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# Water in a Warmer World: Too Much or Not Enough?

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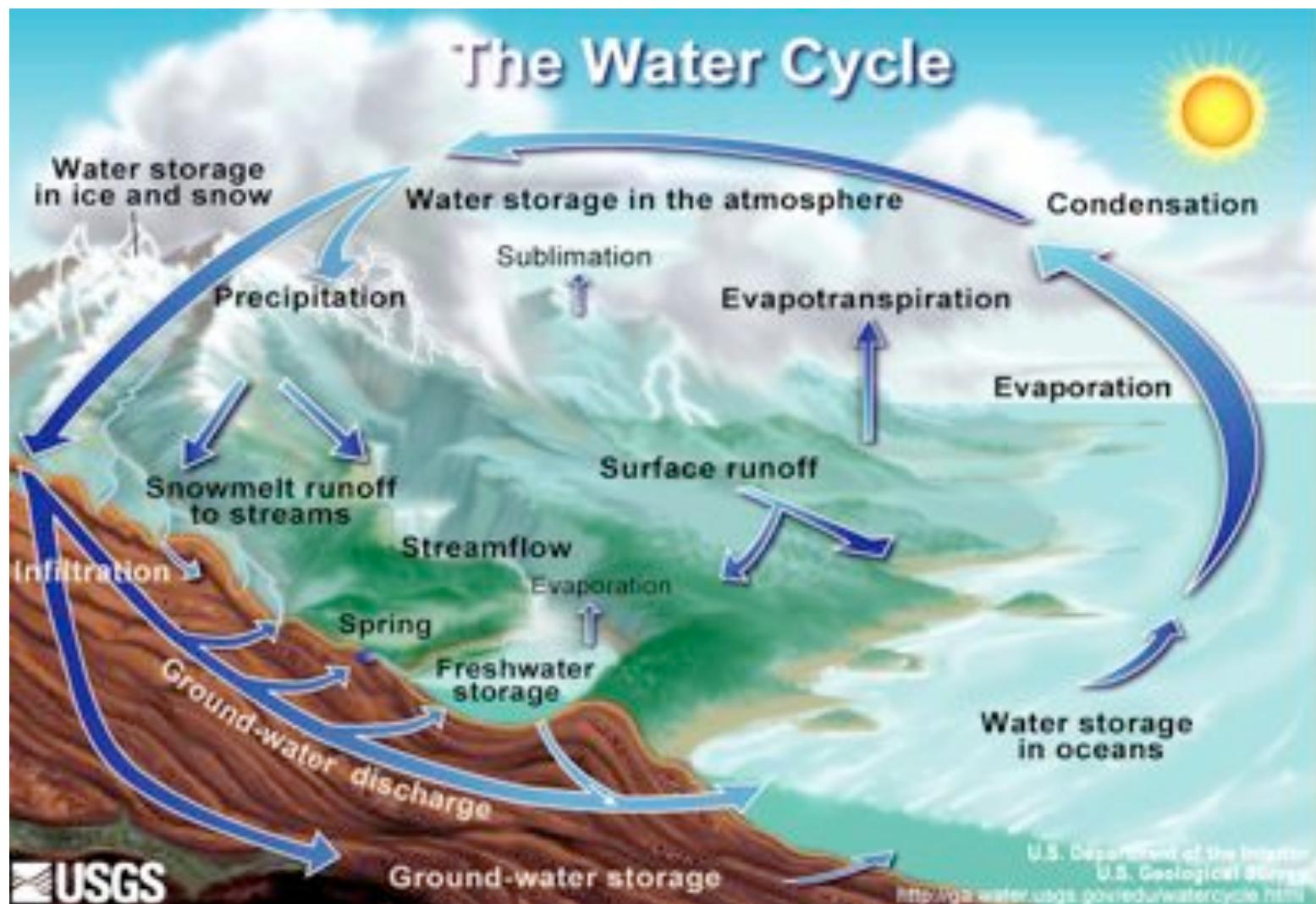
# Far Too Much Water: Donau & Elbe, June 2013 ...



## **... and the Opposite: Droughts**



# Figures Like this Often Introduce Hydrology Talks ...

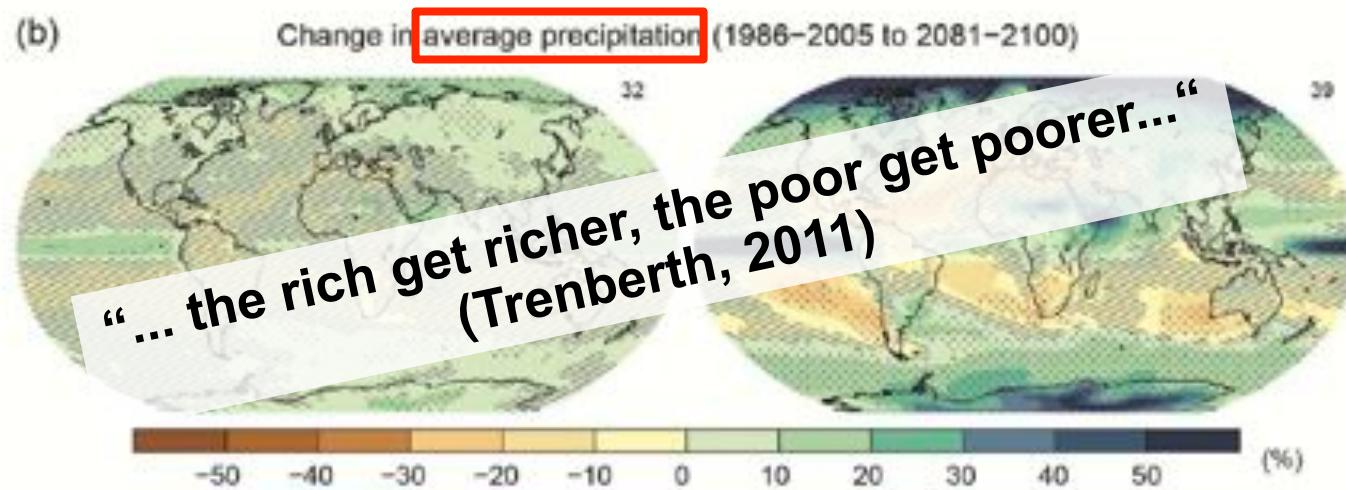
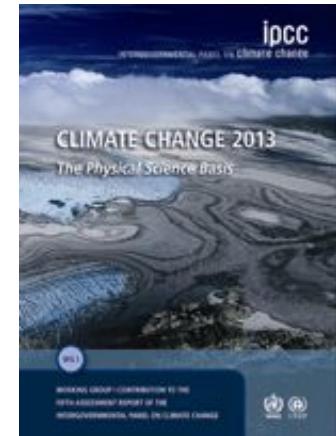
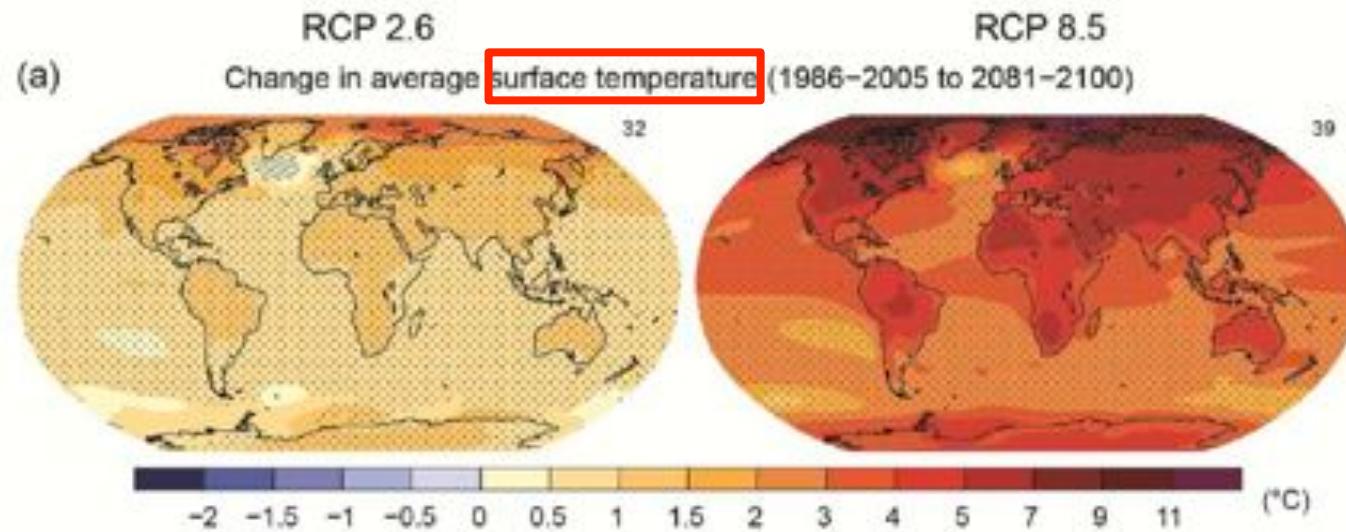


How well do we really know the global hydrological cycle?  
Global warming: change & intensification of the water cycle?  
Regionalization of expected changes: more and/or less water?

BUT:



# Patterns of Expected Changes in “Warmer World”



IPCC, AR5 (2013)

# Links Between Water and Energy Cycle

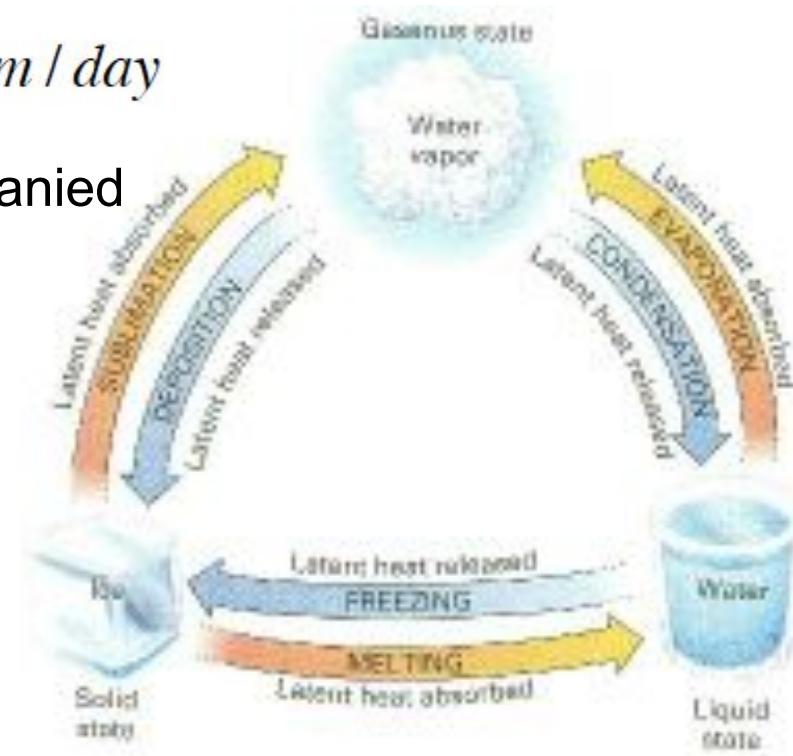
## Physical Background

- Increased evaporation E at higher temperatures T  
e.g. empirical *Hargreaves* equation:

$$E = 0.0023 \cdot S_0 \cdot \delta_T \cdot (T + 17.8) \text{ mm / day}$$

- All phase transitions of water accompanied by energy fluxes:

e.g. 2260 KJ/kg  
to evaporate  
liquid water  
with  $T=100^{\circ}\text{C}$

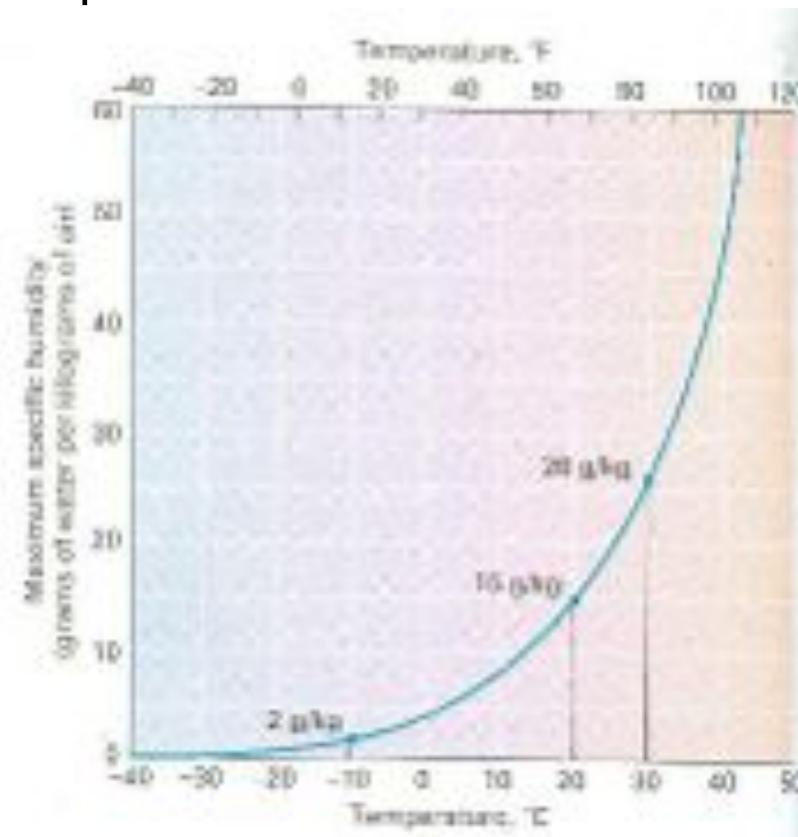


# Links Between Water and Energy Cycle

## Physical Background

- Increased water vapor carrying capacity at higher temperatures:  
*Clausius-Clapeyron equation & parameterizations*

