

Climate services for energy production: are regional climate models reliable for future solar power generation scenarios?

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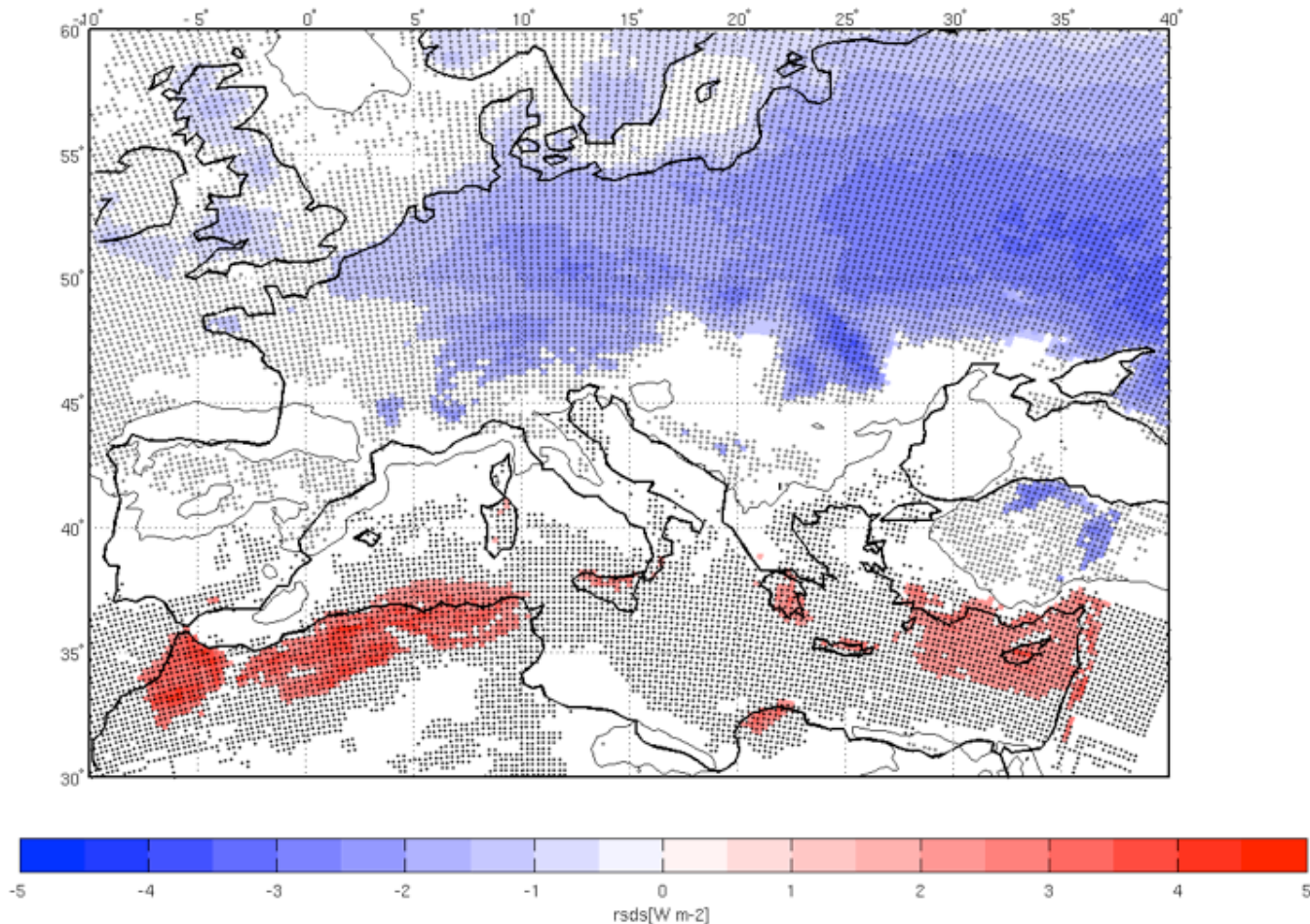
- Energy production and energy efficiency
- Agriculture planning
- Urban heat Island
- Hydrology
- Surface Energy Budget
- Climate

