

# WP5 - INDICES TIME EVOLUTION AND RELATIONS WITH THE ATMOSPHERE



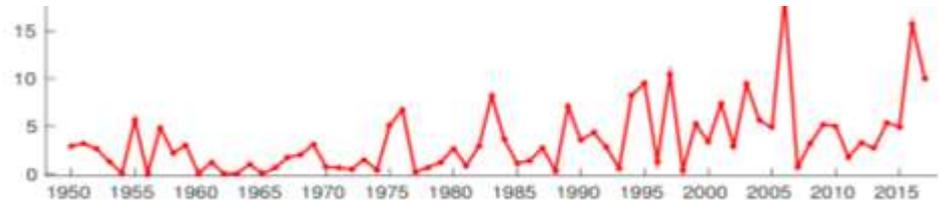
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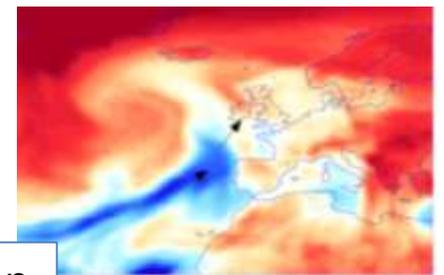
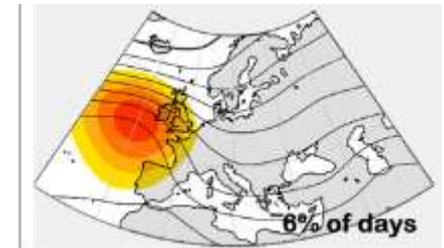
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Aim: quantify variability/change in indices and establish link to atmospheric circulation patterns



## Deliverables:

- Inventory and Catalogue of Indicators of circulation variability for comparison with the INDECIS-ISD
- Report on temporal evolution of the INDECIS-QCHDS and INDECIS-ISD, including the time-emergence of climate-change signals and relation with atmospheric patterns
- Report on the relation between INDECIS-QCHDS and INDECIS-ISD and atmospheric patterns



Compile teleconnection indices



Evaluate physical linkages between atmospheric variability, extremes & sectorial indices

Analyse temporal evolution of INDECIS-QCHDS/ISDs



Investigate time-emergence of observed climate change signal

WP 2,3,4

WP 6,7

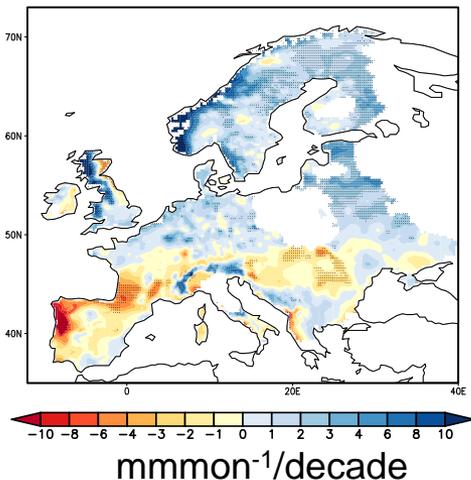
# Observed and thermodynamically driven total precipitation (RT) tendency (Osso et al, Univ Reading)

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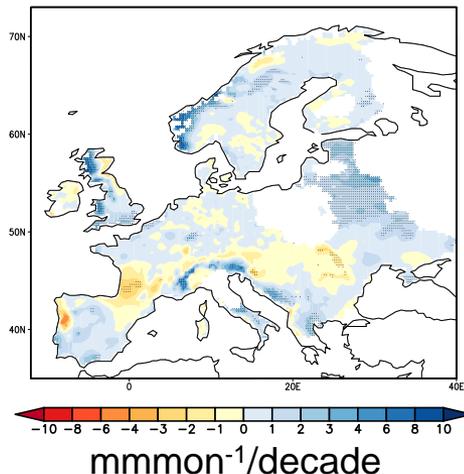
$$I_{obs}(t) = \sum_{i=1}^{i=8} \beta_i PC_i(t) + \epsilon(t)$$

(1) (2) (3) **I<sub>obs</sub>(t)** → Indices anomalies.  
**PC<sub>i</sub>(t)** → Modes of atmospheric variability.  
**ε(t)** → Error term ~non-dynamic contributions to I<sub>obs</sub>(t).