$$e_{sat} = 6.11 \cdot e^{\frac{17.3T}{T+237.3}} \text{ mbar}$$



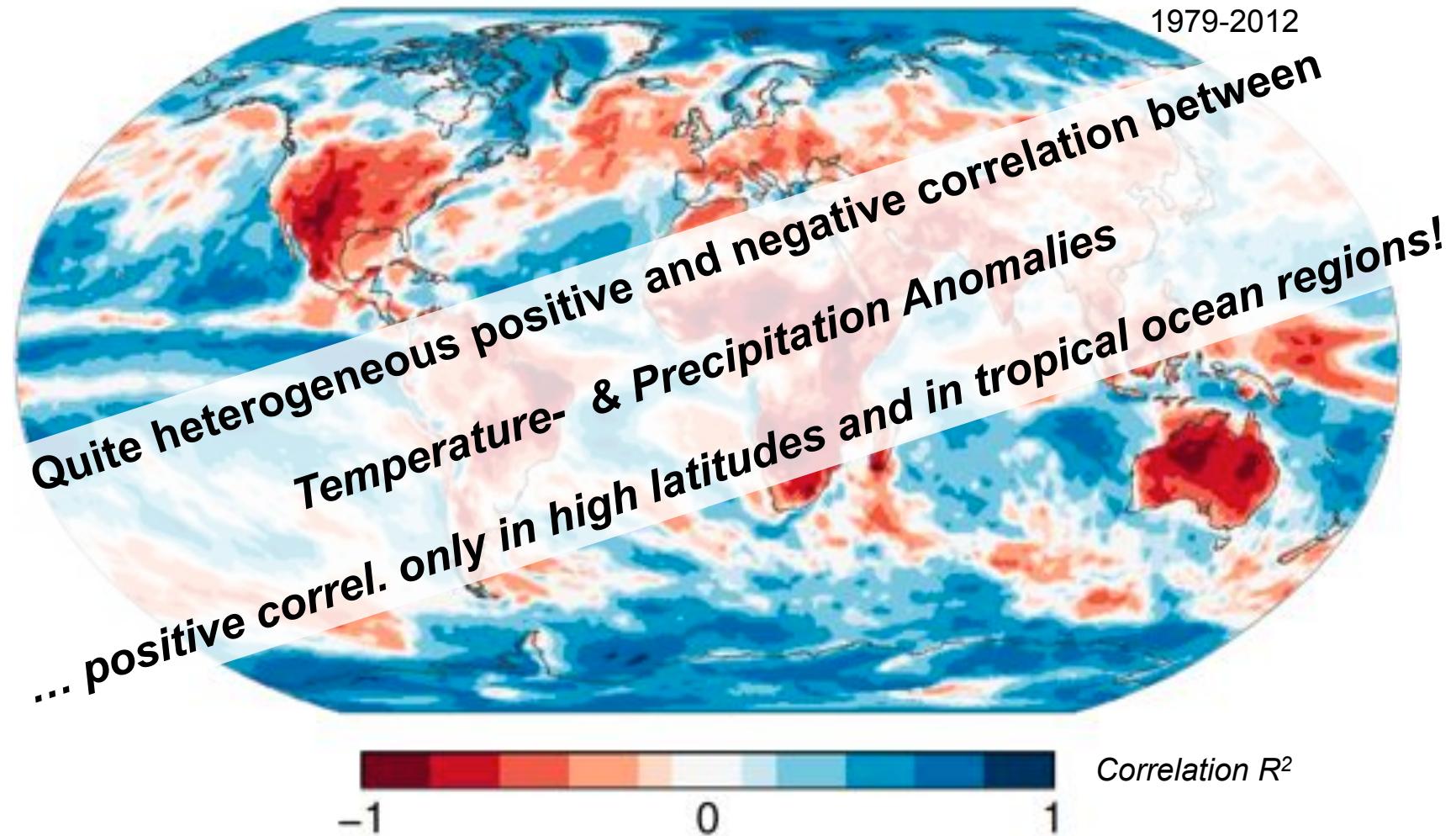
# Change of Water Cycle in “Warmer World”?

## Temperature-precipitation feedback mechanisms

- **Increased temperature** in regions close to saturation
  - > at nearly constant relative humidity **increased absolute humidity**
  - > **increased precipitation** per event possible
- Every precipitation event accompanied by **energy release** into atmosphere (*condensation*)
  - > decreased temperature lapse rate, stabilization of atmosphere
  - > ... suppressing further convection
  - > ... **decrease of subsequent precipitation** possible
- Large scale spatial distribution of “more” and “less” precipitation:  
*interplay* between **moisture processes** in atmosphere  
vs.  
**atmospheric dynamics, topography, land surface properties, land-sea contrasts, ...**

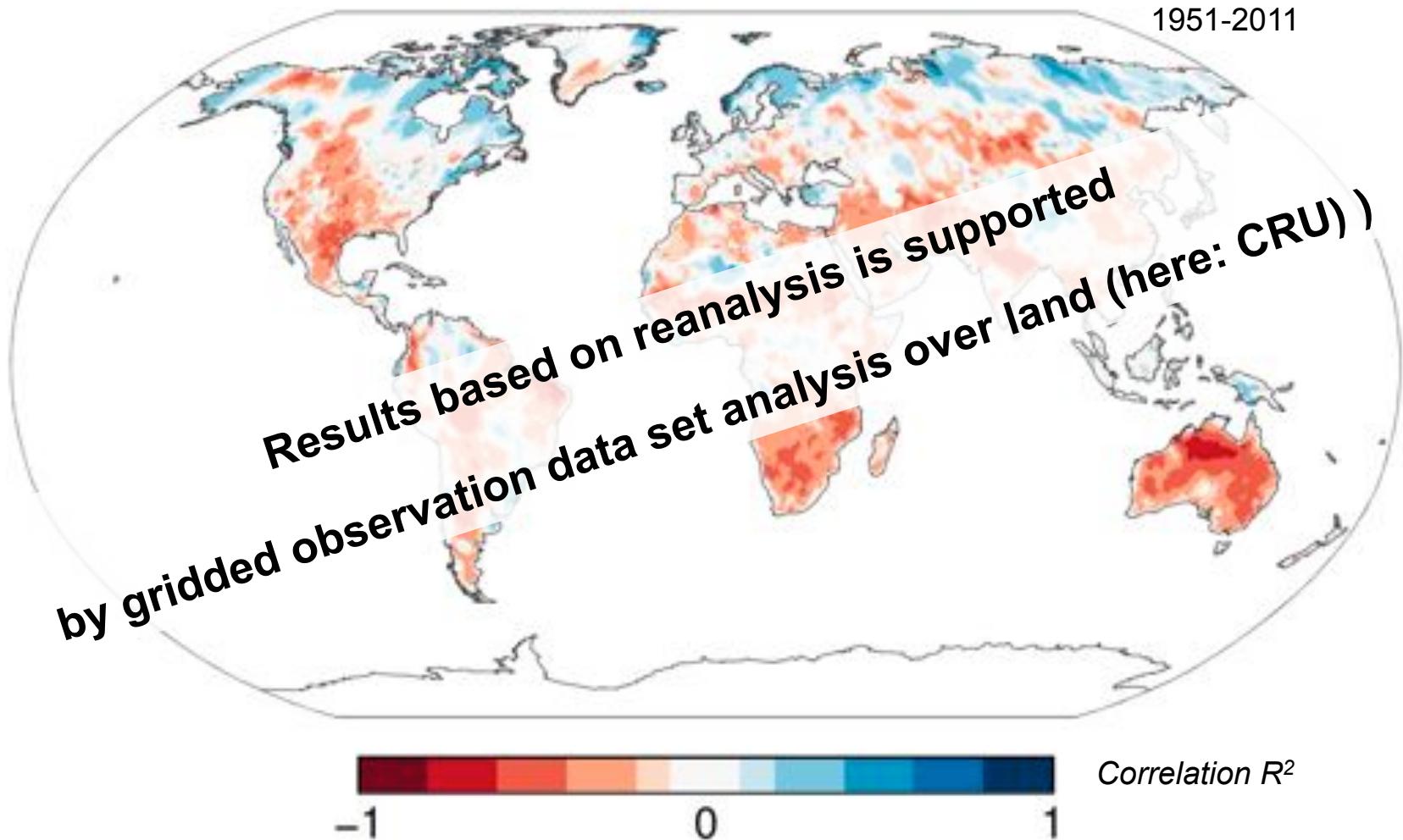
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Annual P- vs. annual T2-anomalies (ERA Interim)

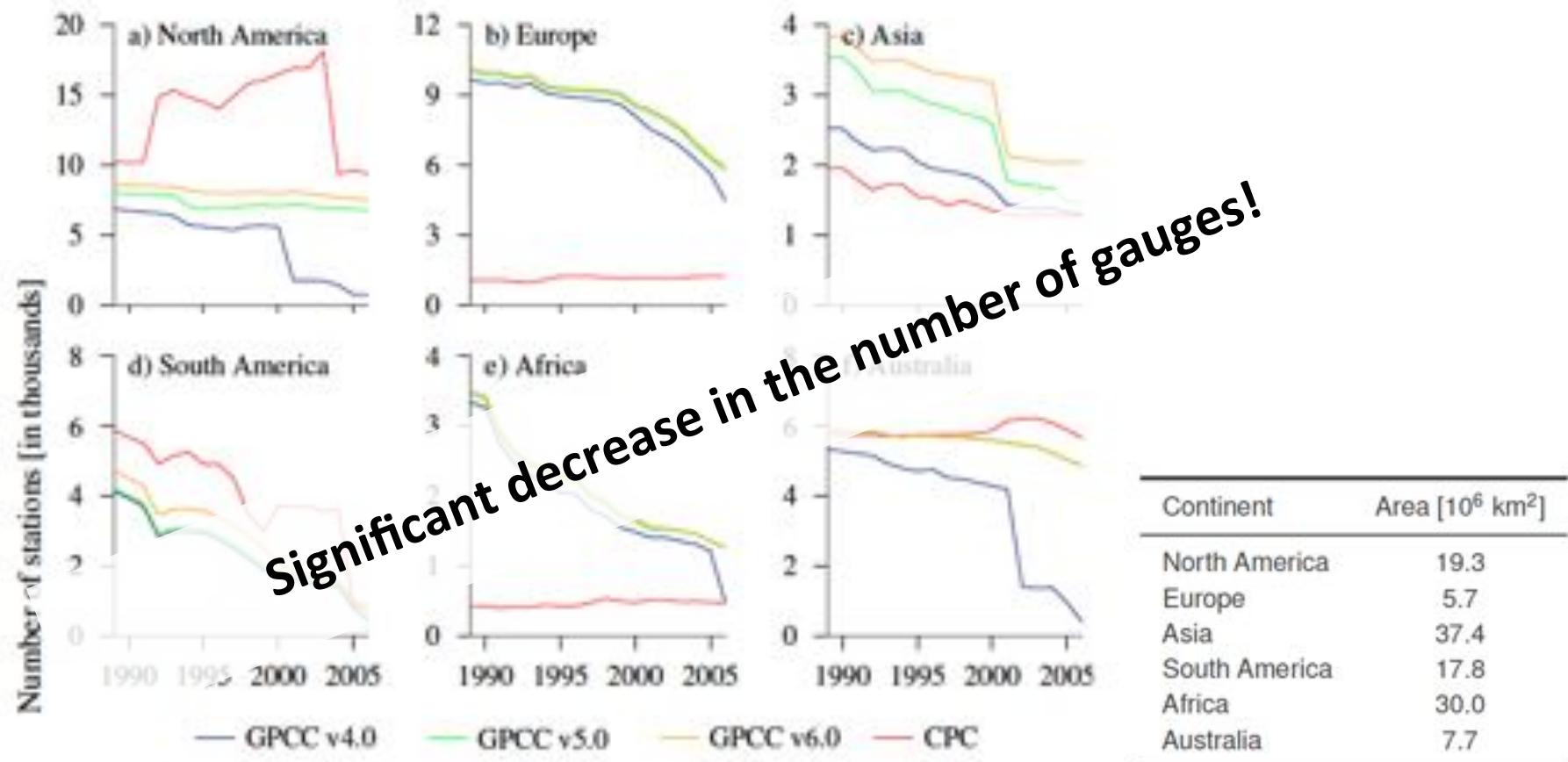


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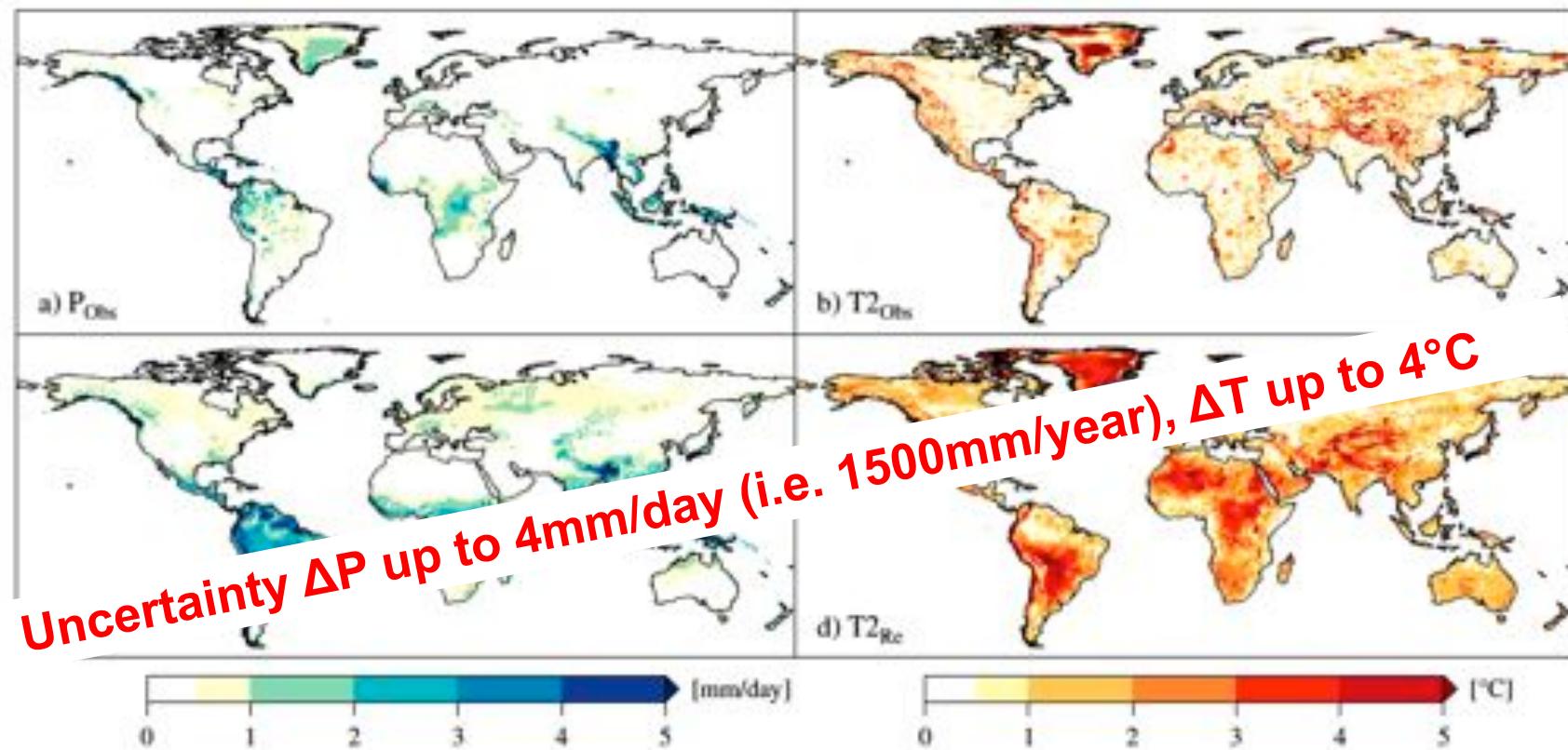
Annual P- vs. annual T2-anomalies (CRU3.2)



