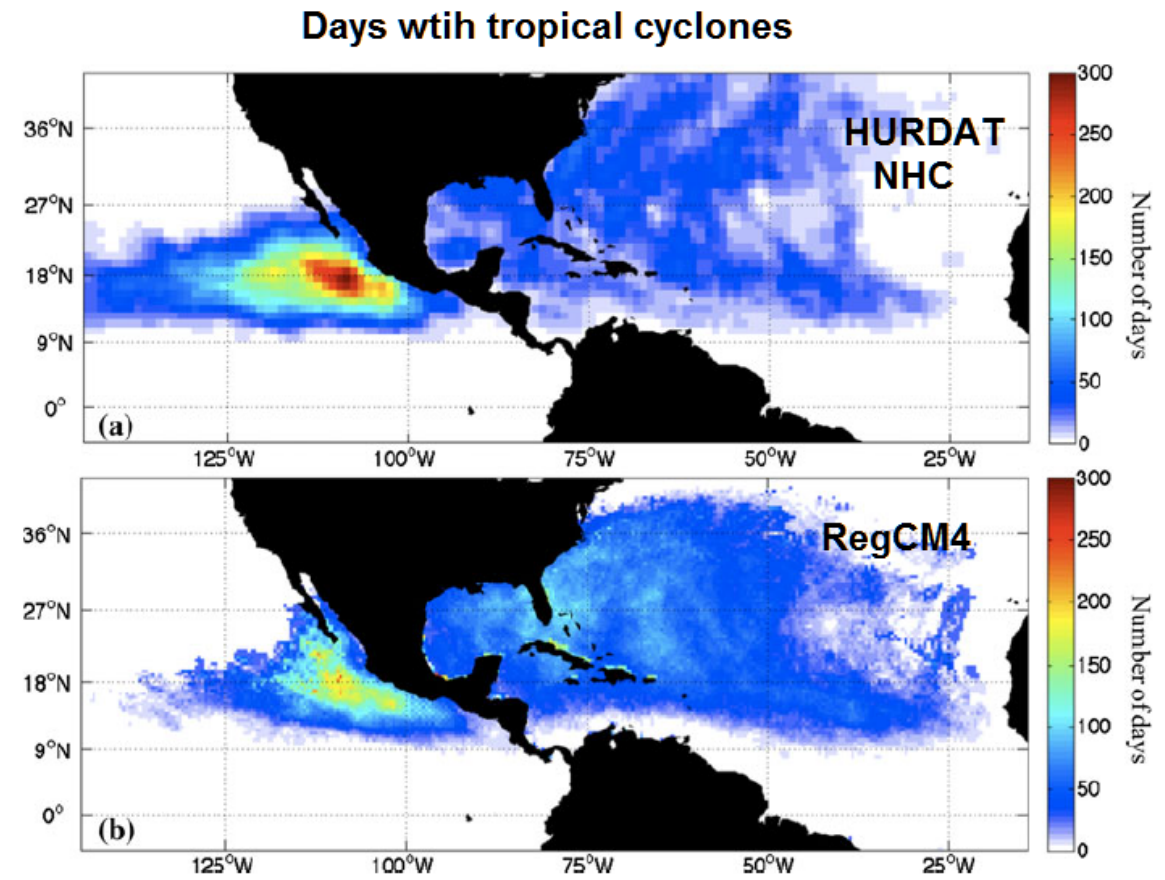
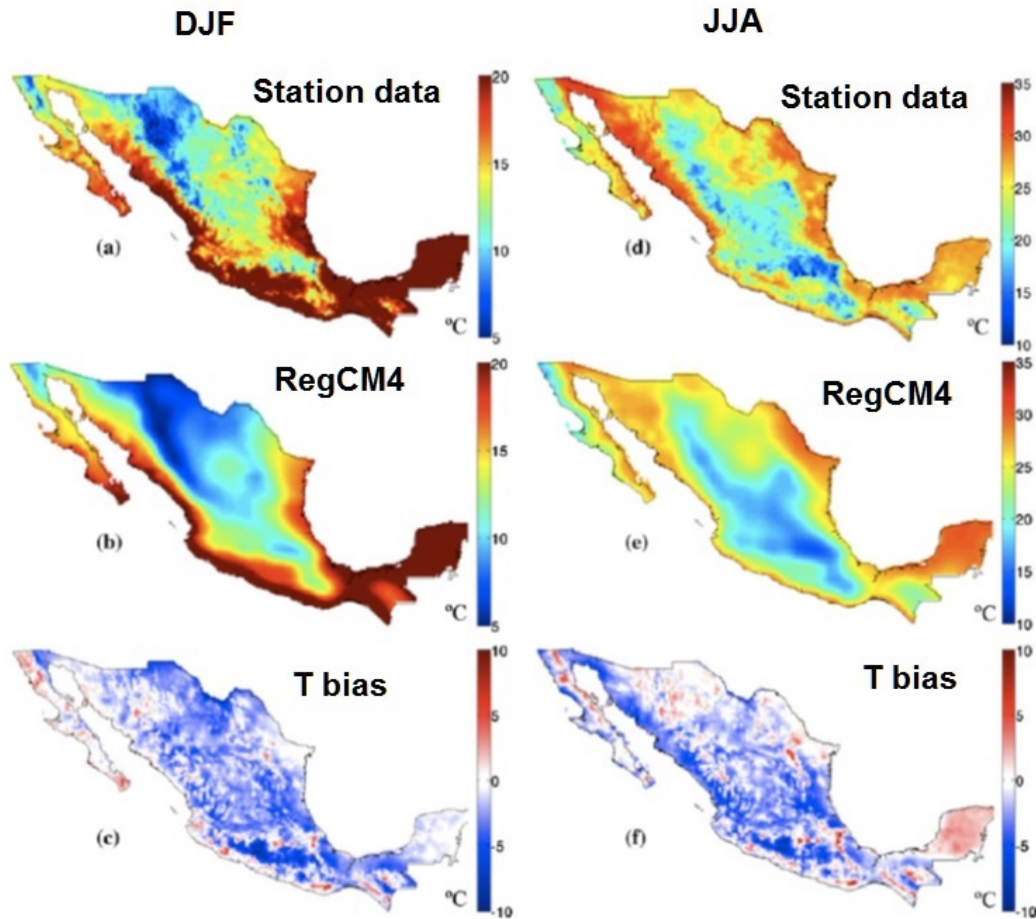


JJA



Precipitation and mean wind circulation





## MAIN CONCLUSIONS

The model reproduced well the mean patterns of temperature and precipitation, interannual variability and extremes

Precipitation overestimated over mountains.

Reproduced well the annual cycle of precipitation.

Realistically represented tropical cyclone occurrence with simple detection criteria.