ENSEMBLES RCMs details

Institute	Model	# Lev	H. Res	Solar Const.	Aerosols
C4I	RCA3	31	25km	1365 W/m ²	Equivalent CO ₂
CHMI	Aladin CY28t3	27	50km	Constant	Equivalent CO ₂
CRNM	Aladin 4.5	31	50km	Standard	Tegen et al. 1977
CRCM	OURANOS 4.2.3	29	50km-25 km	1365 W/m ²	Boucher, M. Pham (2002), JGR
DMI	n.a.	n.a.	25km	n.a.	n.a.
ETHZ	CLM 2.4.6	32	25km	1368 W/m ²	J.F. Geleyn, ECMWF, 4.11.1982
GKSS	CLM 2.4.6	32	50km	1368 W/m ²	J.F. Geleyn, ECMWF, 4.11.1982
HC	HadRM3.0	19	50km 25km	1365 W/m ²	SO ₂ and DMS: Stott et al 2006 Oxidants: Johns et al 2003
ICTP	RegCM3	19	25km	1365 W/m ²	Briegleb 1992 (JGR)
INM	RCA3	31		1365 W/m ²	Equivalent CO ₂
KNMI	RACMO2.1	40	25km 50km	1370 W/m ²	four types of aerosols according to Tanré (1984)
MET.NO	HIRHAM2	31	25km	1376 W/m ²	aerosols from ECHAM4 (constant during 1960-2000)
SMHI	RCA3	24	25km 50km	1370 W/m ²	Constant
UCLM	PROMES	28	50km	1395.6 W/m ²	Not Considered

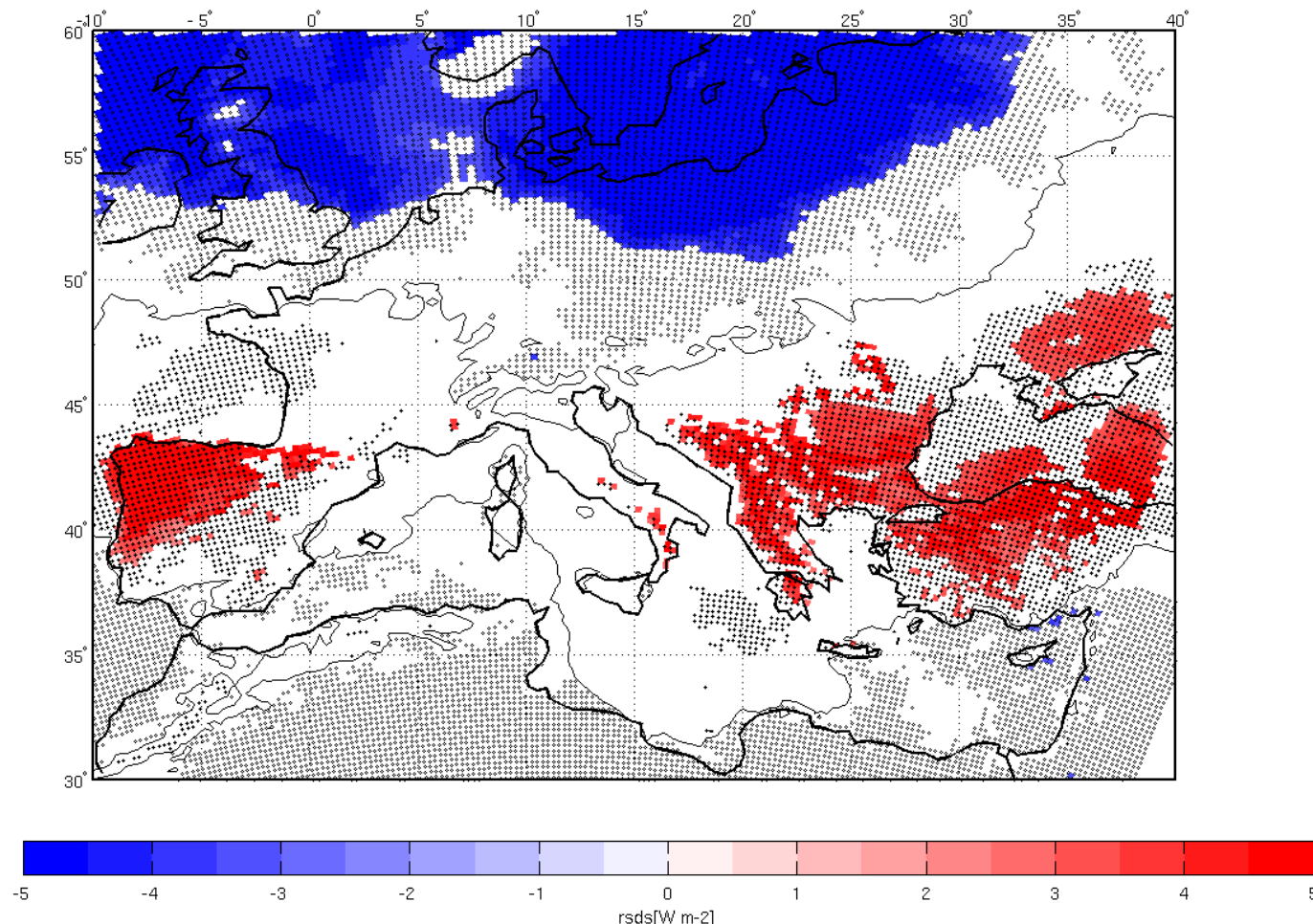
Ensembles A1B

DJF (2021-2050) vs (1961-1990)