## Caution: Significantly Varying Number of Original Data



# How Well Do We Really Know the Water Cycle?



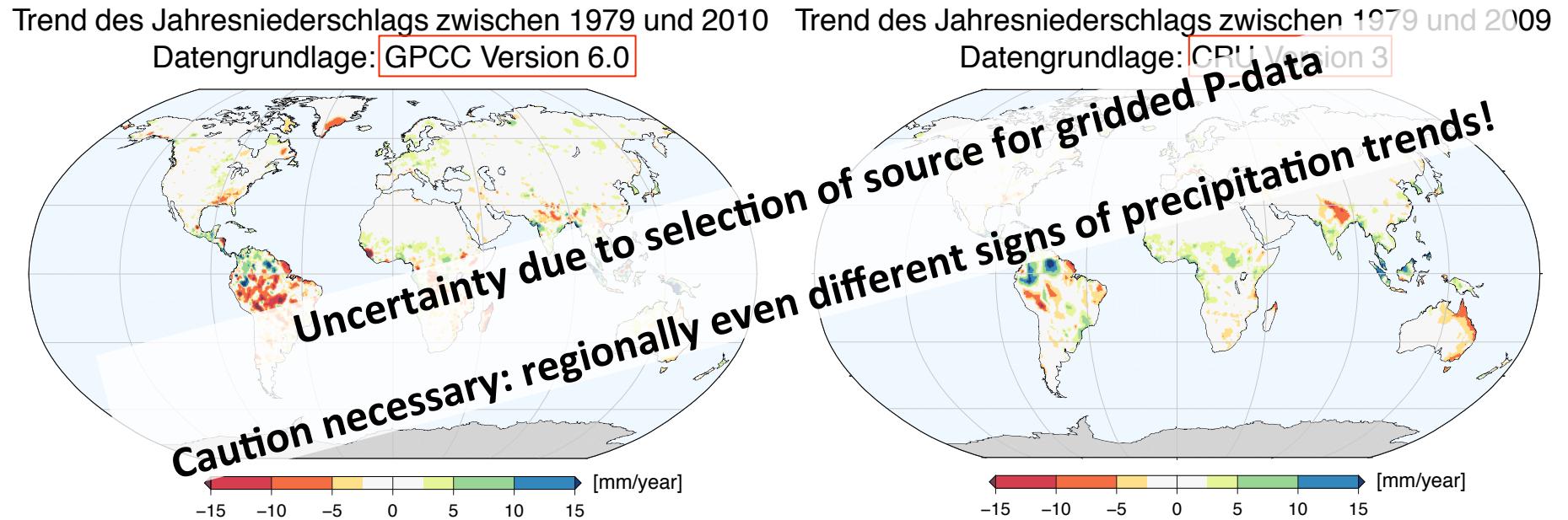
Precipitation observation ensemble: GPCC, GPCP, CPC, CRU, DEL

Temperature observation ensemble: CRU, DEL

Reanalysis ensemble:

ERA-Interim, MERRA, CFSR

# Trends from Gridded Observation Data Sets?

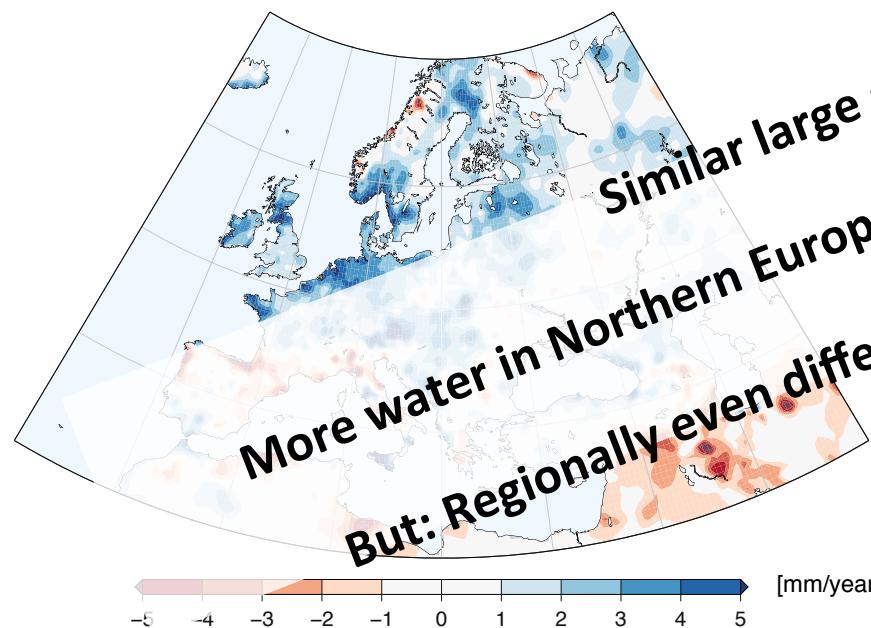


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## Europe

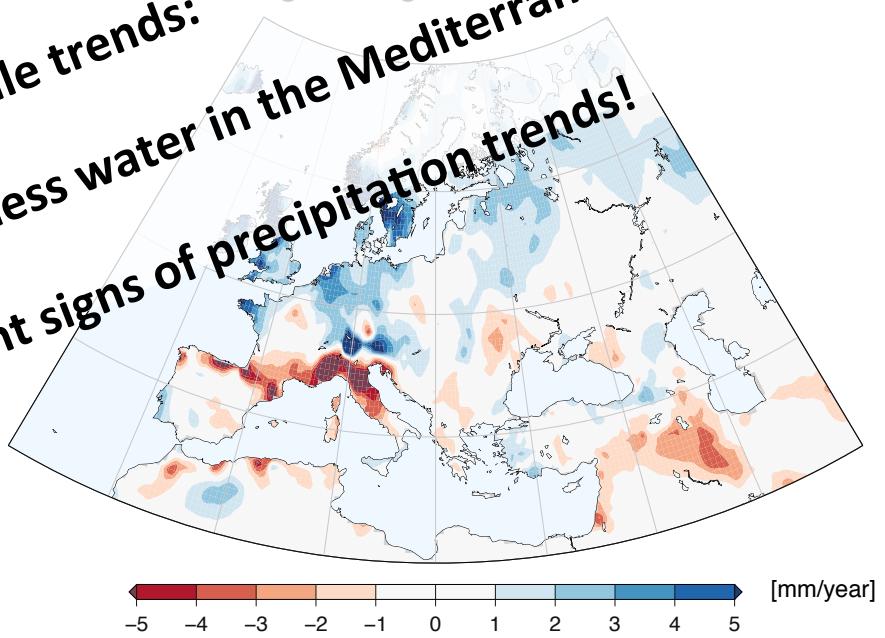
Mittlerer Jahresniederschlag zwischen 1979 und 2010

Datengrundlage: GPCC Version 6.0



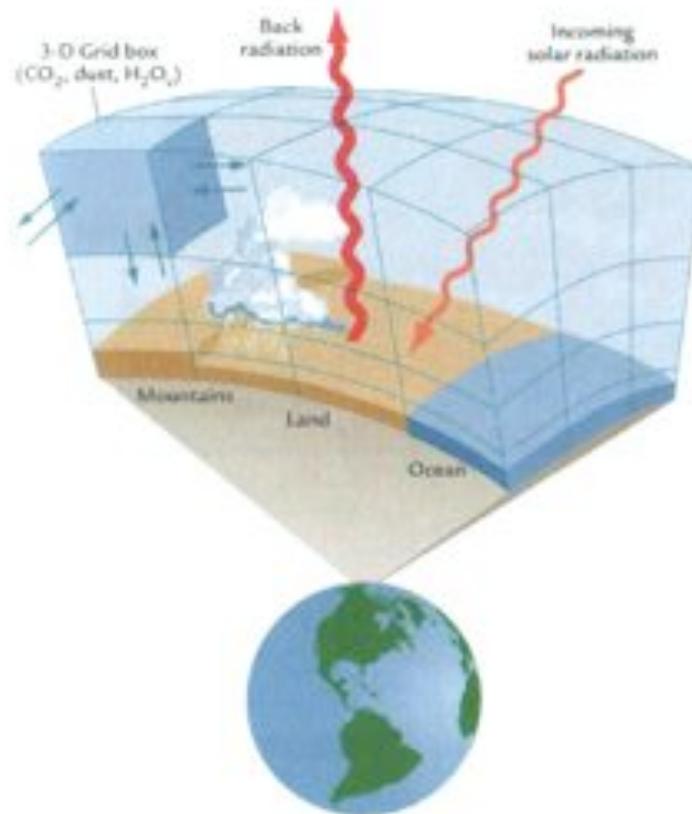
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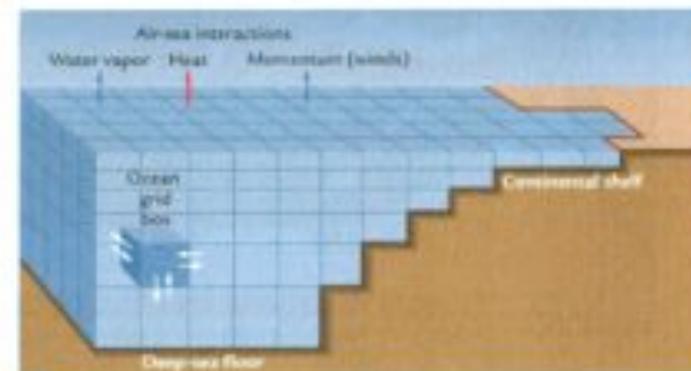


## Methods: Climate Modeling

**Global & regional climate models for the understanding of historic climate and projections of future climate**



Source: Stocker (2011)



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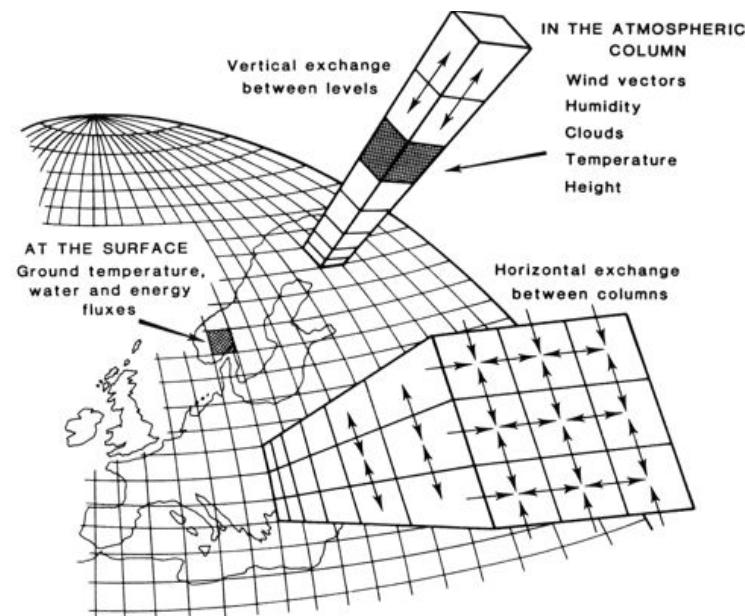
Atmosphere  
Continents  
Ocean  
Ice shelves

For every grid cell explicit calculation of grid-scale state

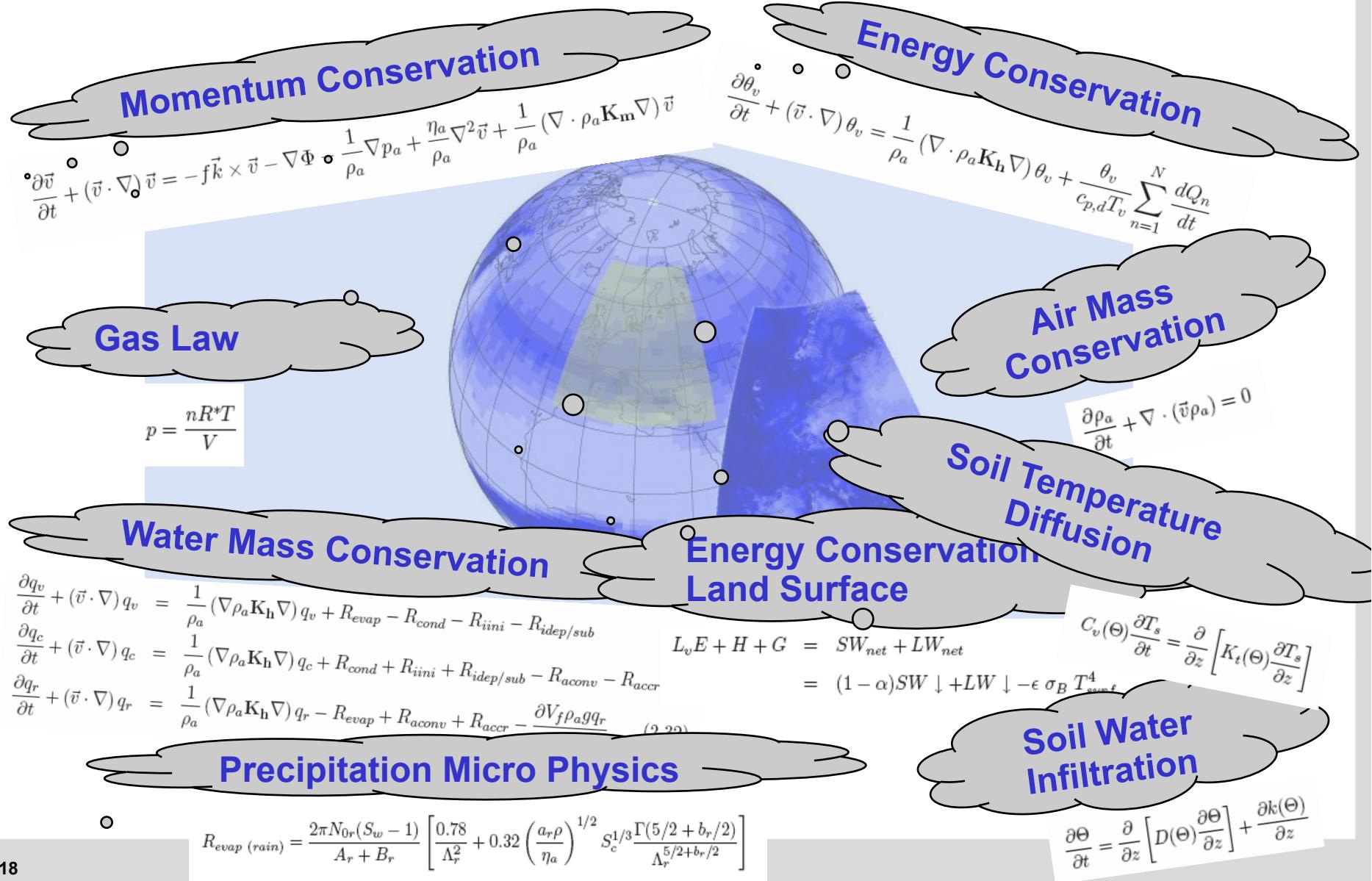
- **Atmosphere:** T, q, p, v, etc.
- **Soil:**  $T_{\text{soil}}$ ,  $\theta$