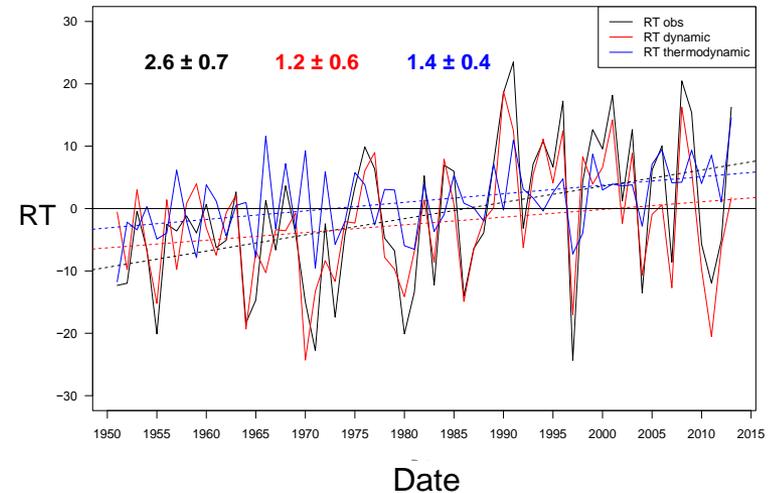
Observed tendency (DJF)



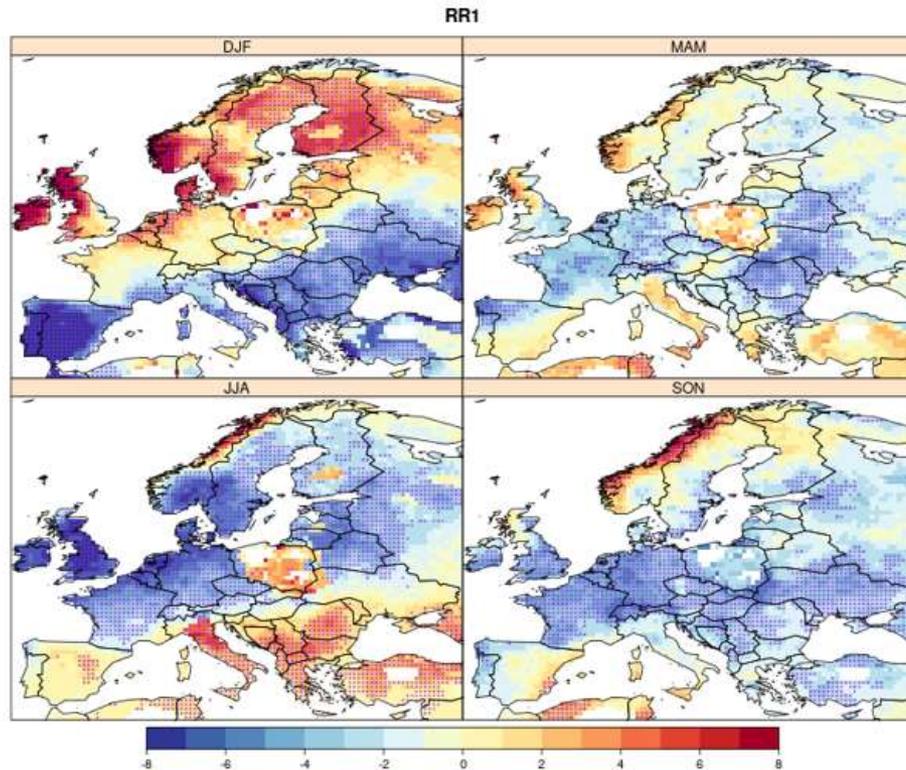
Thermodynamic tendency (DJF)



Scandinavian RT anomalies (DJF)



# UC/ICH – trends and links with atmospheric teleconnections



**Fig.7** Regression coefficients for RR1 ~ NAO (days/season). Statistically significant values (p-value < 0.05) are depicted in purple.