# Inter-annual variability of precipitation over Southern Mexico and Central America and its relationship to sea surface temperature from a set of future projections from CMIP5 GCMs and RegCM4 CORDEX simulations

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GCMs (CMIP5):  
HasdGEM ES2  
MPI-ES-MR

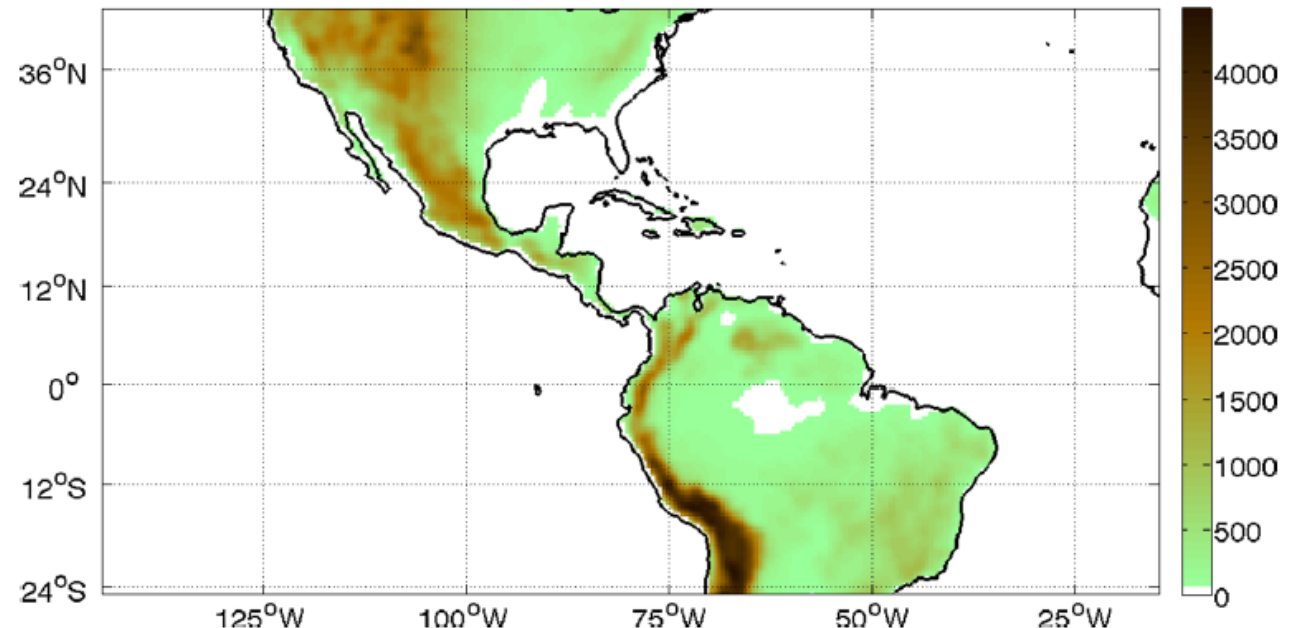
Regcm4  
Configurations:  
Em+CLM 50 km  
Gr+BATS 50 km

Simulations:  
1970-2099

Present day:

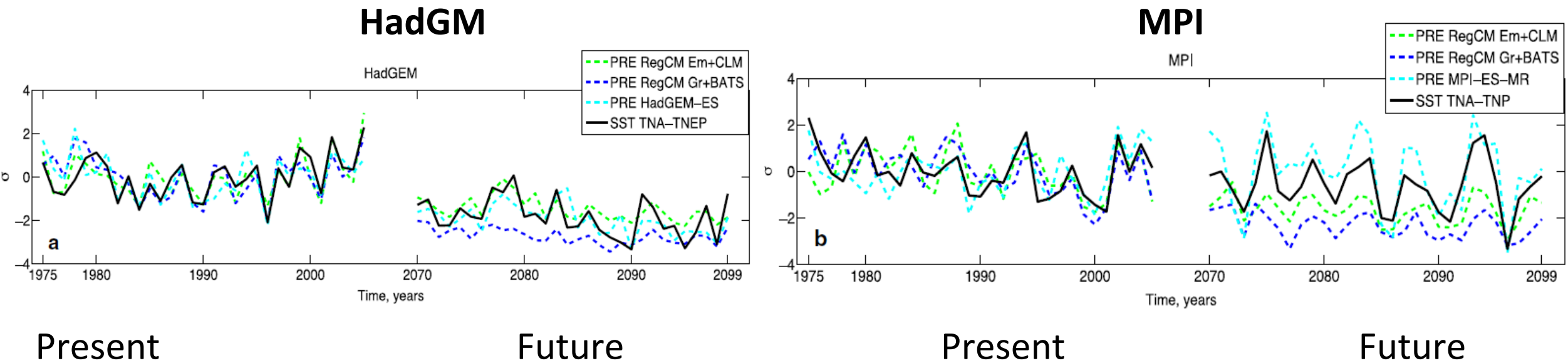
1976-2005

Future:  
GHG RCP 8.5



Focus: JJAS (rainy season)  
Southern Mexico and Central America  
(SMECAM)

Model	Mean change in precipitation (%)	$\sigma/\mu$ in the 1976–2005 period	$\sigma/\mu$ in the 2070–2099 period	Change of $\sigma/\mu$ (%)
HadGEM	−40.6	0.34	0.44	+29.4
MPI	−0.5	0.23	0.34	+47.8
RegCM Em + CLM HadgGEM	−46.2	0.37	0.46	+24.3
RegCM Gr + BATS HadgGEM	−64.4	0.50	0.53	+6.0
RegCM Em + CLM MPI	−33.4	0.26	0.29	+11.5
RegCM Gr + BATS MPI	−43.2	0.34	0.40	+17.6