**Model equations:**  
changes of state variables due to

- **Grid-scale processes:**  
physical function of grid-scale variables
- **Sub-grid scale processes**  
empirically derived function of  
grid-scale state variables → parameterizations

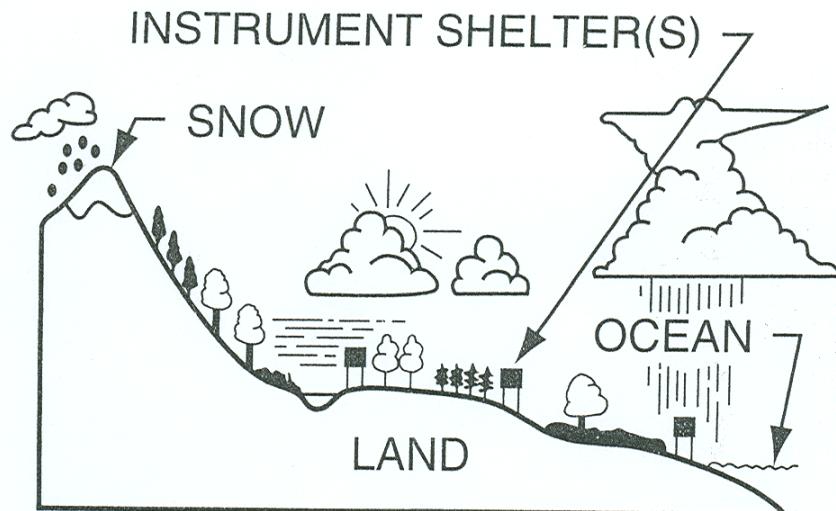


# Regional Atmospheric Modeling



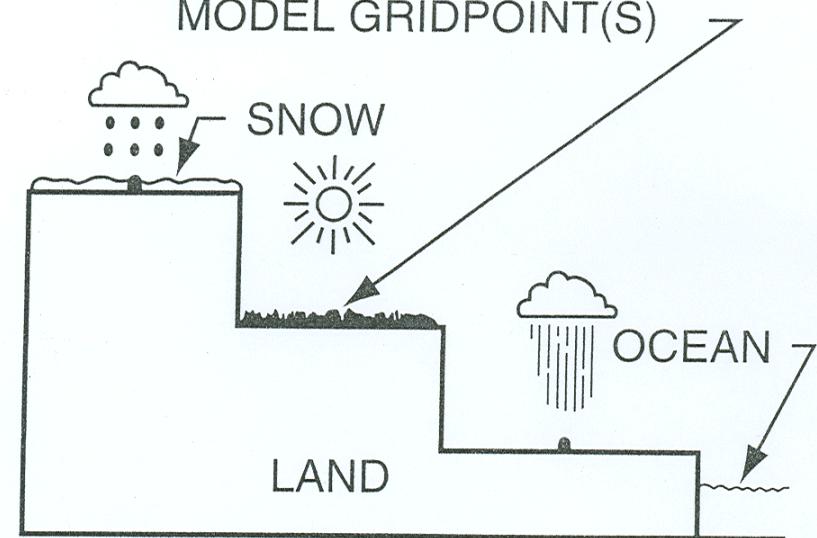
# Methods: Climate Modeling - Role of Model Resolution

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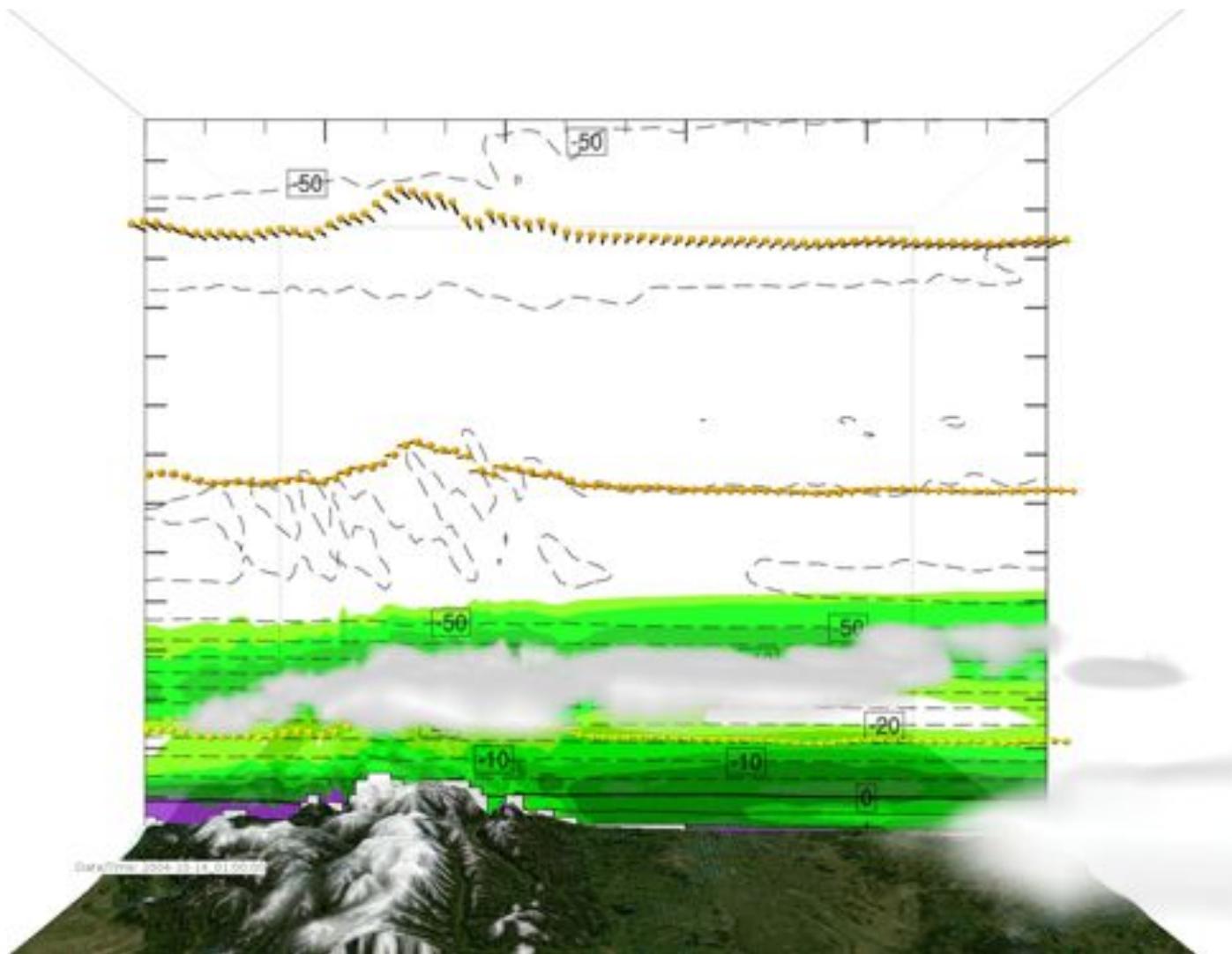


Vs.

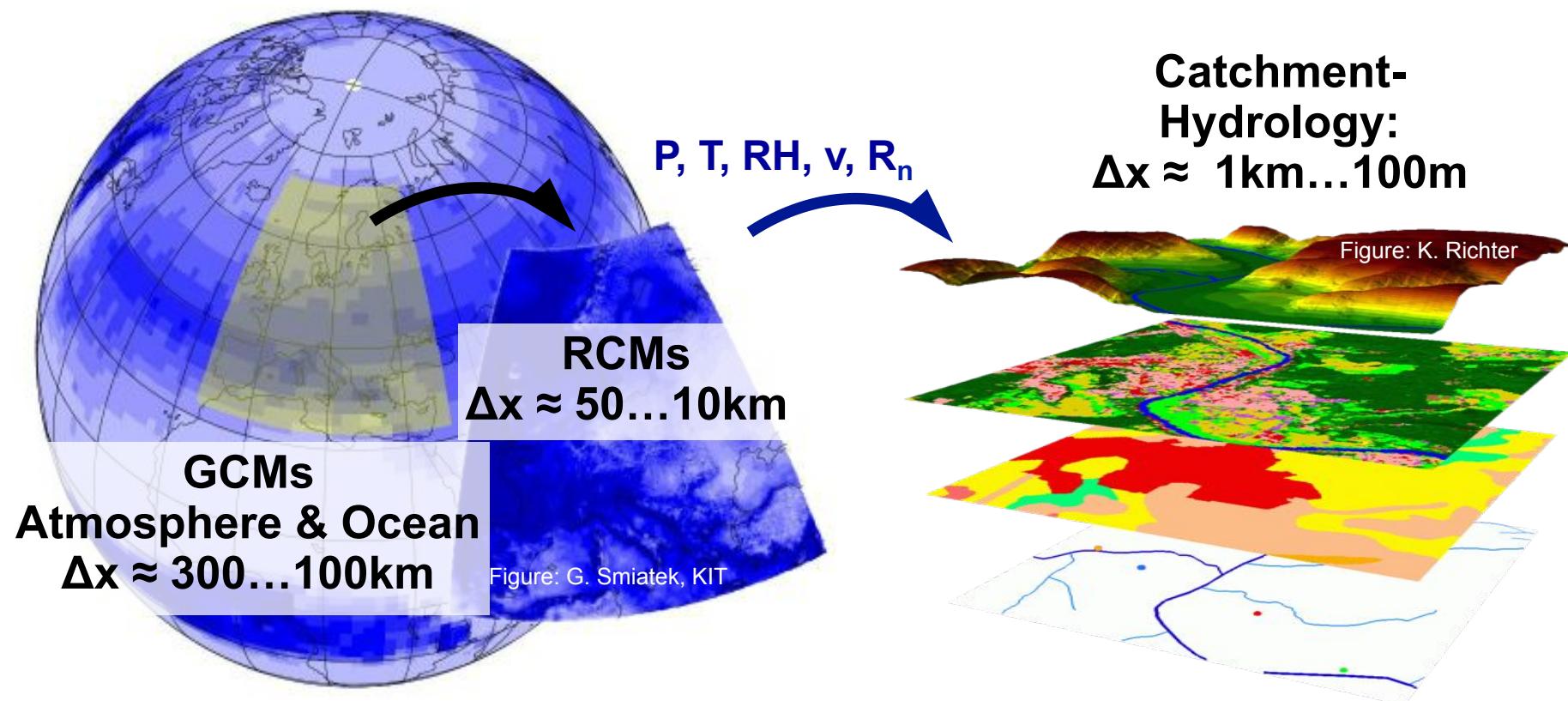
MODEL WORLD



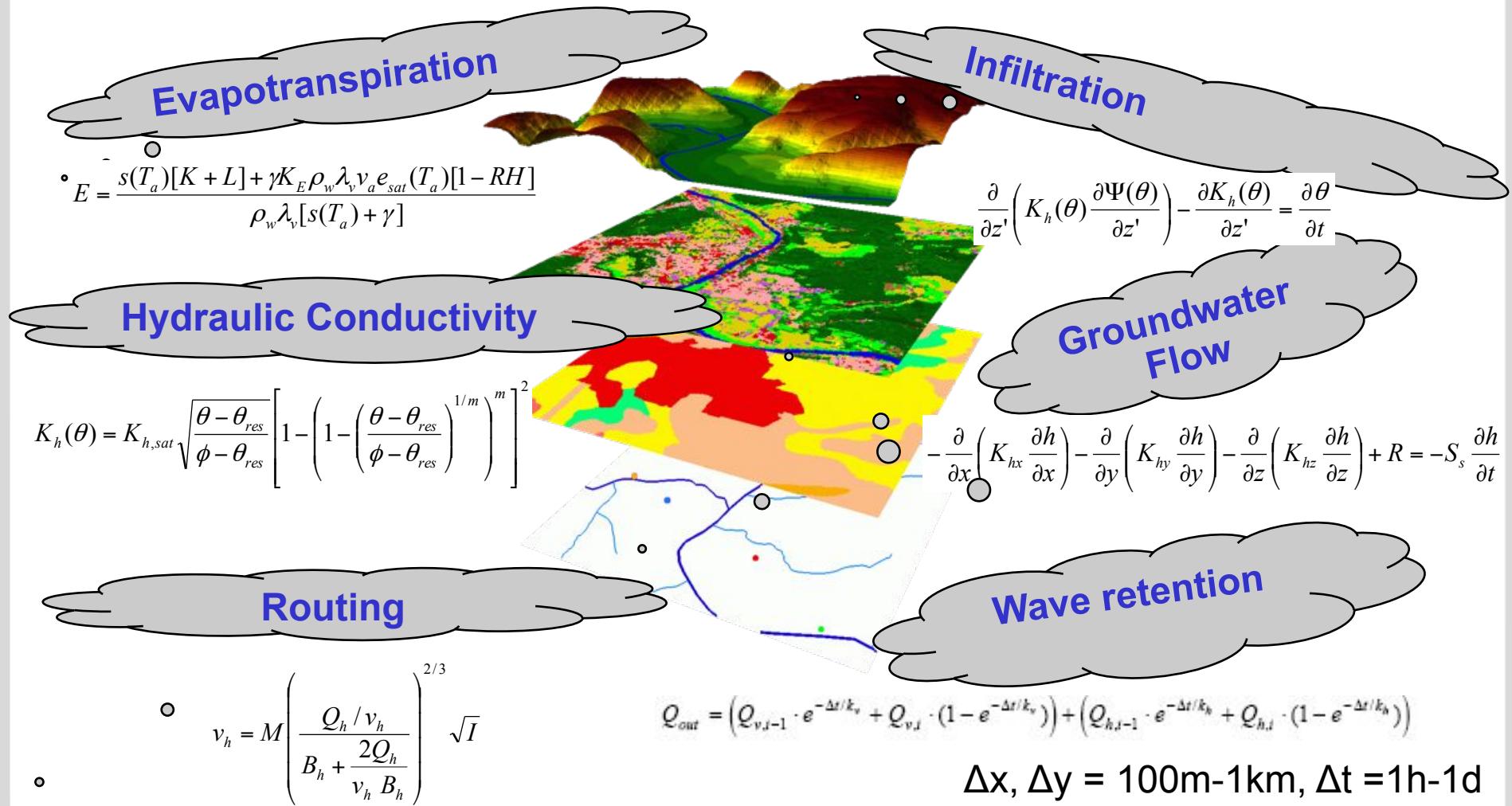
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# Methods: 1-Way Coupled Model Systems