The most important relationships between RR1 and EA are found in western Europe in winter, in the Atlantic watershed in spring and in the British Isles and southern Norway in summer (Fig.8). Some negative correlations are found in the eastern Mediterranean area.

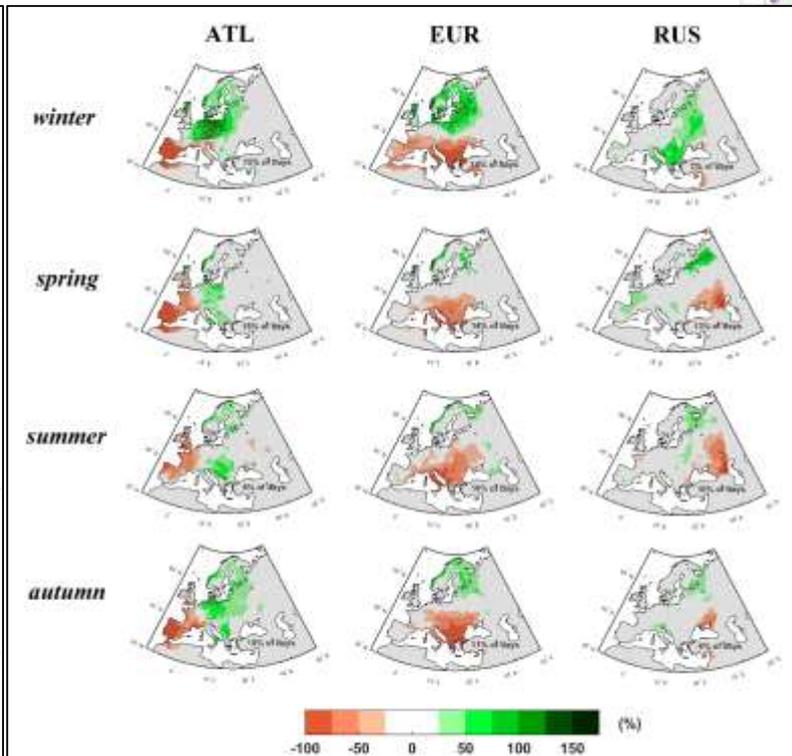
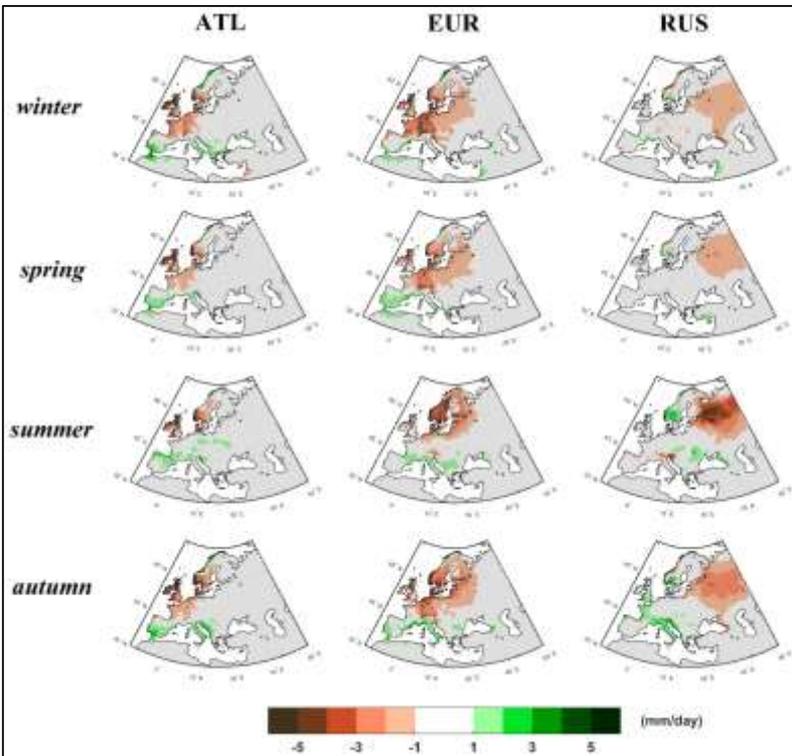
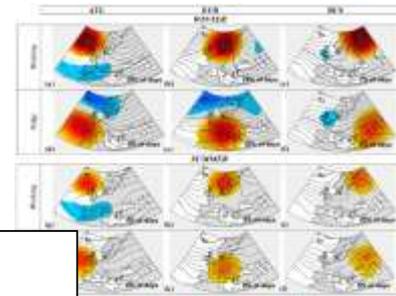
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## Surface responses for blocking and ridge regimes