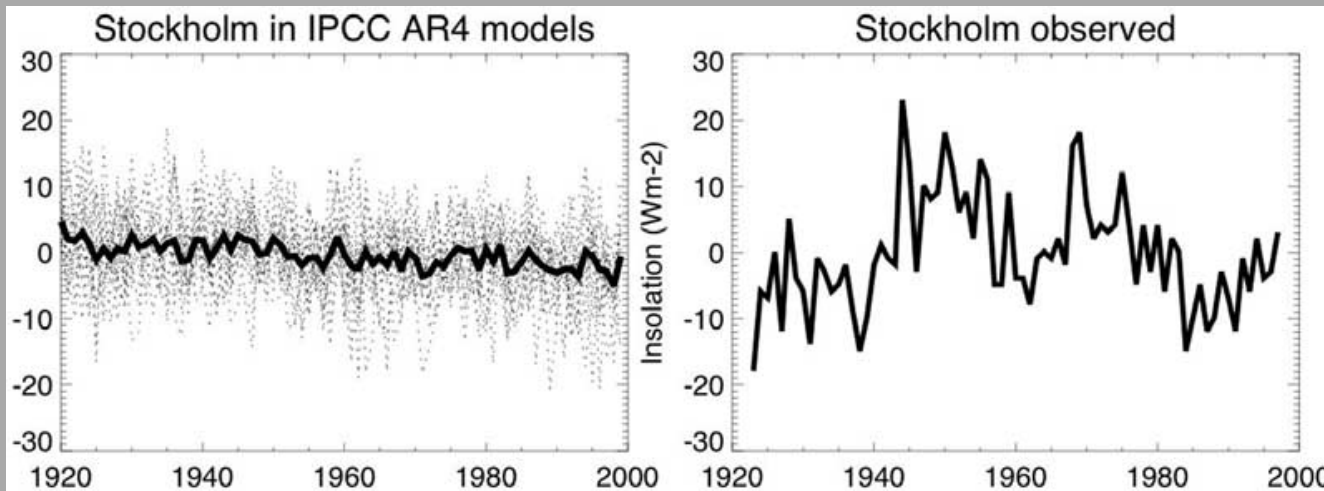
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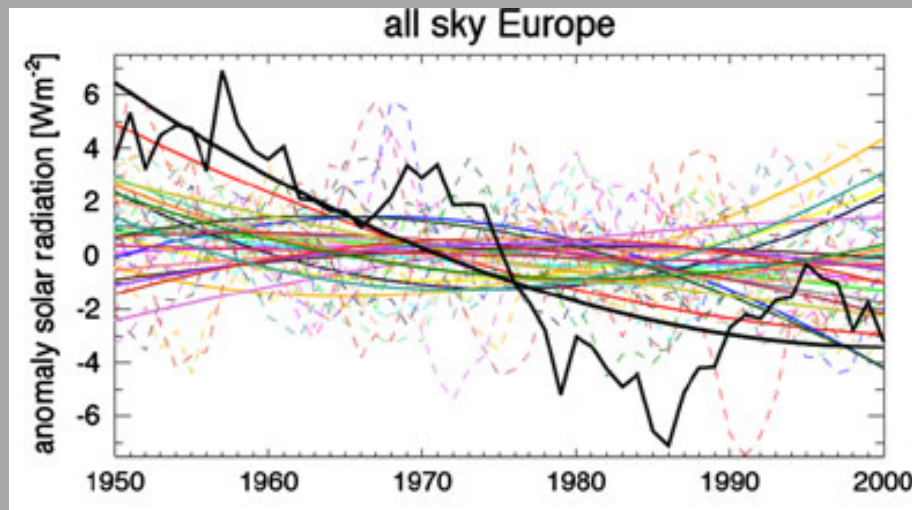