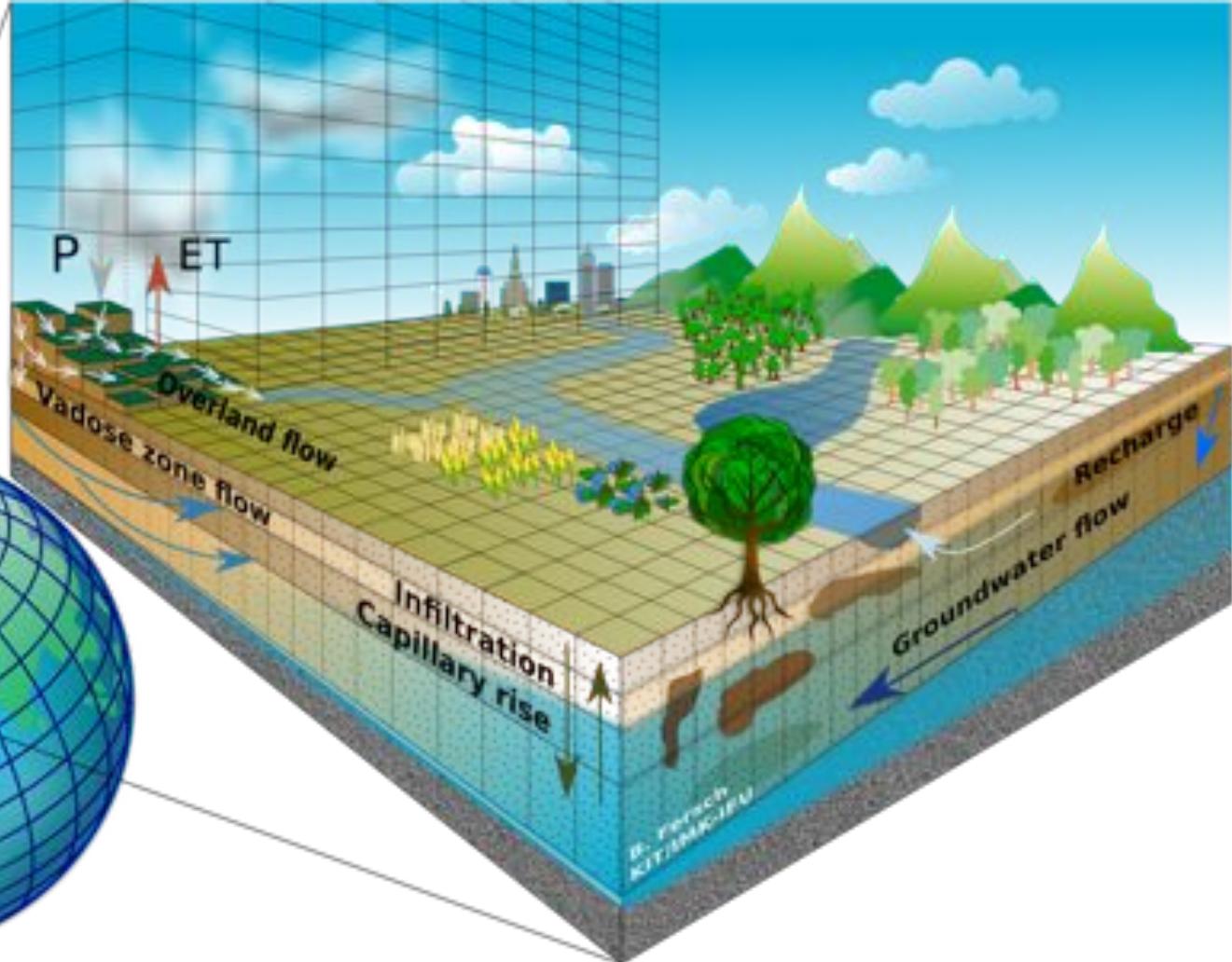
# Hydrological Modeling



# Towards Fully Coupled Regional Earth System Models



High Performance Computing



# Climate Change & Water Availability: EM / Near East

## Climate & Water

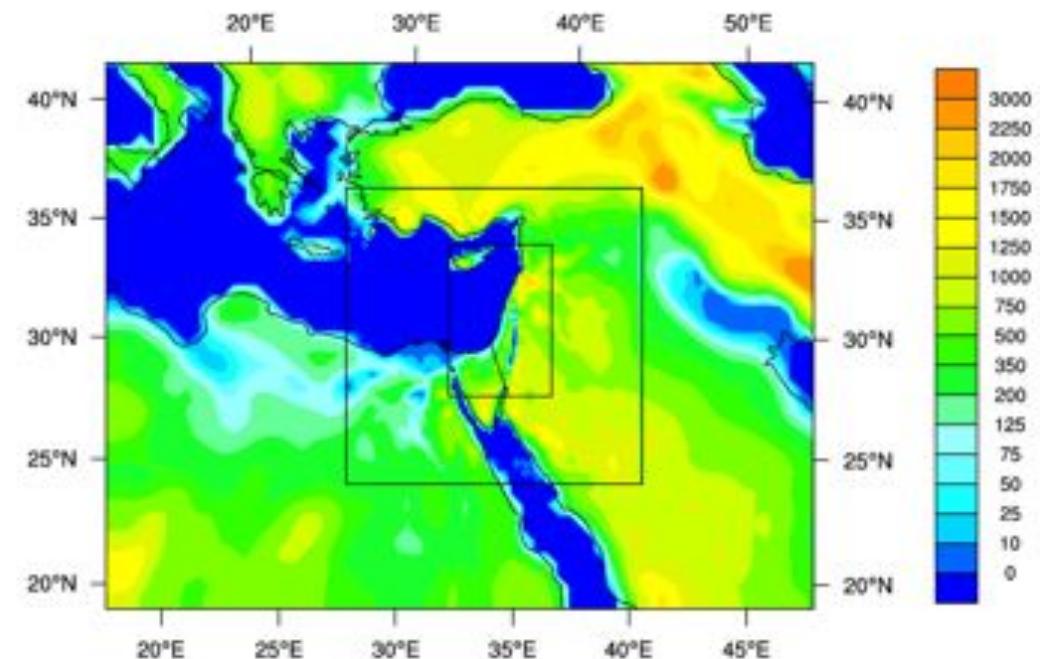
- Region suffers from water scarcity already today
- Stress on water resources by population growth
- Climate change?



## 5 Regional Climate Models

- Resolution 54, 18, 6 km
- Time period: 1960-2100
- Forcing: 2 GCMs

Nested approach

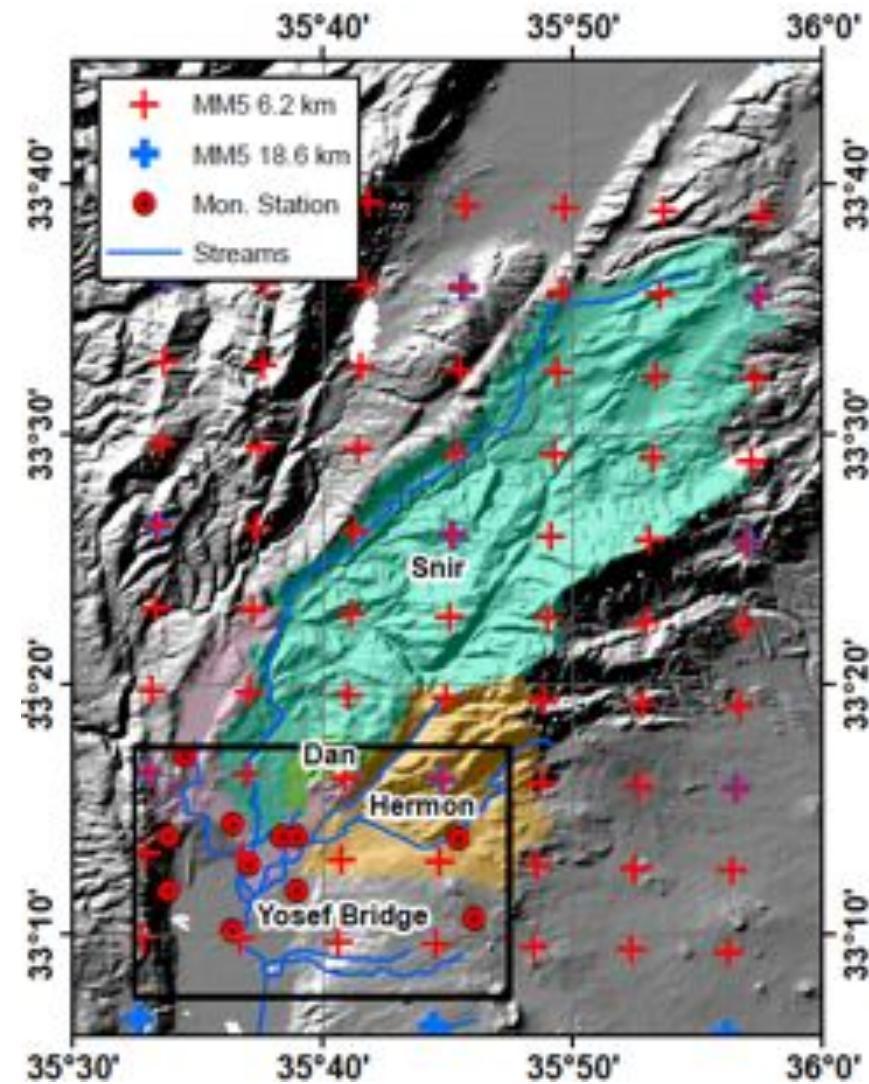


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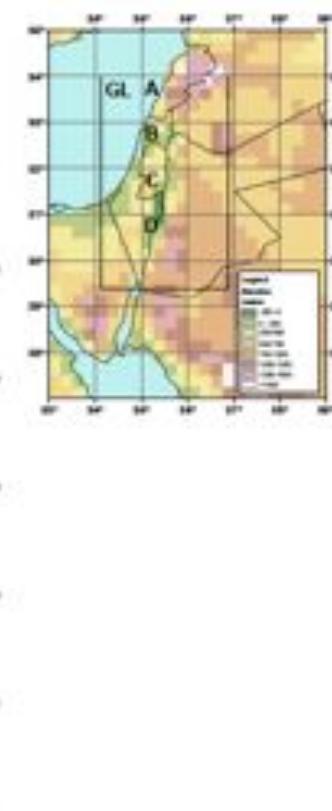
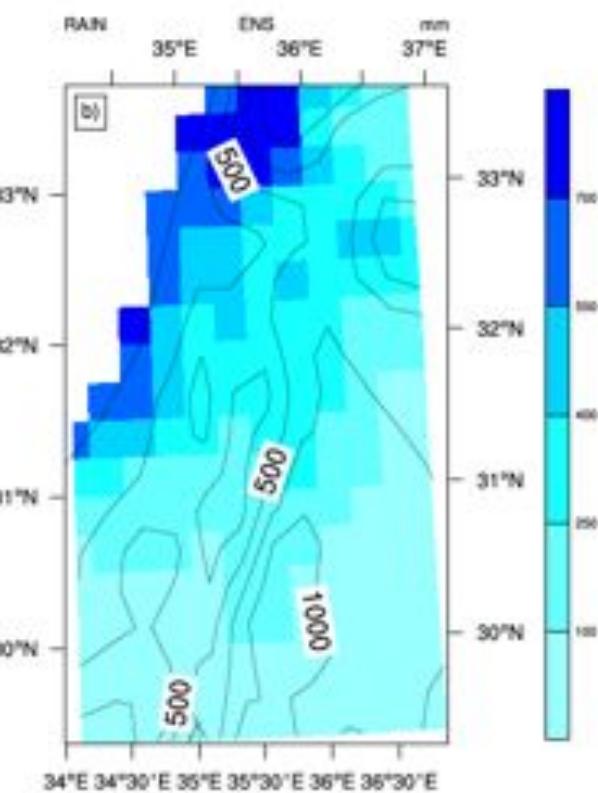
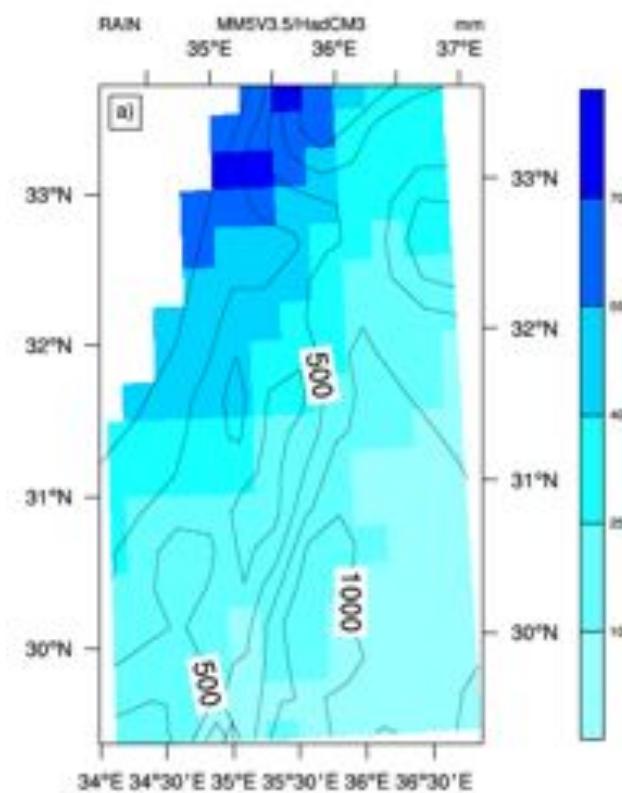
## Upper Jordan River

- Major drinking water source for Israel
- 800 km<sup>2</sup>
- Partially karstic environment
- Outflow also to springs in Lebanon & Syria
- Complex terrain
- Here: modeled with *WaSiM* with  $dx, dy = 450m$