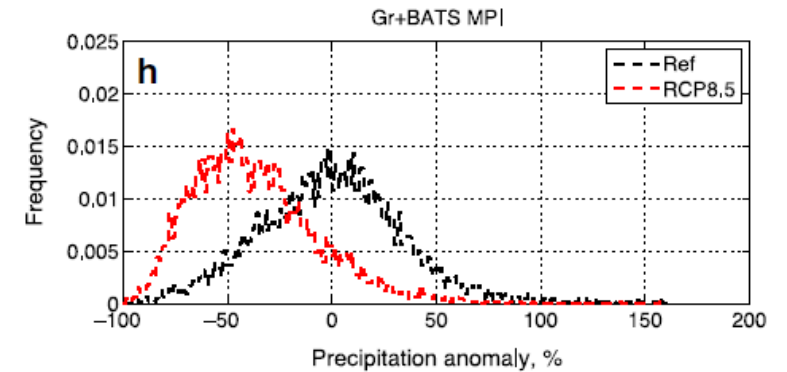
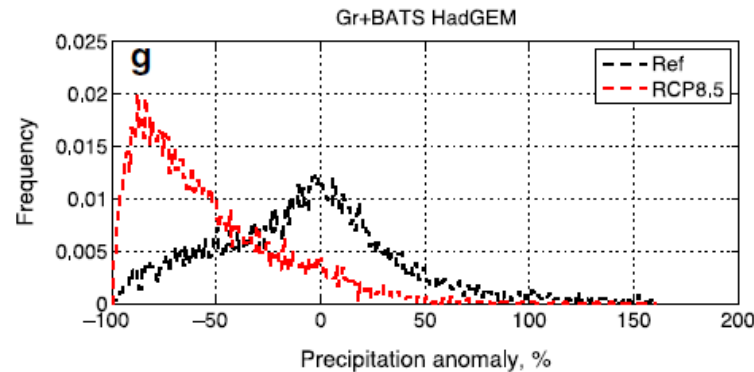
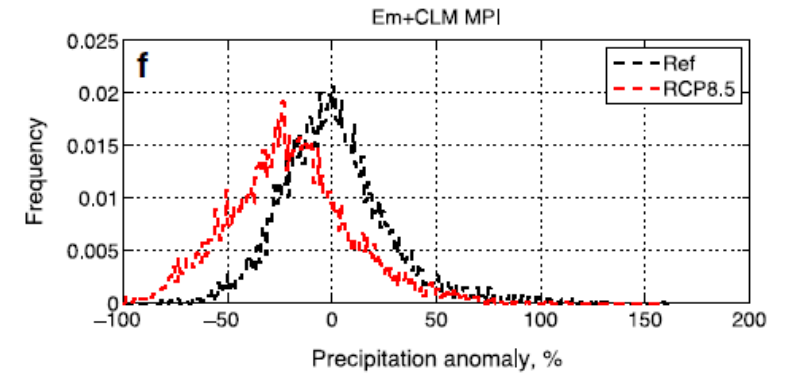
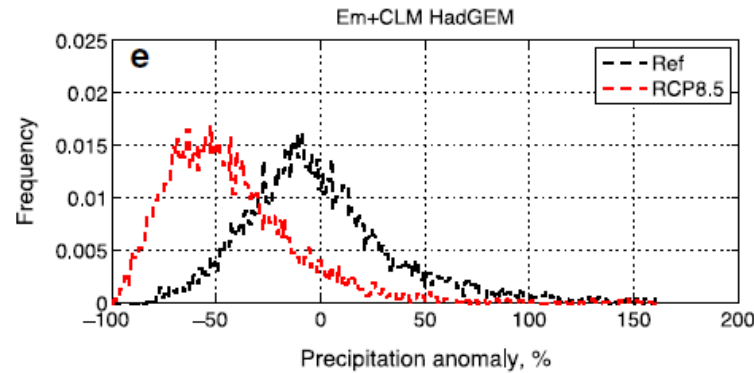
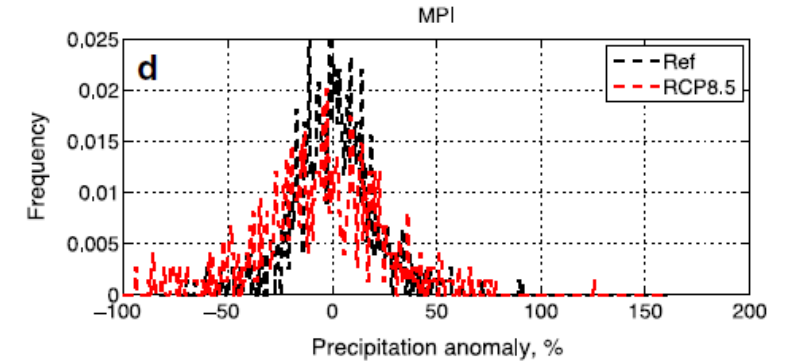
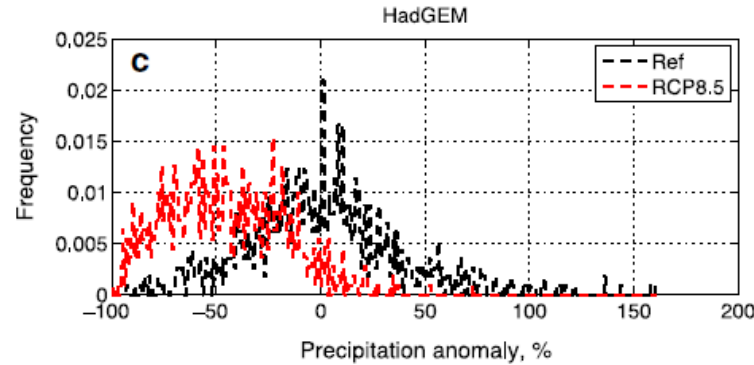
# MAIN CONCLUSIONS

Gradient TNA-TNP modulator of precipitation annual variability over SMECAM

Greater warming in TNP than TNA induces strong drying under RCP 8.5

Sources of uncertainty:

1. How GCMs simulate SST response
2. Resolution of the models (stronger response in RCM)
3. Convection and surface parameterizations



# Tropical cyclones in a regional climate change projection with RegCM4 over the CORDEX Central America domain

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DOI 10.1007/s10584-014-1155-7

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K. J. E. Walsh • G. Giuliani • E. Coppola

RegCM4. Grell and MIT\_Emanuel parameterizations

Simulation period: 1982-1003. Perfect BC: ERA Interim.

GCM: 1970-2100

Present: 1982-2003. Future: 2078-2099 (RCP 8.5)

## Detection parameters:

Relative vorticity at 850 hPa  $> 10^{-5} \text{ s}^{-1}$

Closed pressure minimum within 100 km (At least 2 hPa less than neighborhood)

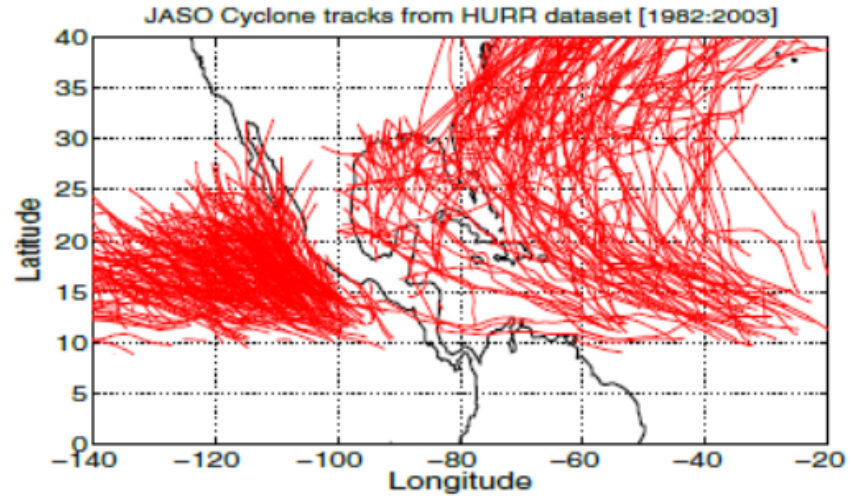
Surface wind  $> 17.5 \text{ m s}^{-1}$

Warm core (700-300 hPa)