Dimming and Brightening

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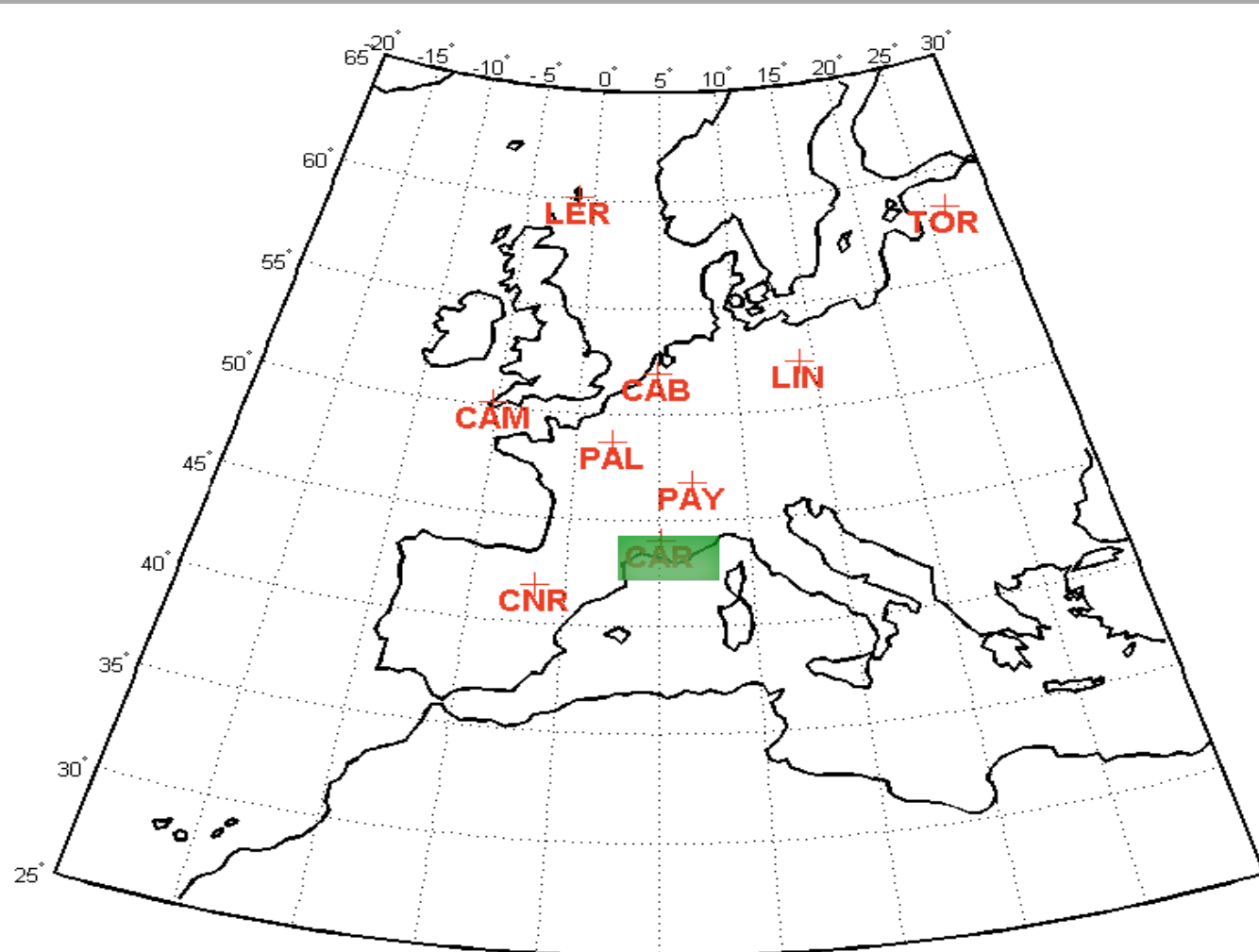
Wild, 2009: Journal Of Geophysical Research, Vol. 114, D00d11

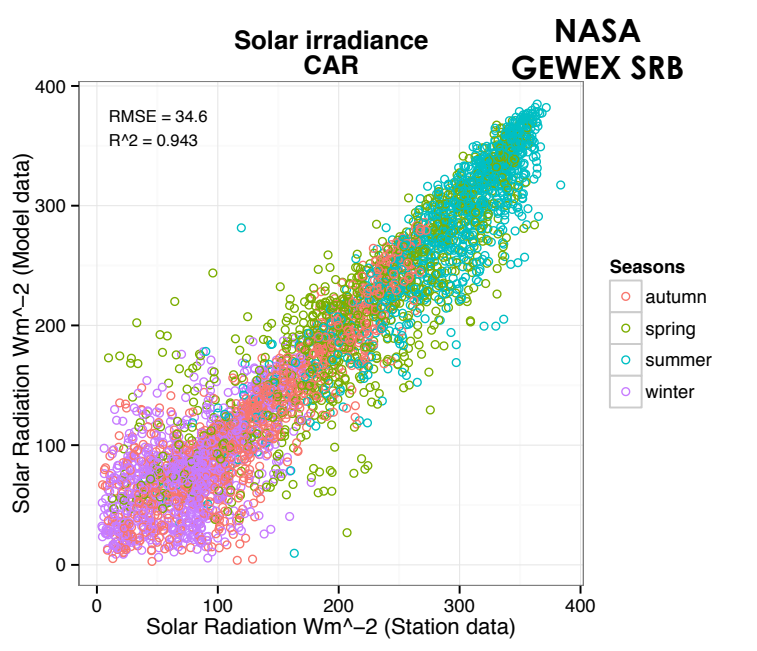


- No trends (inability to reproduce global dimming and brightening)
- No decadal variations