### blocks Rainfall ridges

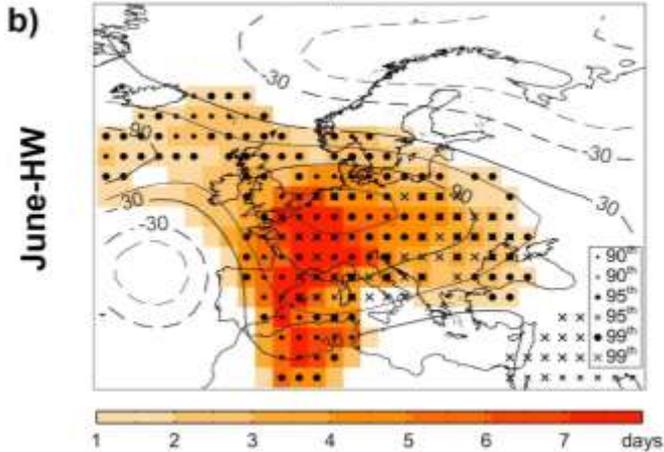


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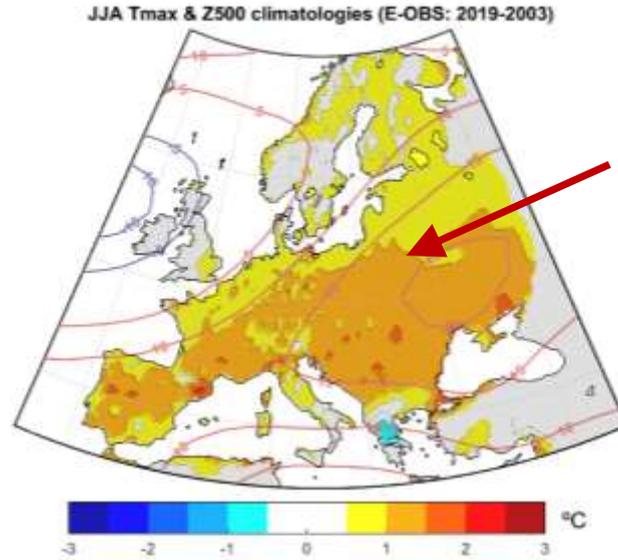
Ridge- wet north dry south