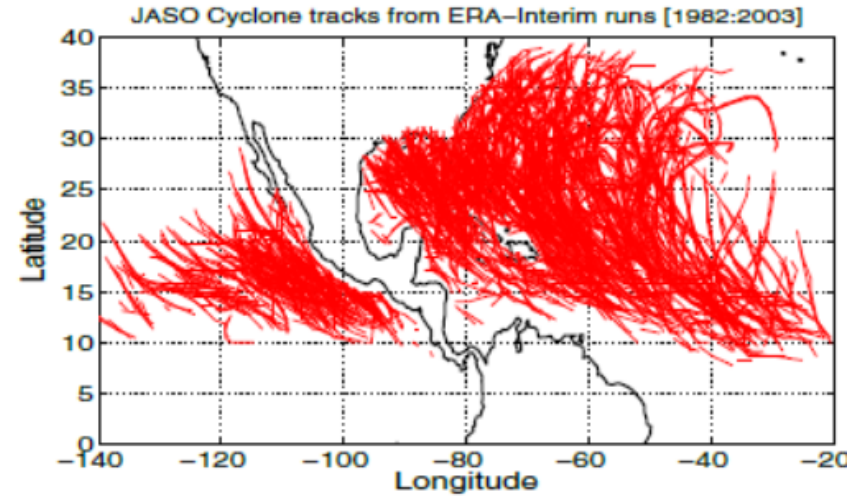
SST  $> 26^{\circ}\text{C}$  at the center



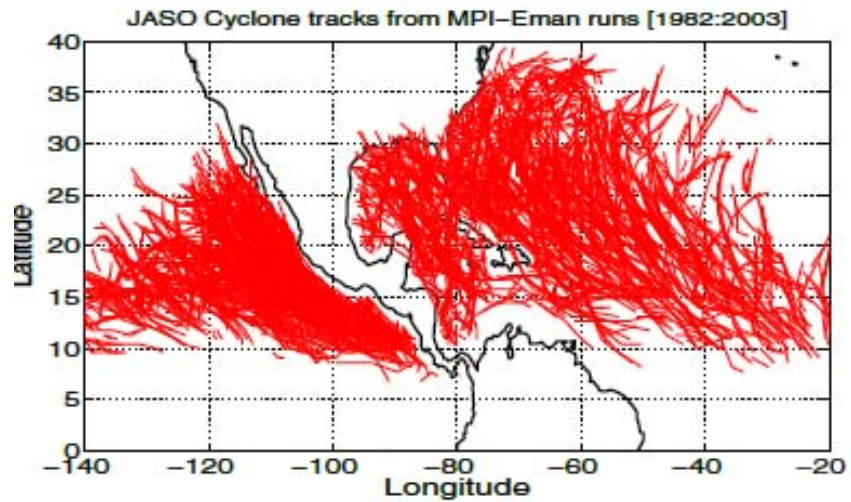
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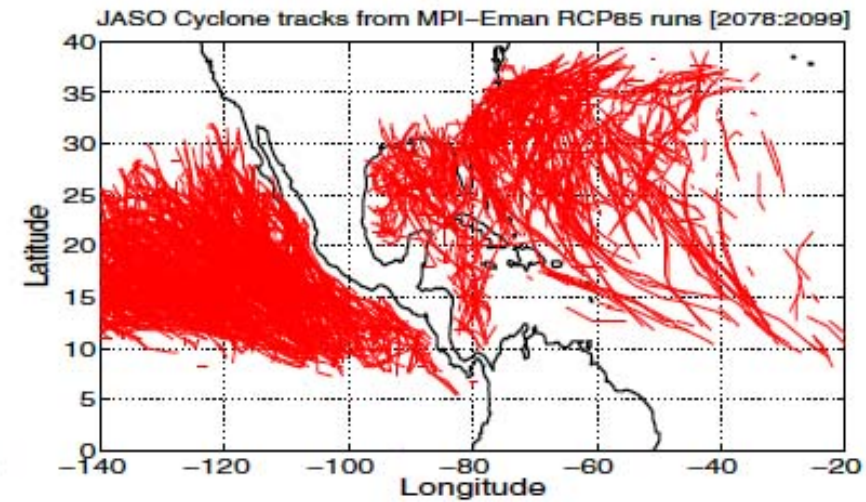
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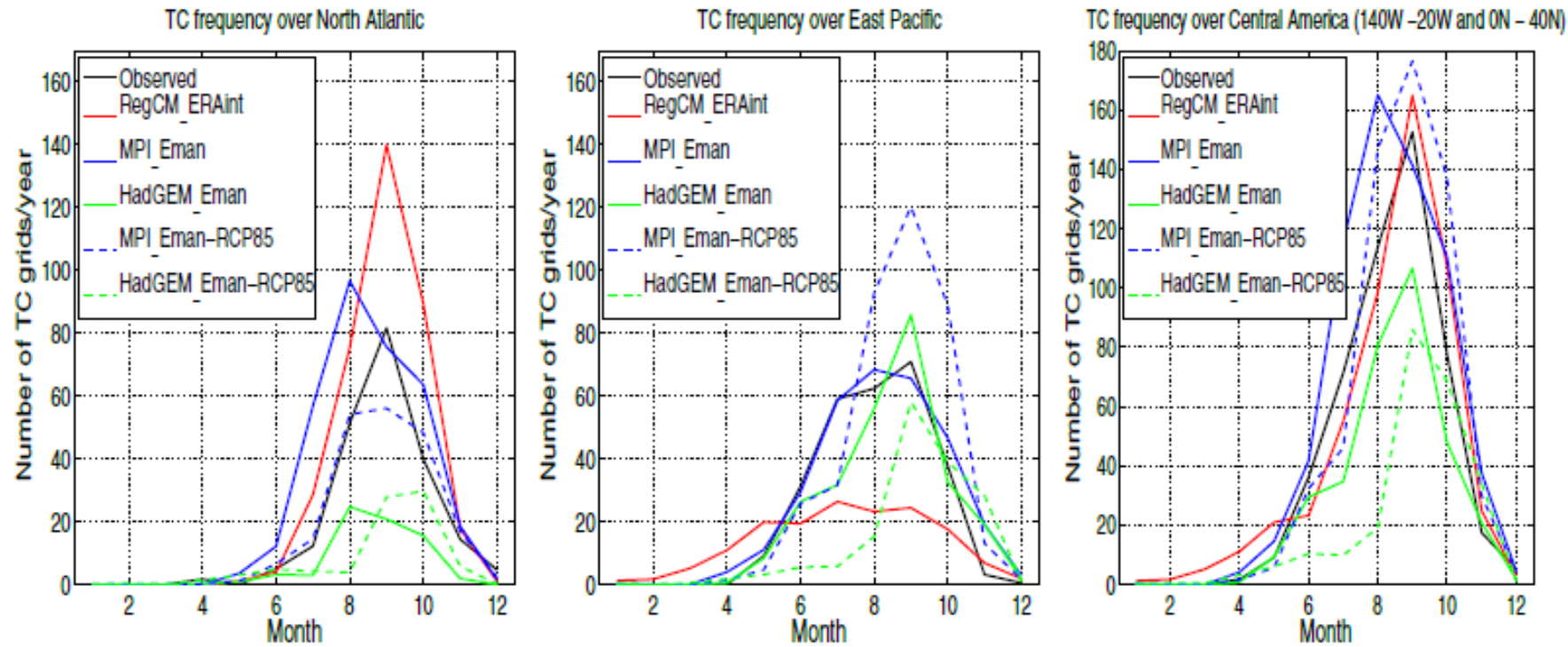


**MPI\_RegCM4 (present)**



**MPI\_RegCM4 (Future RCP 8.5)**





## MAIN CONCLUSIONS

The MPI-ESM + RegCM4 (MIT\_Emanuel) reproduces well the TC climatology for present climate and is recommended for projections.