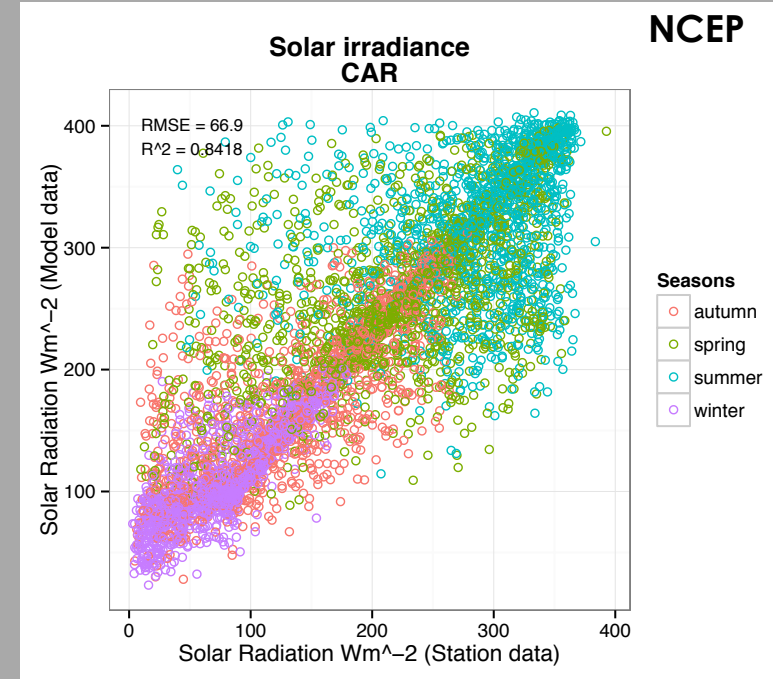
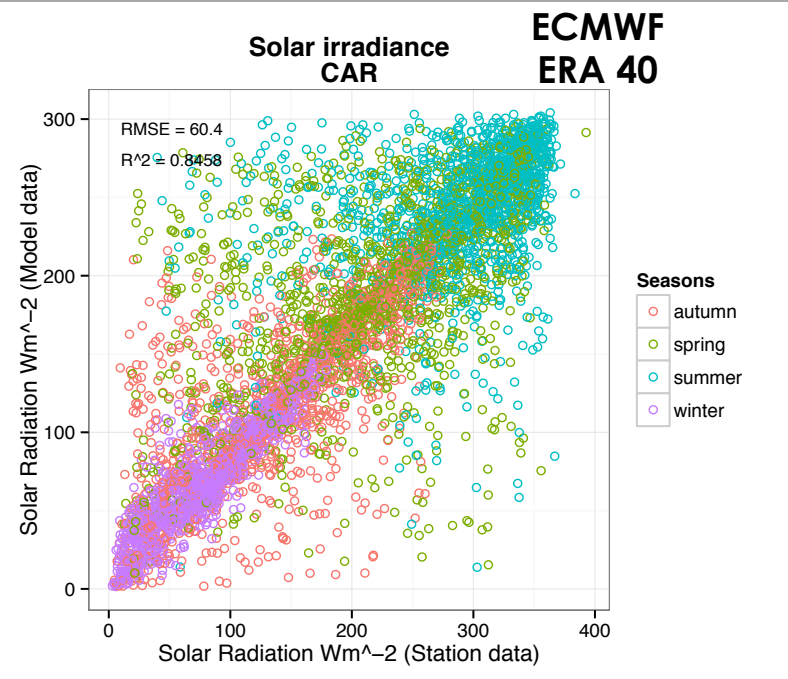
Wild et al., 2010: Clim. Dyn.

BSRN stations used for validation





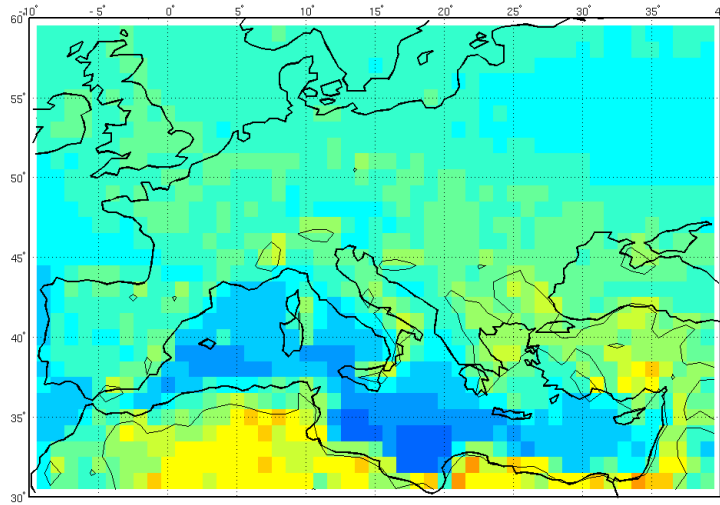
Validation for Carpentras Station (France)