Block- dry north wet south

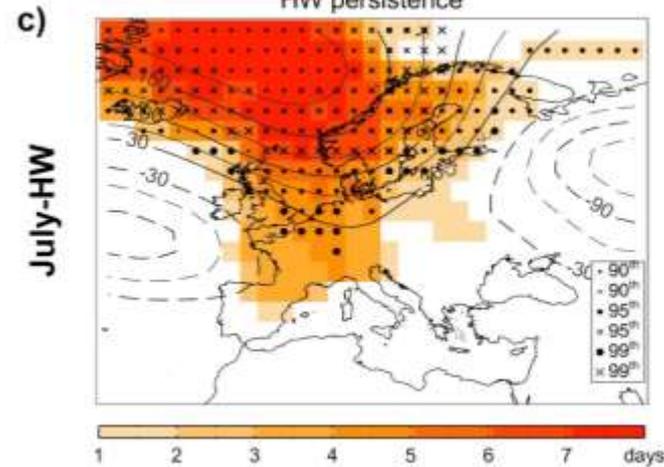
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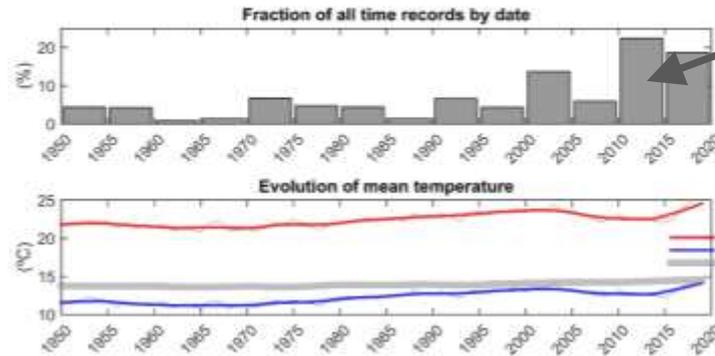
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Since the historical 2003 heatwave, summer mean temperatures have increase  $> 1^{\circ}\text{C}$  in Europe.  
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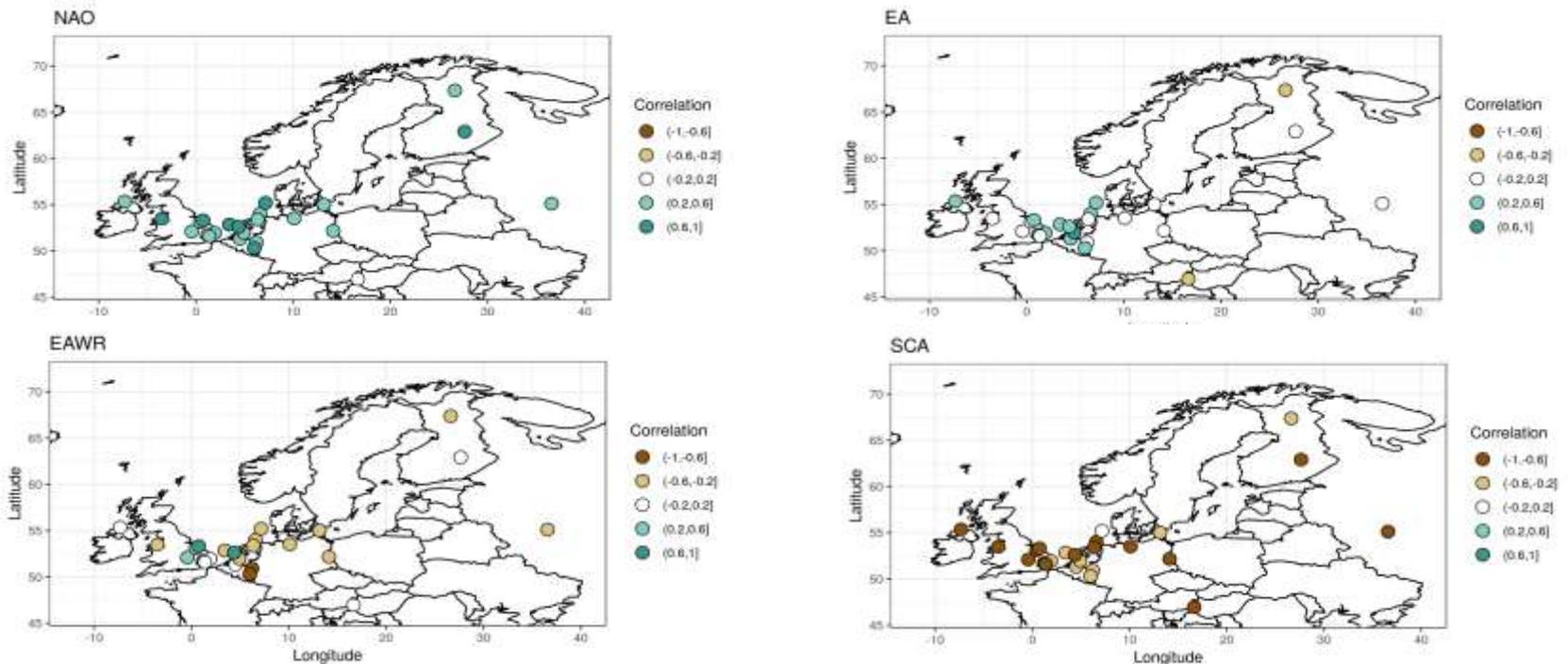