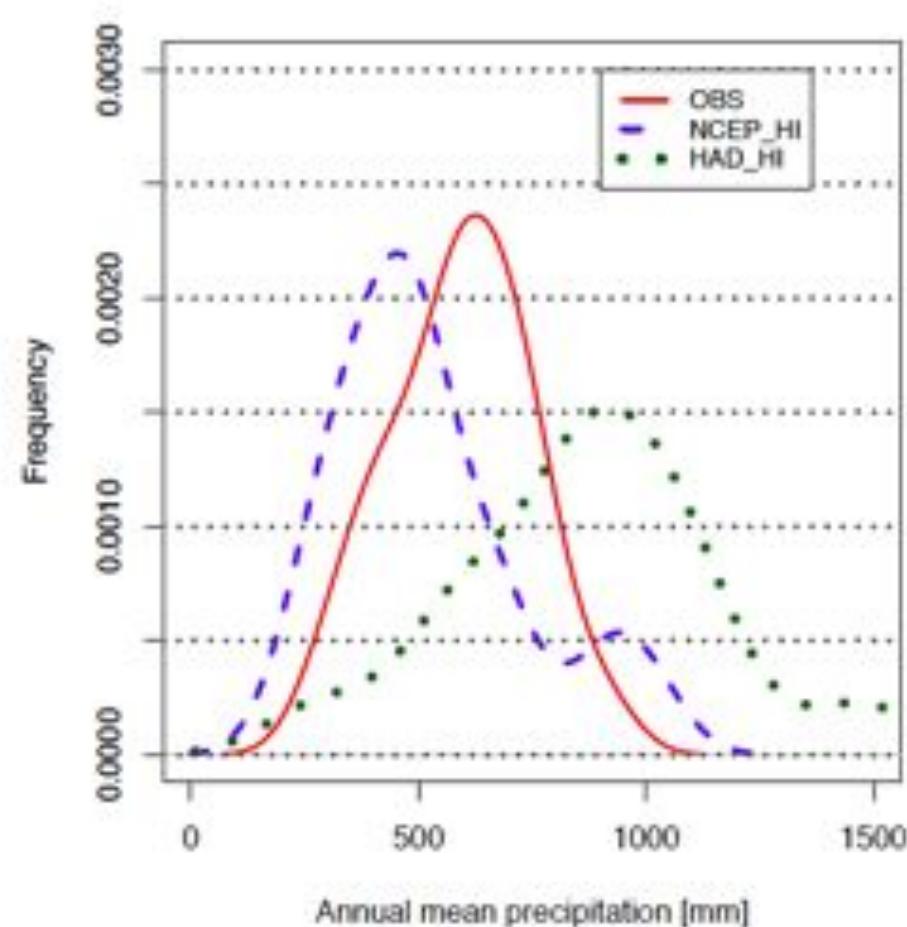
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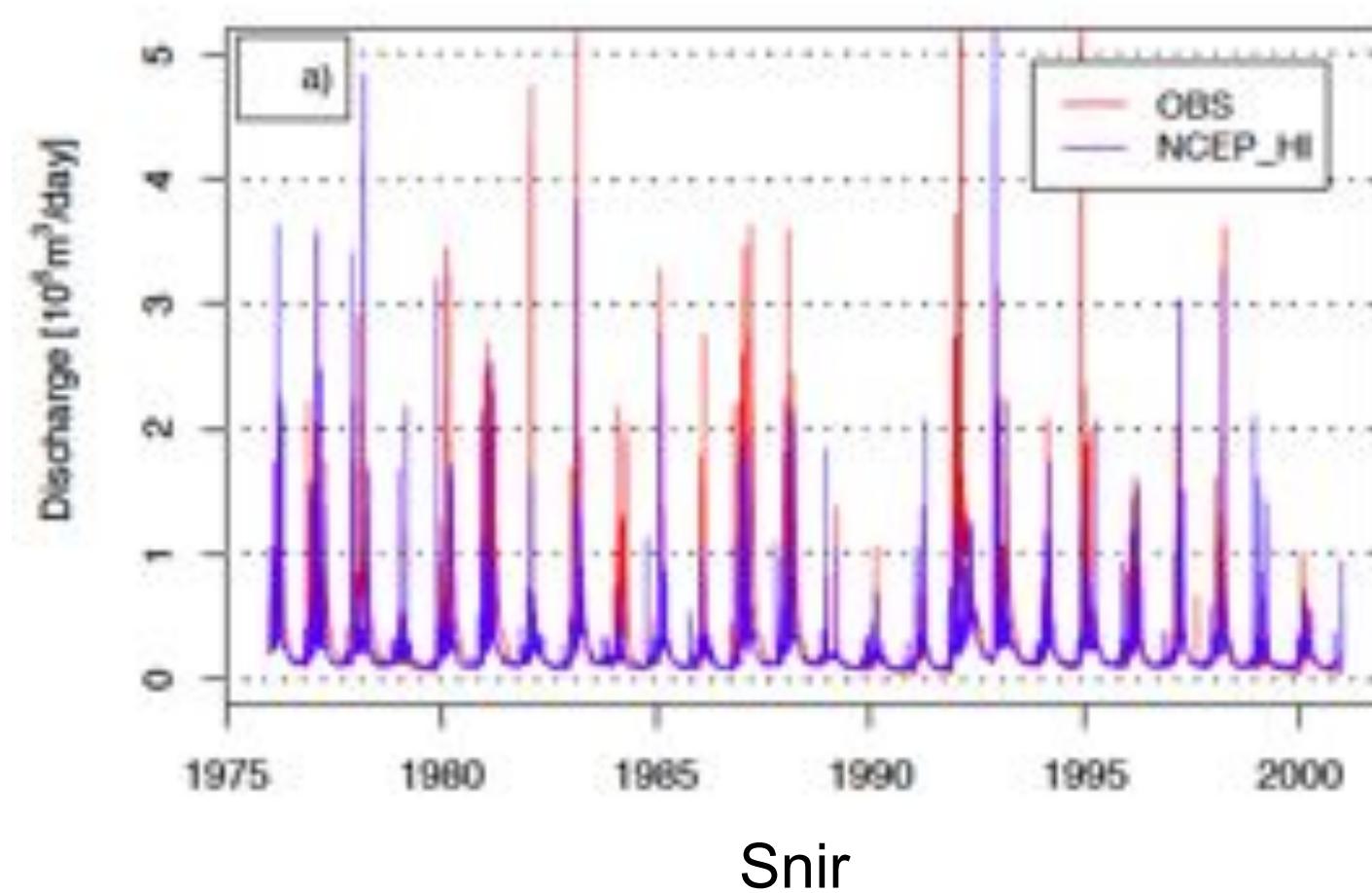
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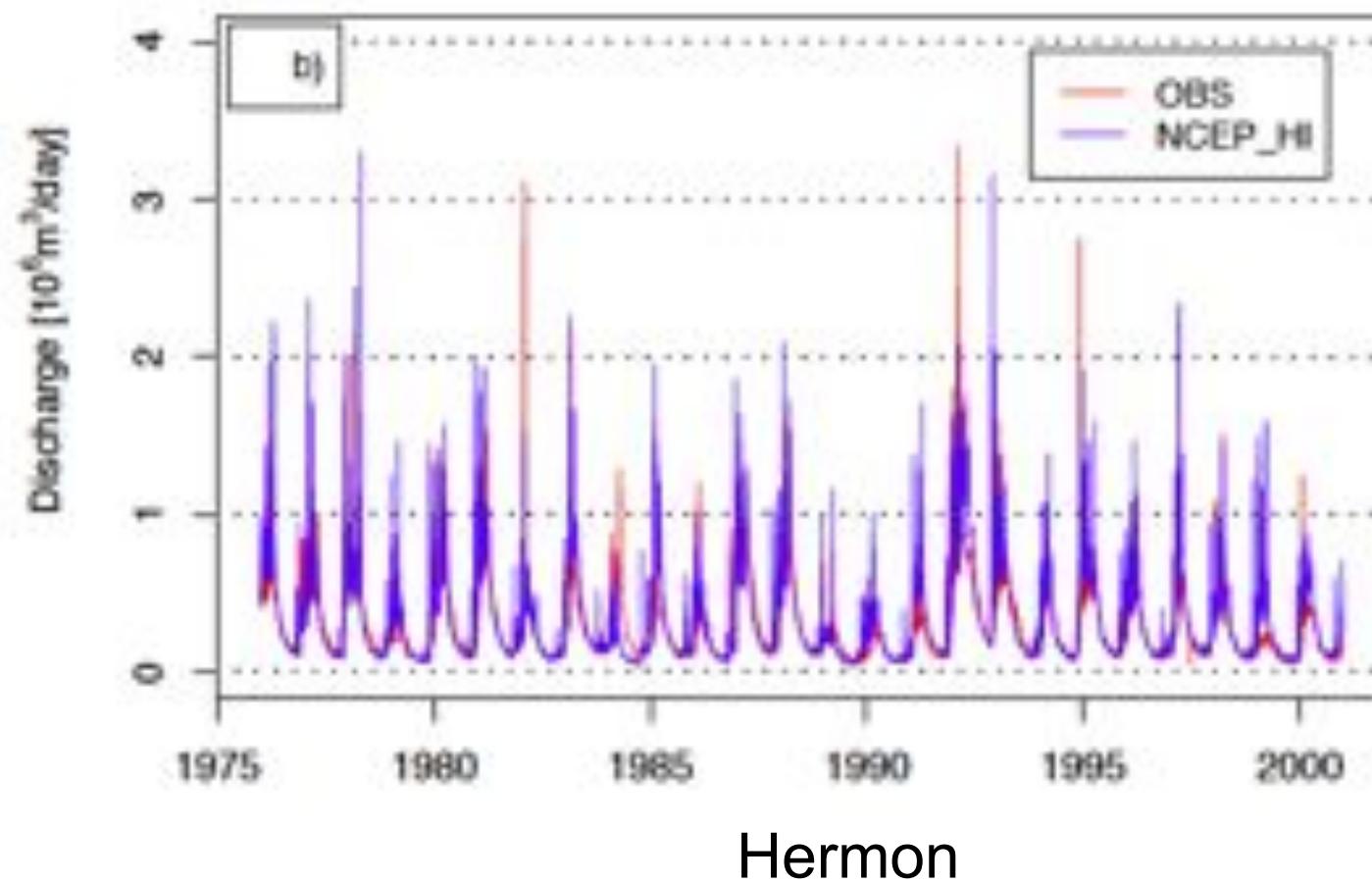
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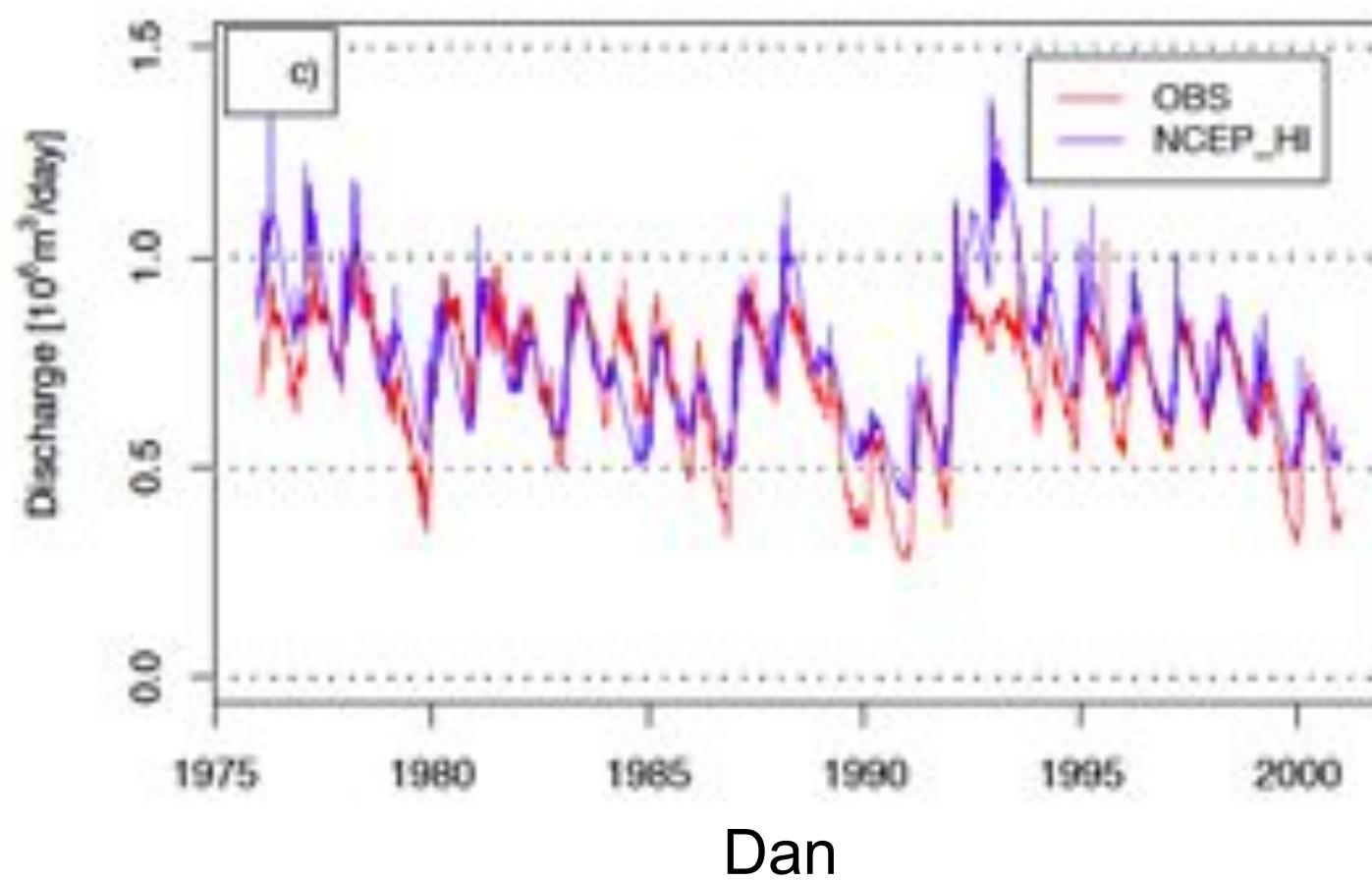
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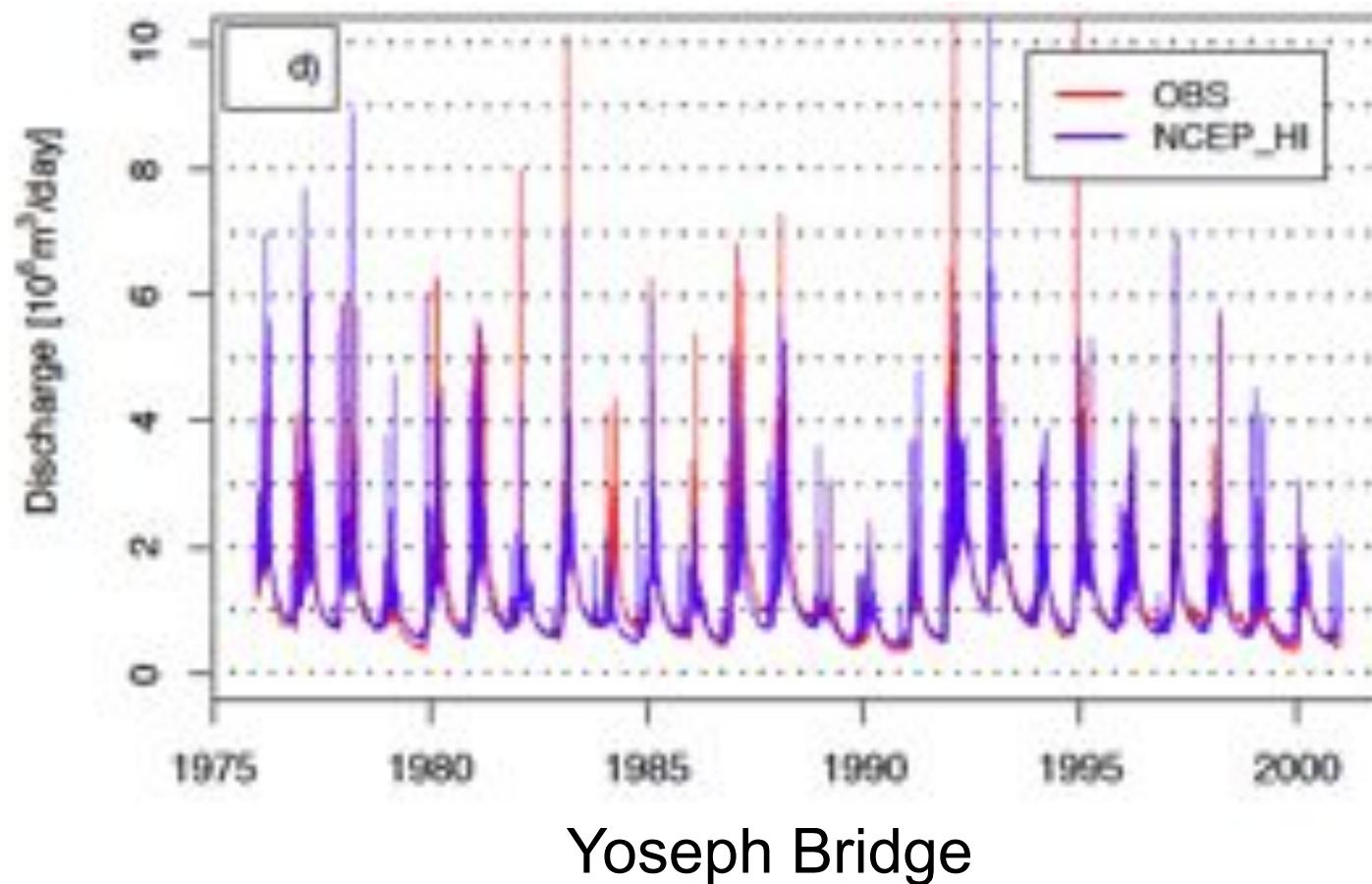
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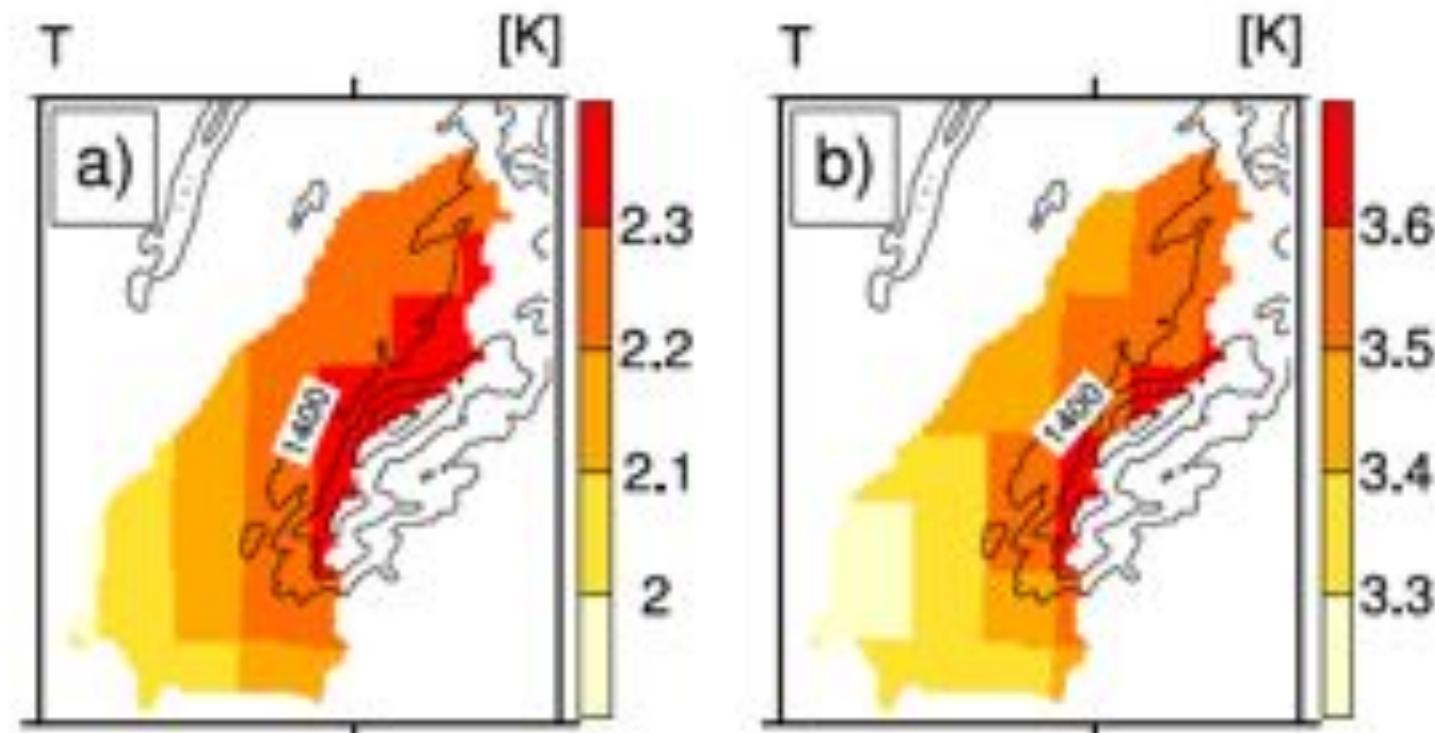
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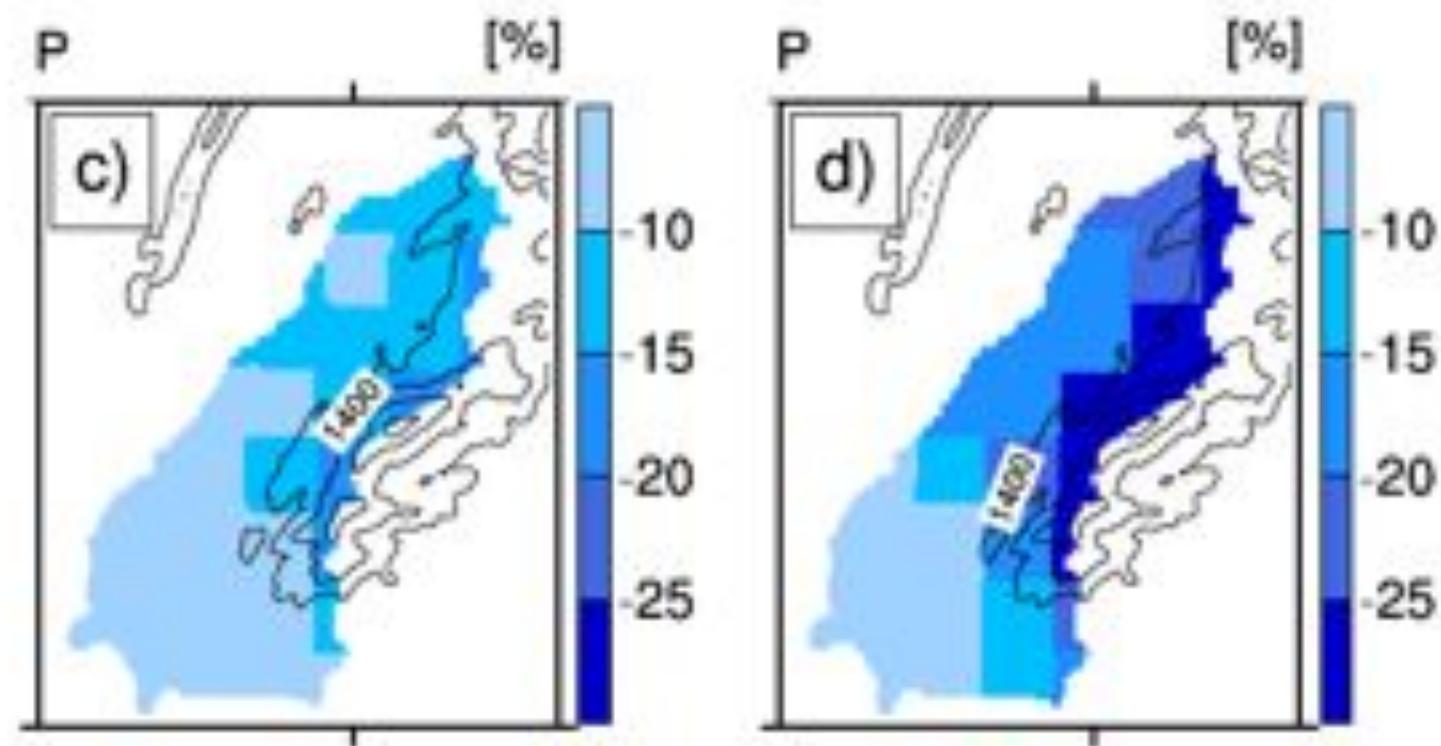