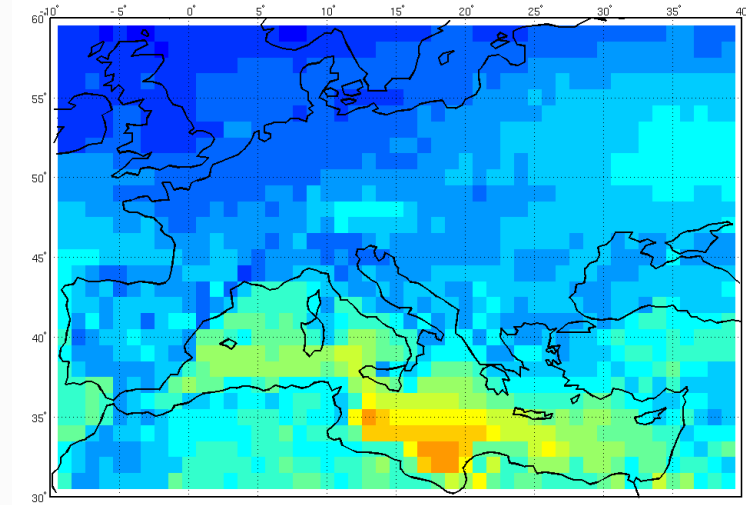
RCMs ERA40 simulations vs NASA

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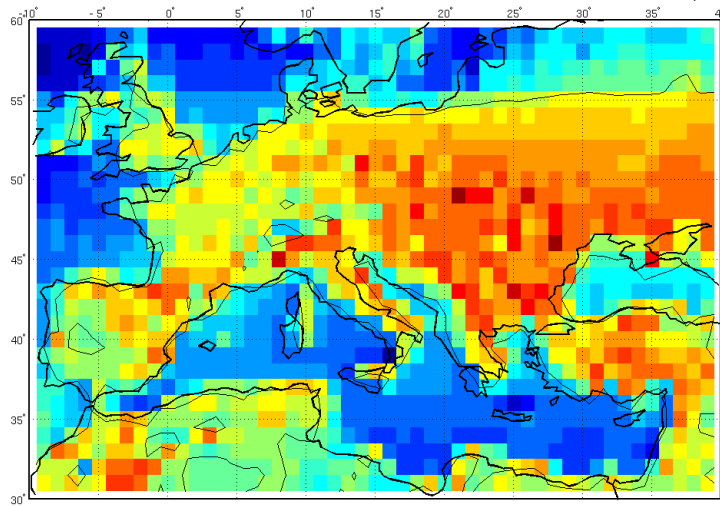
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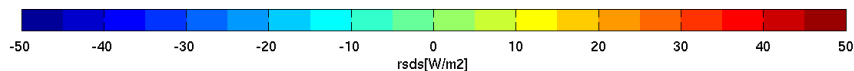
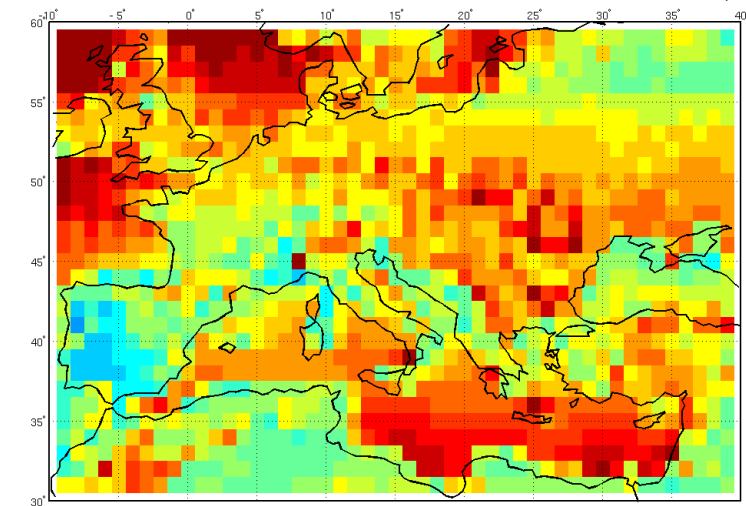
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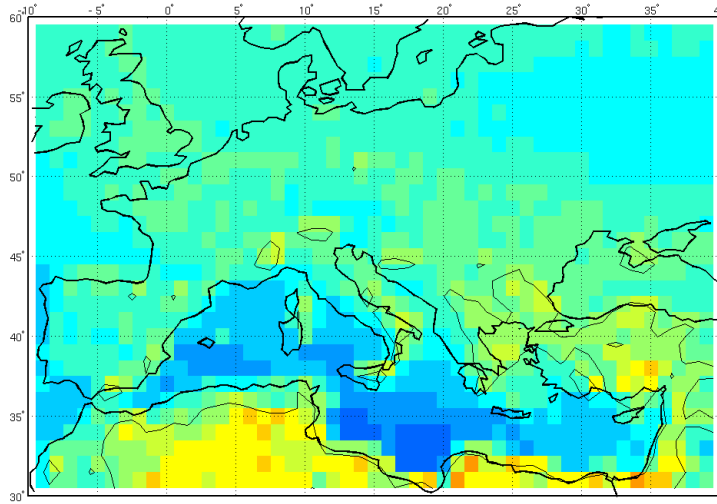
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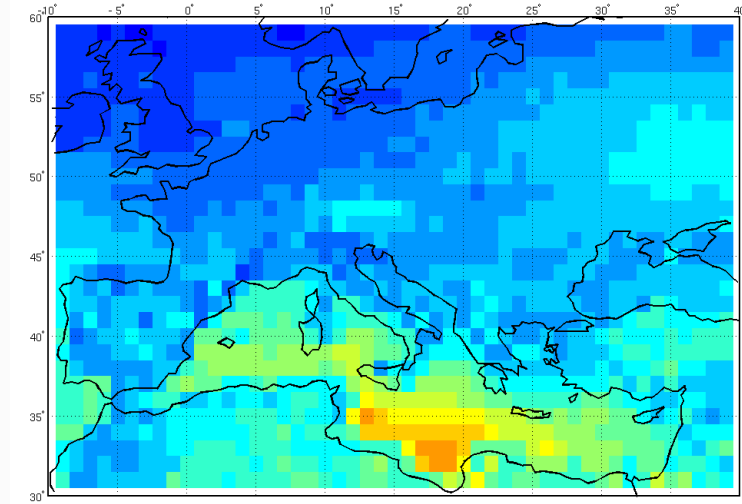
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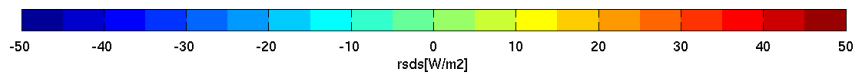