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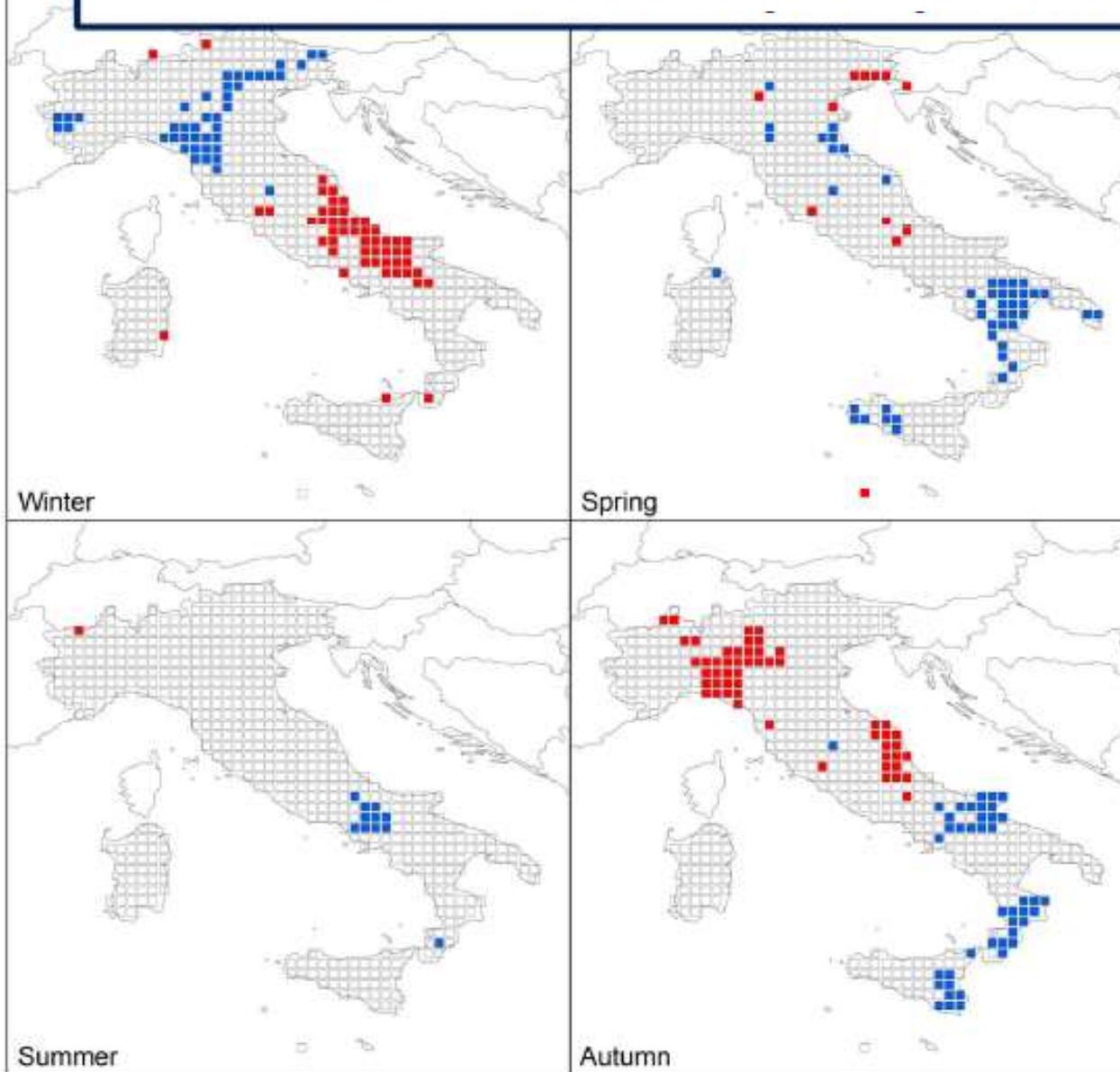
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## Indices relationship with the Euro-Atlantic circulation patterns (Capacity Factor at tall towers)