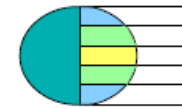
Projections RCP 8.5:

Long-lasting TC increase slightly

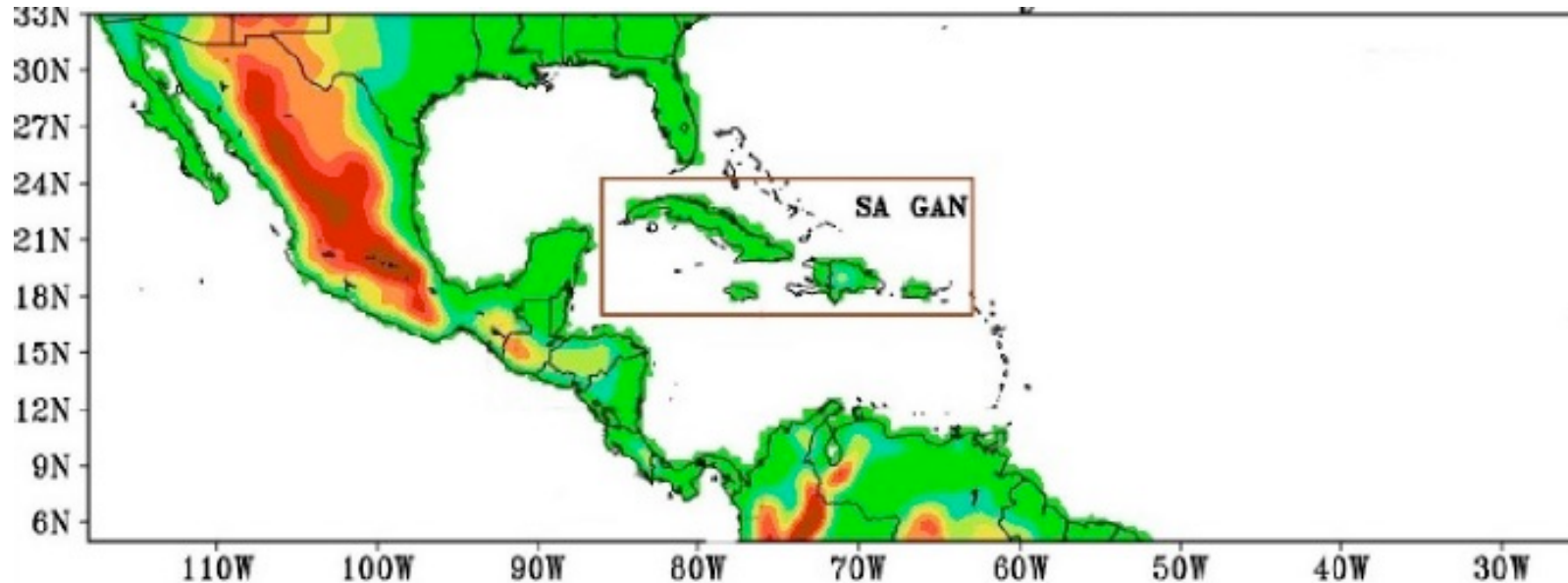
Overall frequency of TCs decrease in AO and coastal EPO  
increase in EPO far from the coast

# Performance of RegCM4.3 over the Caribbean region using different configurations of the Tiedtke convective parameterization scheme

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**RegCM 4.3. BC: ERA Interim. Hor. Res: 50 km. Period: 2 years**  
**Configurations: (Convection schemes)**

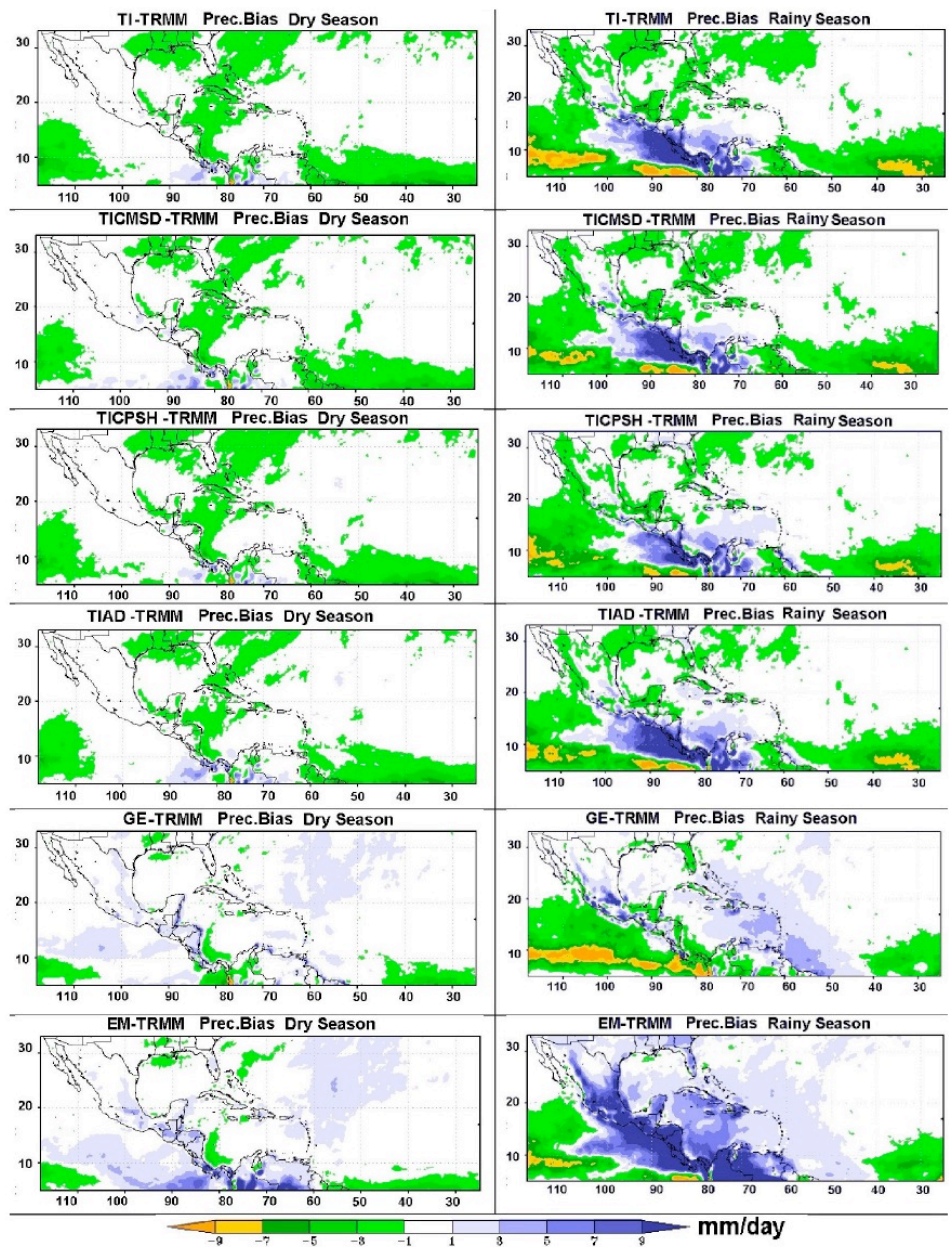
**MIT Emanuel;**

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**Tiedtke (16 multiparameter configurations)**