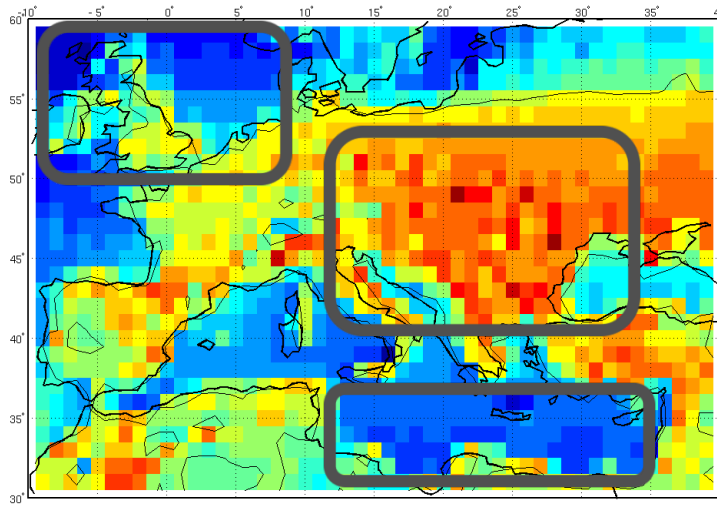
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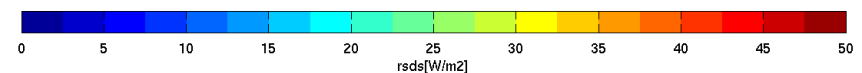
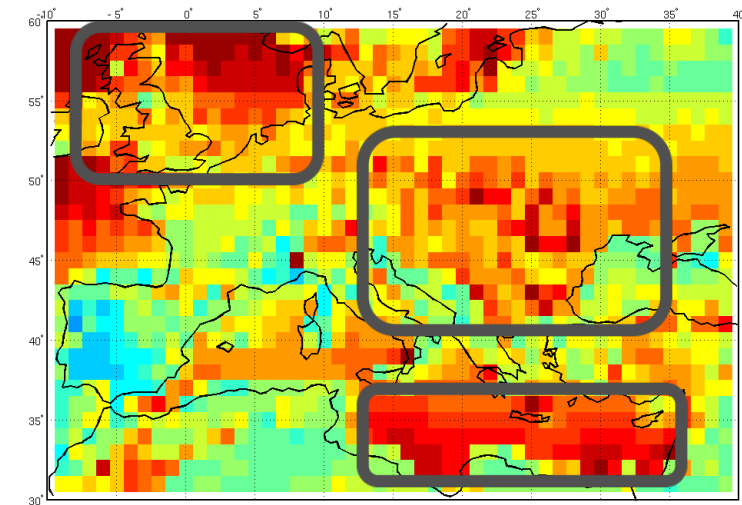
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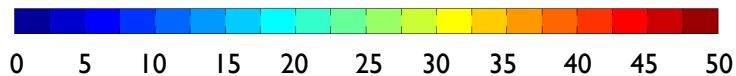
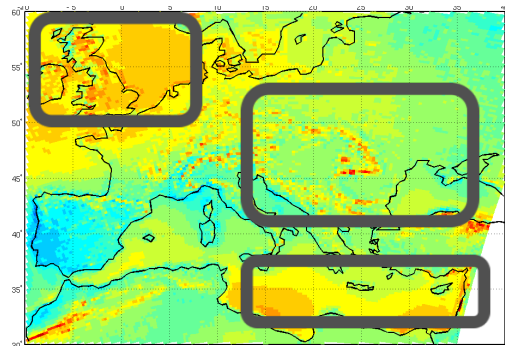
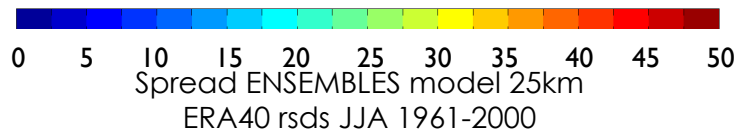
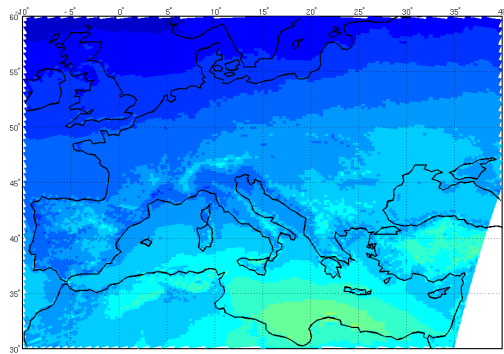
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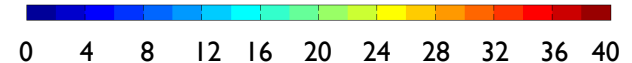
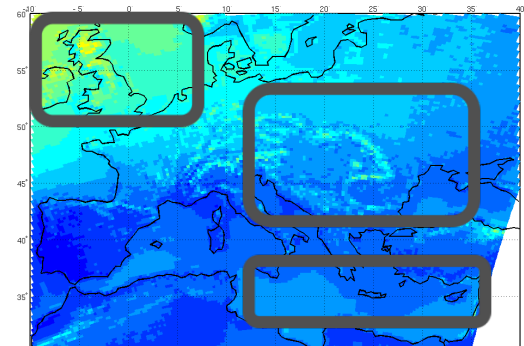
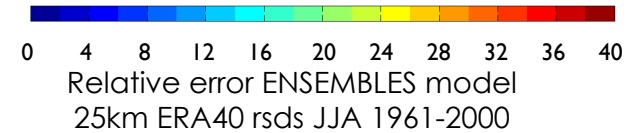
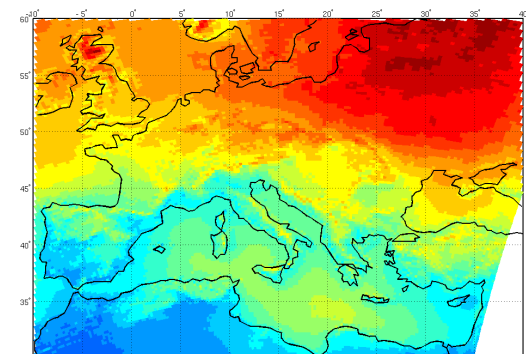
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Spread ENSEMBLES model 25km
ERA40 rsds DJF 1961-2000



Relative error ENSEMBLES model
25km ERA40 rsds DJF 1961-2000



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Conclusions

- Aerosols
 - Aerosols schemes, dynamics and chemistry
 - Aerosols primary and secondary effects
 - Clouds
 - Convection schemes
 - Microphysical parameterization
 - Cloud transport from the borders (nesting)
 - Looking forward for CORDEX
- <RCM dependent>
<GCM dependent>

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