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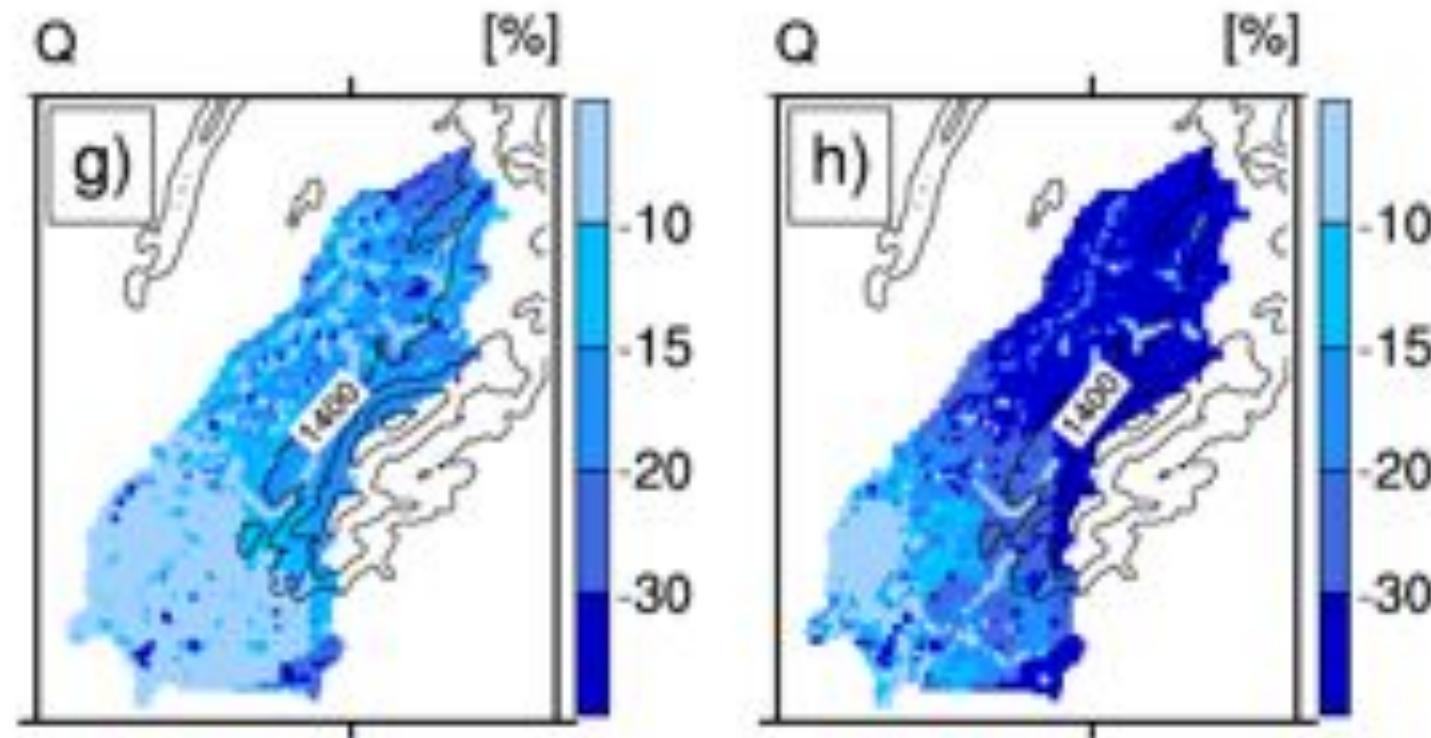


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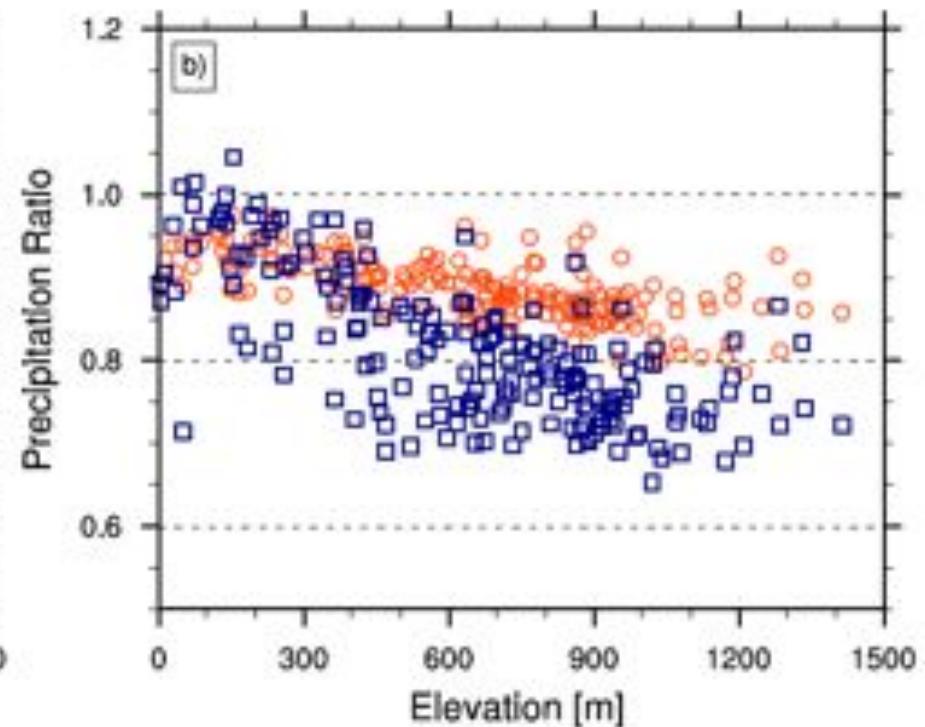
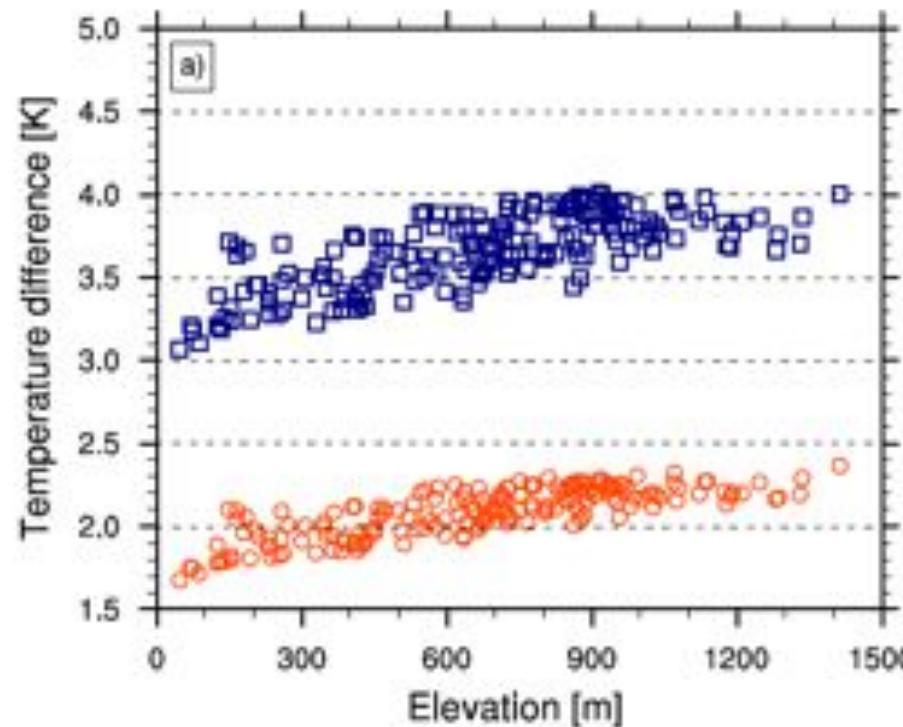