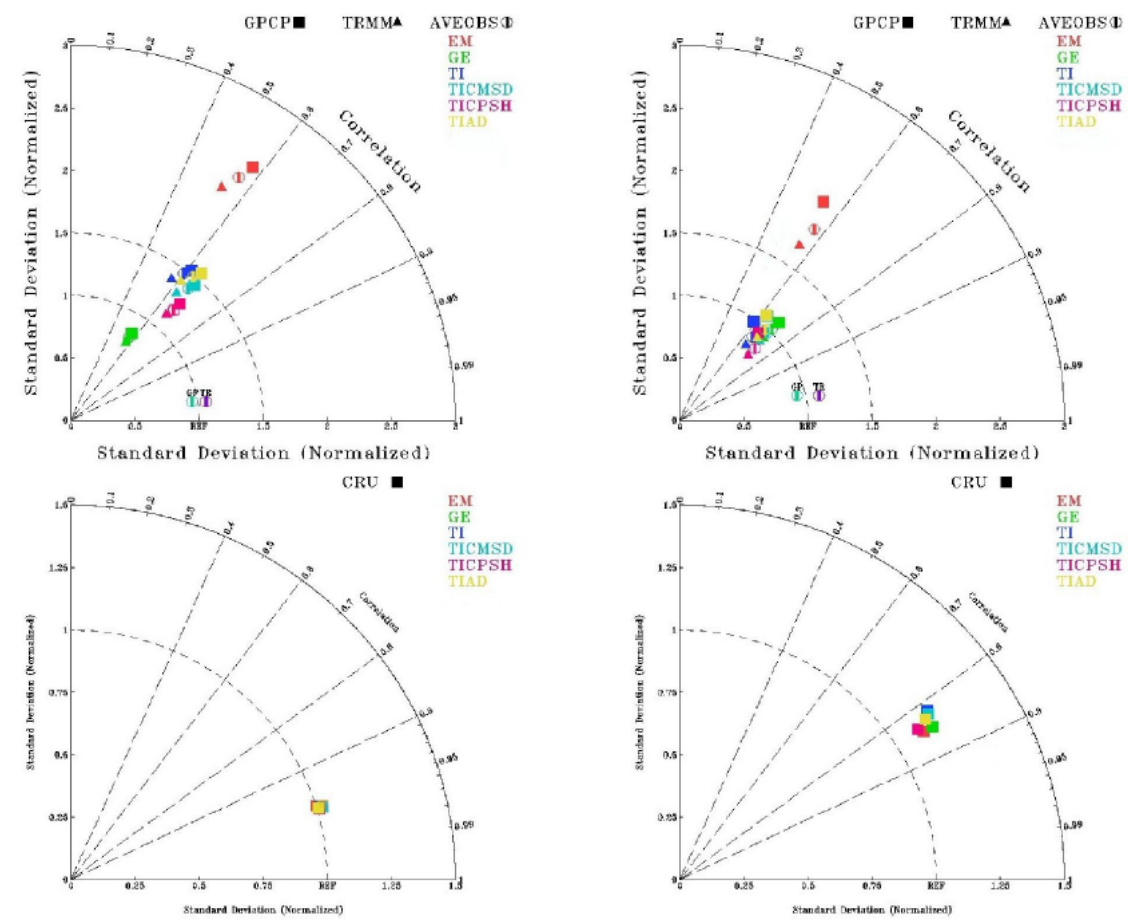


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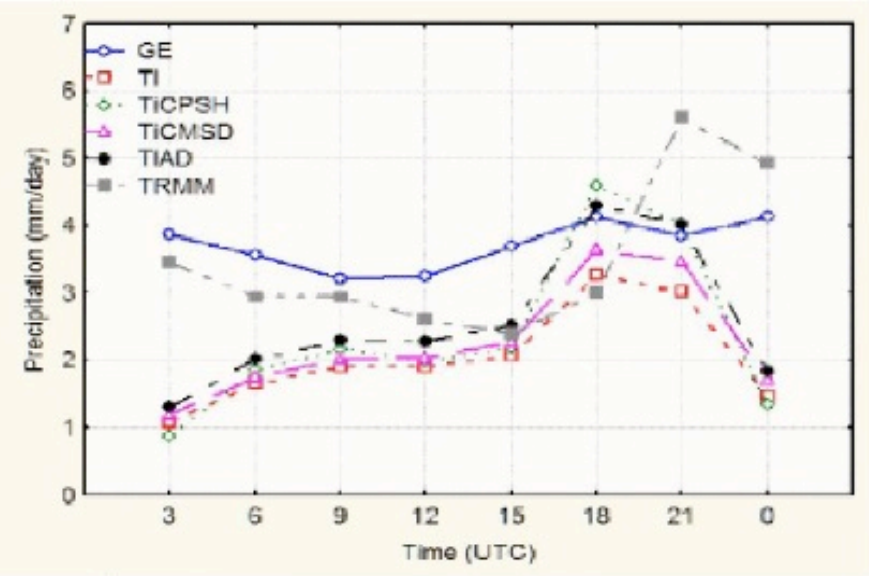
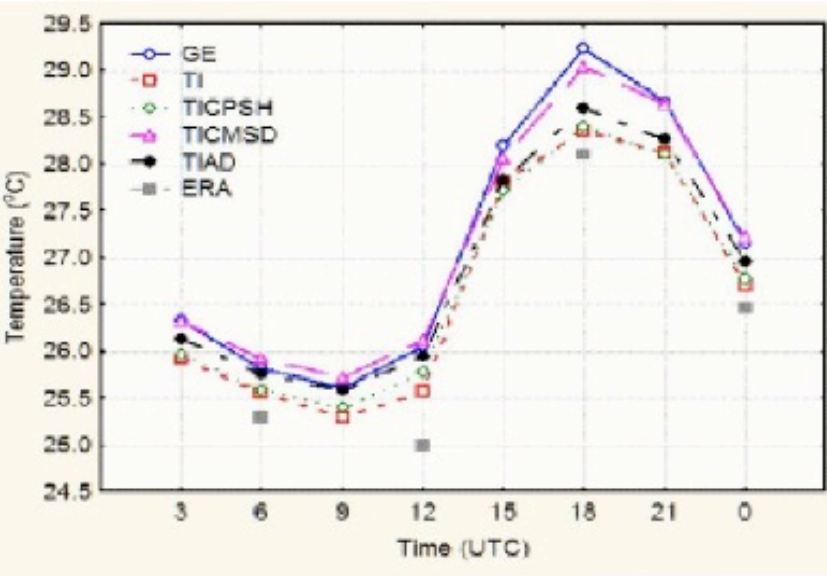
# Bias and variability