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# CNR-DTA: methods to evaluate trends in TRMM precipitation over Italy



Negative trend of precipitation in central-eastern Italy

Shift from Autumn to Winter for north-western Italy

Tommaso Caloiero, Giulio N. Caroletti & Roberto Coscarelli

## Further studies: changes in precipitation response to teleconnections through time

E.g., comparing correlation results from 1951-1980 with those from 1981-2010

	1951-1980	1981-2010
NAO	12 (1)	17 (0)
MOI	9 (2)	16 (2)
ONI/ENSO	16 (0)	10 (0)
WeMOI	17 (0)	15 (0)
EA	16 (1)	12 (0)
EA/WR	17 (1)	13 (0)
SCAND	21 (1)	11 (1)

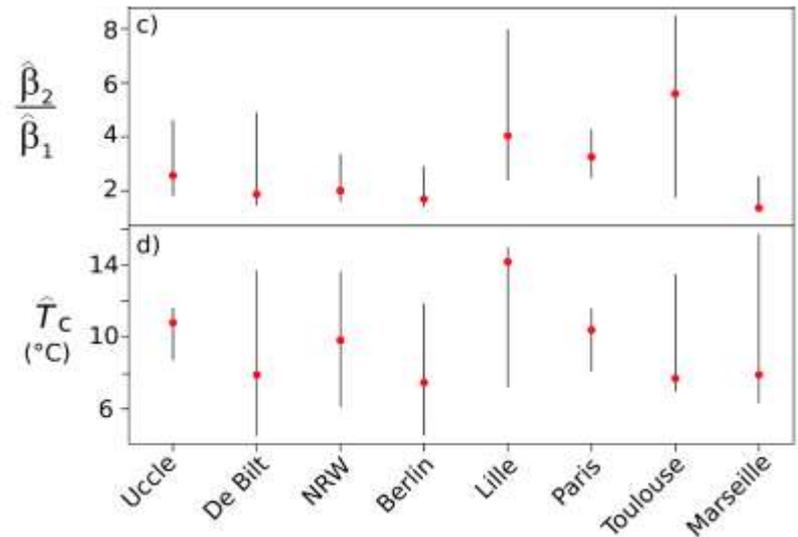
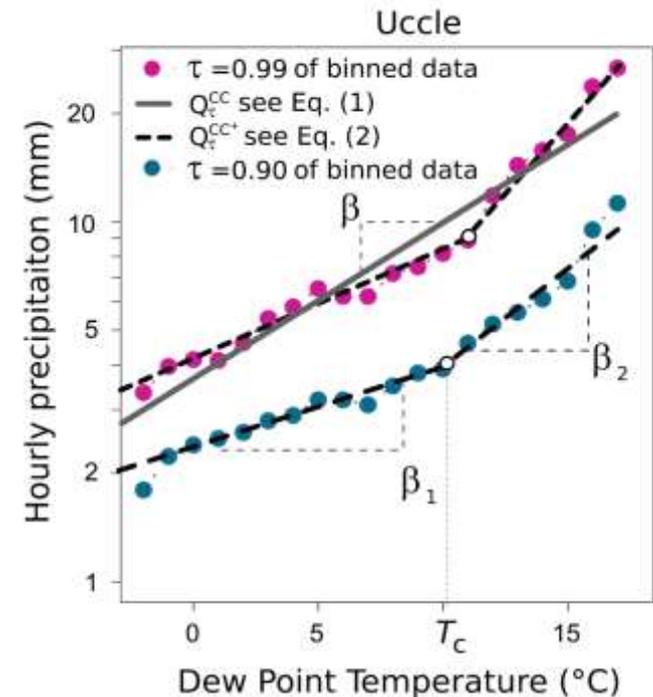
Number of months (#) when a teleconnection (left) has the strongest correlation with monthly precipitation (and, in brackets, the number of months when this correlation is equal or above 0.4). **Tirreno 2 rain zone**; 1951-1980 (center), 1981-2010 (right).