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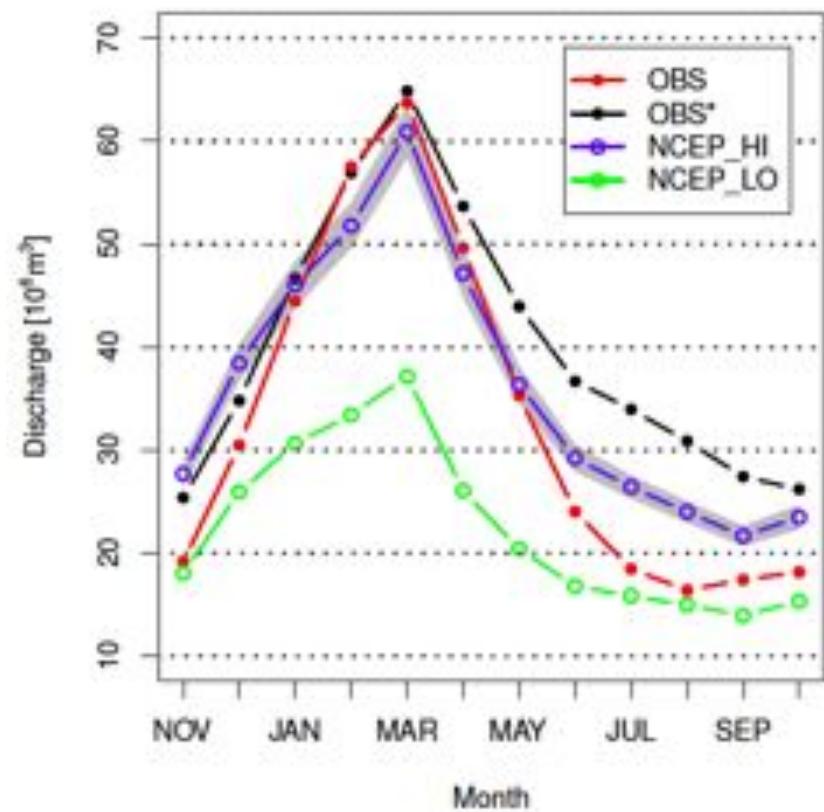
## Elevation dependence of future climate change signal



- \* 2031-2060 related to 1961-1990
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# Climate Change & Water Availability: EM / Near East

## Simulated present and future Upper Jordan River discharge



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## Summary

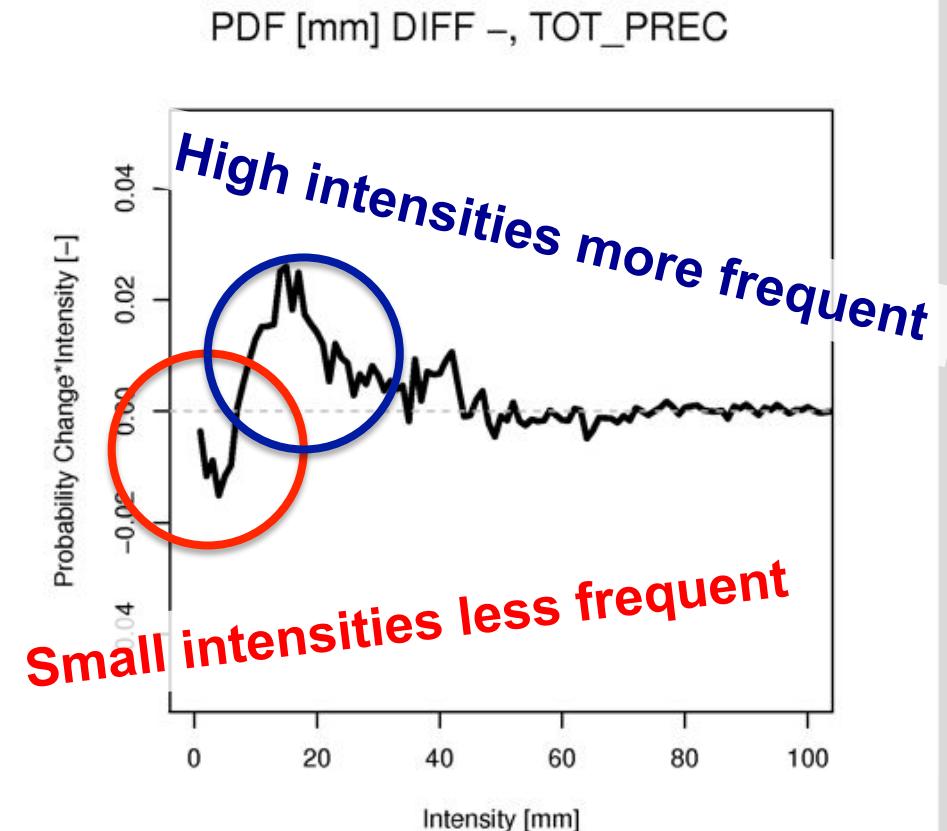
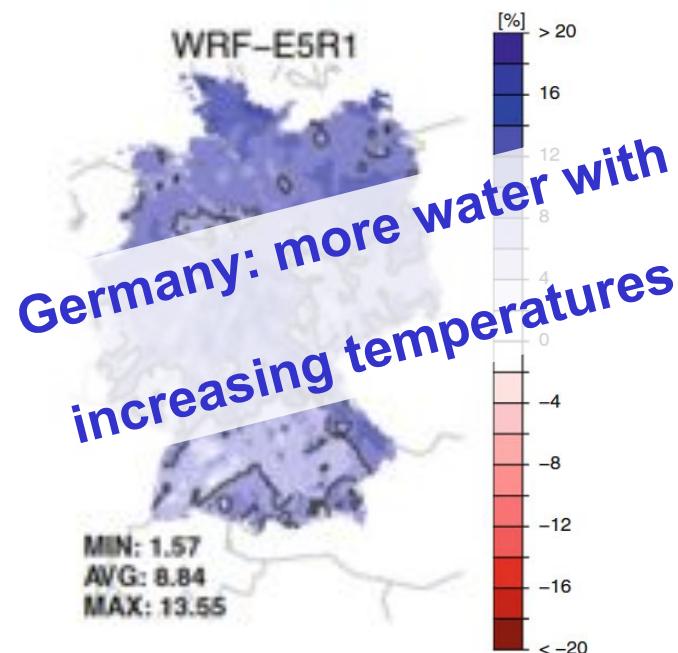
- temperature increase up to 4°C
- around 20% less precipitation till 2100
- increase in strong precipitation  
*... less water with increasing temperatures*
- increase in consecutive dry days
- 25% less water in UJR until 2100



# Climate Change & Precipitation: Germany & Alpine Space

Expected Precipitation Change, 2021/2050 vs 1971/2000

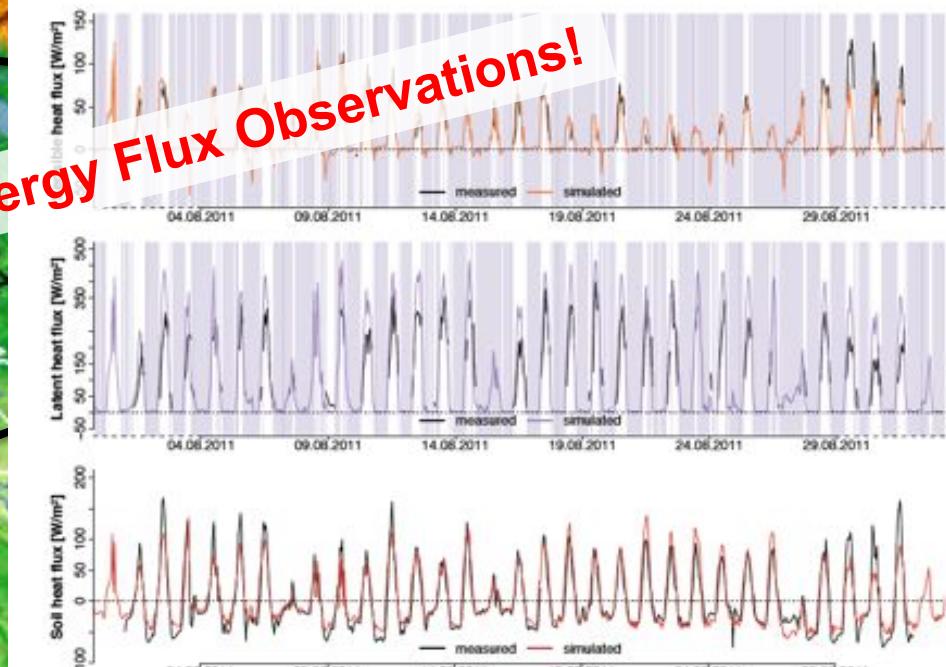
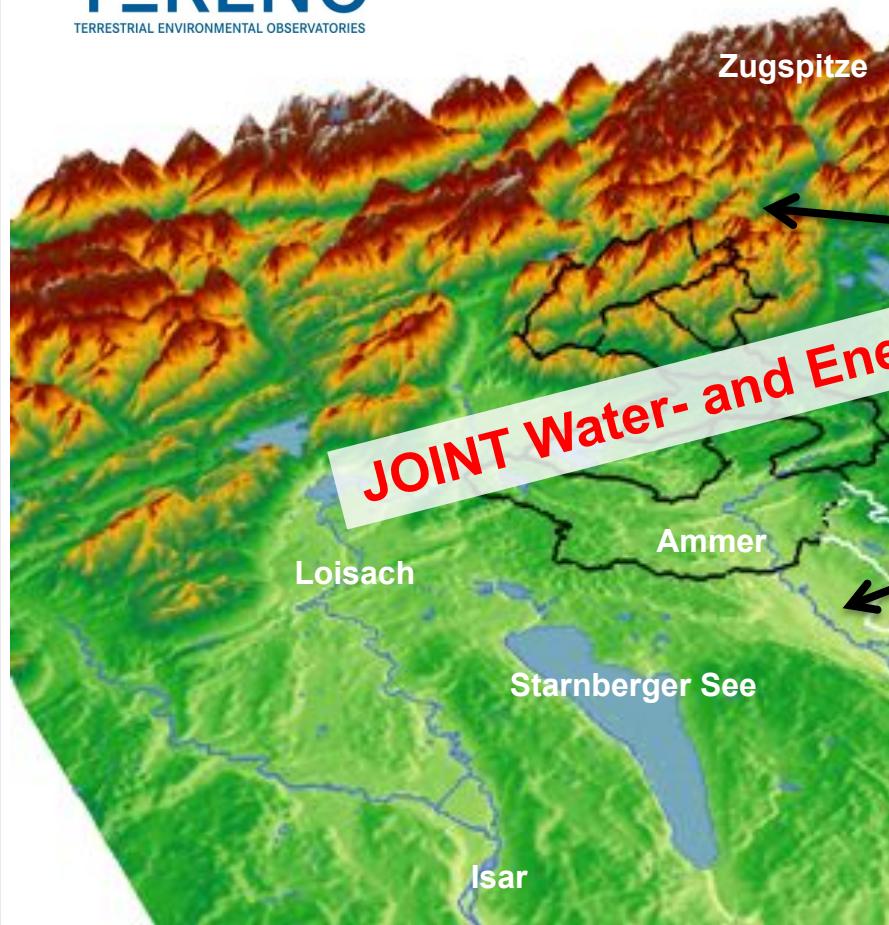
ECHAM5, A1B, WRF@7km



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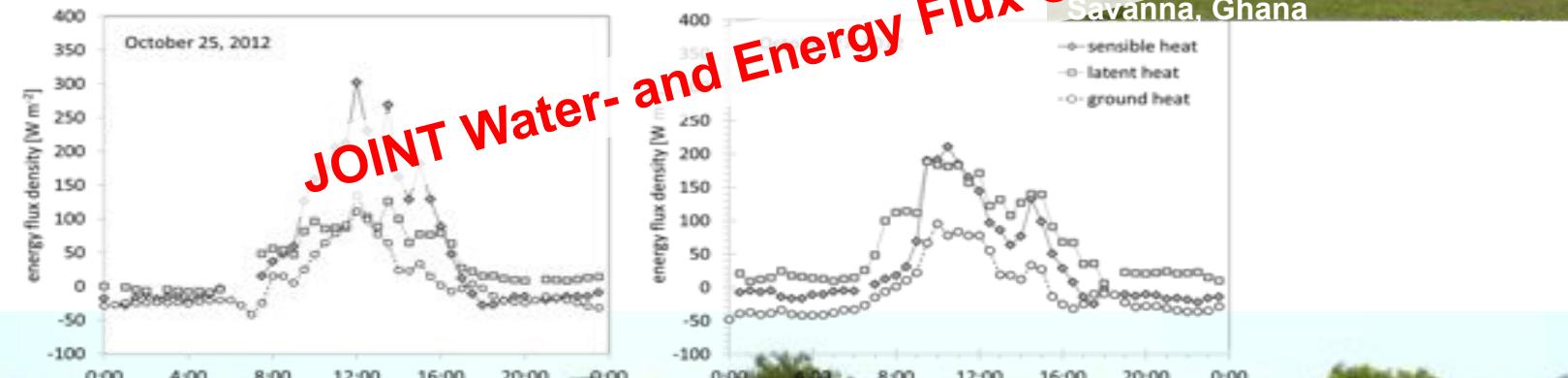
# Outlook: Necessity for Long Terms Observatories -TERENO

TERENO-*prealpine* observatory



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und Forschung

# Summary and Conclusions

- **Change and intensification of water cycle**
  - > Complex interplay between local moisture processes & large scale dynamics
  - > Change of precipitation amplitudes in both directions
- **Still major knowledge gaps in understanding water cycle, not only on large scales, also on small scales**
- Climate change impact studies: -> “**too much**” water problem for regions like Germany, “**not enough**” water problem for regions like the EM/NE
- Necessity for comprehensive hydrometeorological testbeds:  
**monitoring water cycle far beyond precipitation, temperature, streamflow**
- **Combined modeling and observation efforts** as prerequisite for future improvement of regional water cycle analysis & -quantification
- **Last but not least**
  - > *climate change is only ONE threat to changing water availability*
  - > *biggest driver: population increase & disproportionate consumption*
  - > *additional awareness needed for decreasing water availability!*

# Thank You for Your Attention