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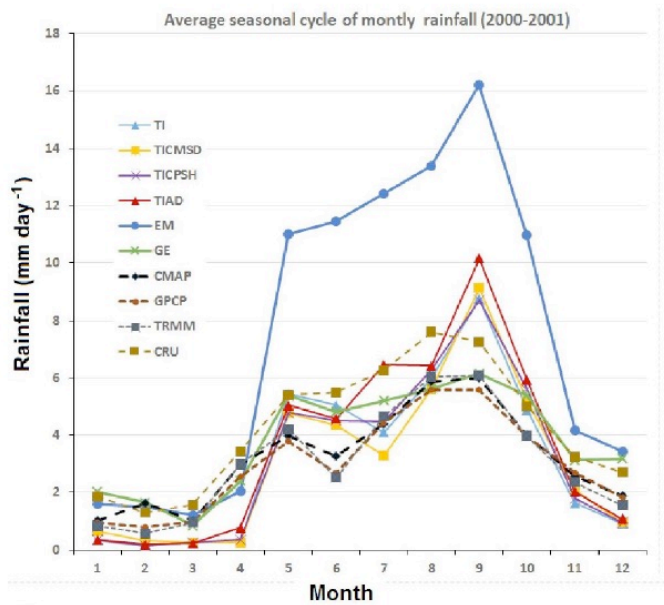




# Diurnal cycle GAN



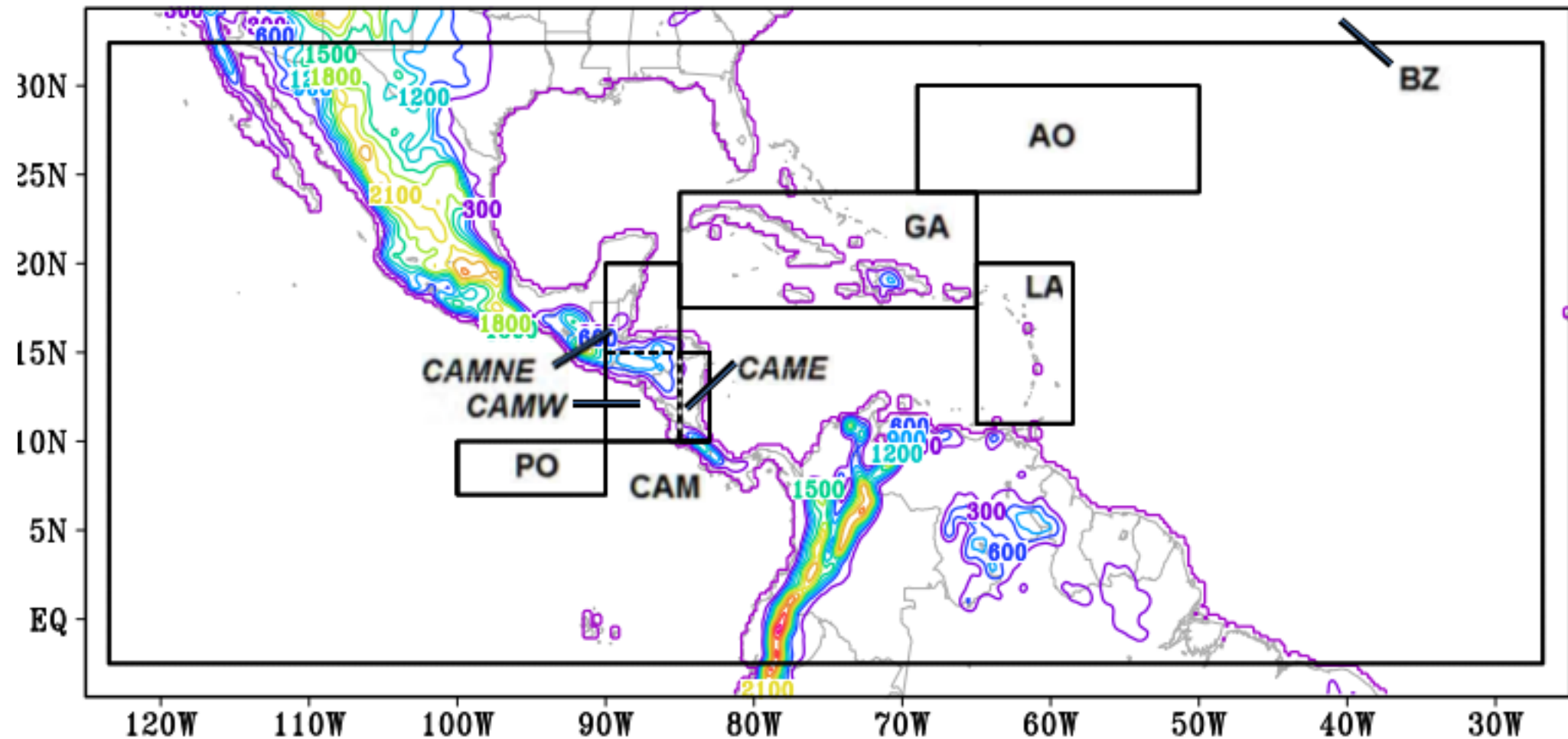
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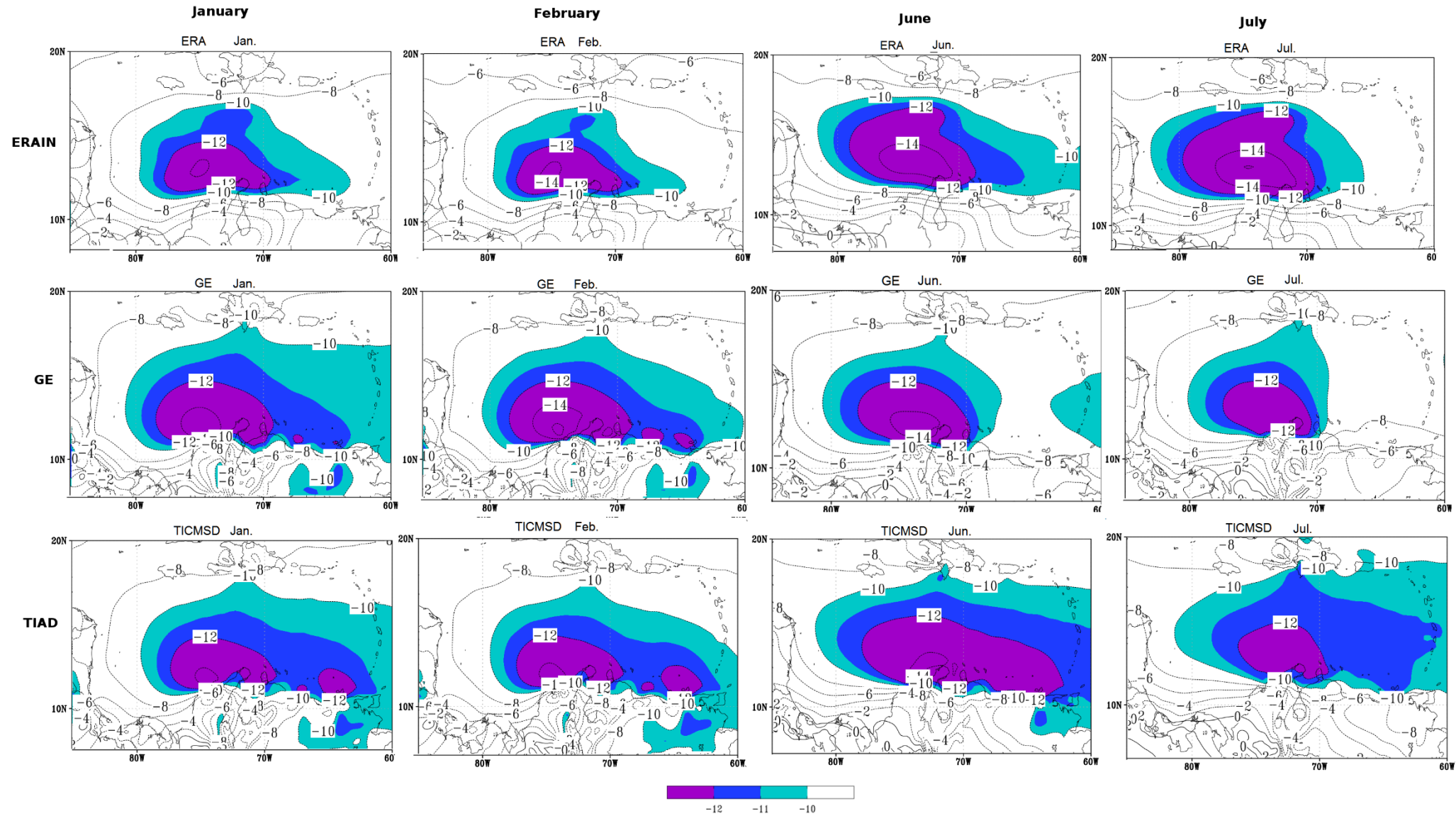
## MAIN CONCLUSIONS

Tiedtke scheme with tuned entrainment and autoconversion parameters and G\_E reproduce well climatic features and has relatively low biases for some regions of the domain.

The performance of RegCM4.3 over the Central America and Caribbean region using different cumulus parameterizations.  
Martínez-Castro et al. (submitted)

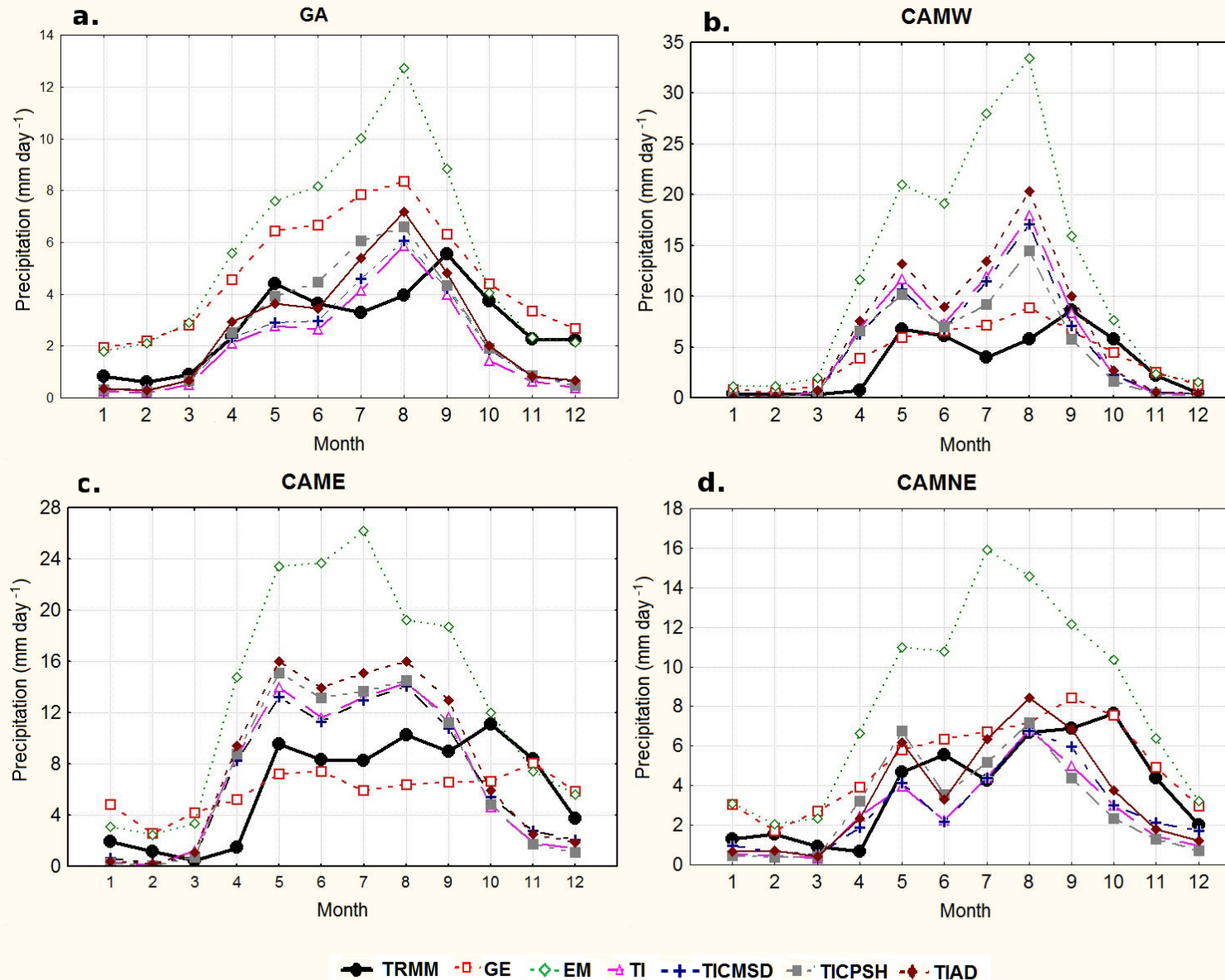


# Caribbean Low Level Jet (925 hPa)





# Caribbean-CAM Midsummer drought



## MAIN CONCLUSIONS:

The Tiedtke scheme with entrainment and autocondensation parameters has limited bias and reproduces well variability and MSD. GE has lower precipitation biases but is worst in reproducing MSD and ITCZ. MIT\_Emanuel overestimates precipitation. An ensemble of GE and other Tiedtke configurations is recommended for climatic projections.



Thank you!!