Giulio N. Caroletti, Roberto Coscarelli  
& Tommaso Caloiero

# RMI plans for WP5

*Van de Vyver, Van Schaeybroeck*

- So far:
  - Methodology to study sub-hourly rainfall extremes (IDF & relation with temperature, based on observations)
- Next step 1:
  - Validation based on methodology of sub-hourly rainfall extremes of convective-permitting models (WIP)
- Next step 2:
  - Projected trends in modeled sub-hourly rainfall extremes



# Publications

- Coscarelli, R.; Caloiero, T.; Caroletti, G.N. : Valutazioni di condizioni di siccità in Calabria, *Technologies for Integrated River Basin Management*, 40, 777-790, 2019
- Caloiero, T.; Caroletti, G.N.; Coscarelli, R.: TRMM-based rainfall temporal analysis over Italy, Springer *Nature Applied Sciences* - special issue on “Natural hazards and hydrological risks”
- Sousa PM, Trigo RM, Barriopedro D, Soares PMM, Ramos AM, Liberato MLR (2017a) Responses of European precipitation distributions and regimes to different blocking locations. *Clim. Dyn.* doi: 10.1007/s00382-016-3132-5
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- M. Iturbide, J. Bedia, S. Herrera, J. Baño-Medina, J. Fernández, M.D. Frías, R. Manzanas, D. San-Martín, E. Cimadevilla, A.S. Cofiño, J.M. Gutiérrez, The R-based climate4R open framework for reproducible climate data access and post-processing, *Environmental Modelling & Software*, 111, 42-54, <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.envsoft.2018.09.009>, 2019.
- Allan, R.P., Blenkinsop, S., Fowler, H.J., Champion, A.J. (submitted): Atmospheric precursors for intense summer rainfall over the UK. *Int. J. Clim.*
- *Hawkins et al. Submitted paper on Time of Emergence*

# WP5 ongoing work/plans

- **UREAD:** WP5.2 delivered; WP5.3 under development (Osso)
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- **CNR:** Time evolution/trends in precipitation-Italy (Caroletti/Coscarelli/Caloiero)
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- **UC/IHC:** trends and links with atmospheric teleconnections  
Casanueva/Bedia/Herrera/Frías/Fernández/Cofiño/Gutiérrez/del Jesús/Espejo/Izaguirre/Bueno
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# Summary/Actions

- D5.2 on time variability and time of emergence ready
- D5.3 on links with atmospheric circulation well advanced, can be updated to final datasets
- Albert Osso leaves Reading for Graz but continues in WP5; hiring of new researcher Philip Craig underway
- Focus on key publications: emphasis on opportunities for collaborative work
  - e.g. UoReading/UCR to on variability in sectoral indices and atmospheric circulation including blocking/weather typing
  - Link WP5/WP6 by including reanalysis products (e.g. dynamic/thermodynamic components of change; time of emergence of extremes in observations and models
  - Agree on set of standard and non-standard/sectorial relevant metrics to analyse (extreme precipitation, fire, snow, ...)
  - How can WP5 more toward what sectors want? Need input
  - Coordinated analysis of wind power (WP4/5/6)?



# Extra WP5 slides from University of Reading

Albert Ossó, Richard Allan, Len  
Shaffrey, Ed Hawkins and Emily Black

# Observed emergence of the climate change signal of extreme events

## Motivation

- Changes in climate are usually considered in terms of trends or differences over time. However, for many impacts which will require adaptation, it is the amplitude of the change relative to the local amplitude of climate variability which is more relevant.
- Signal-to-noise (S/N) is important for climate impacts, especially for ecosystems which have a limited ability to adapt and so large changes outside past experience could be particularly harmful.

# Methodology

$$L(t) = \alpha TsG(t) + \beta$$

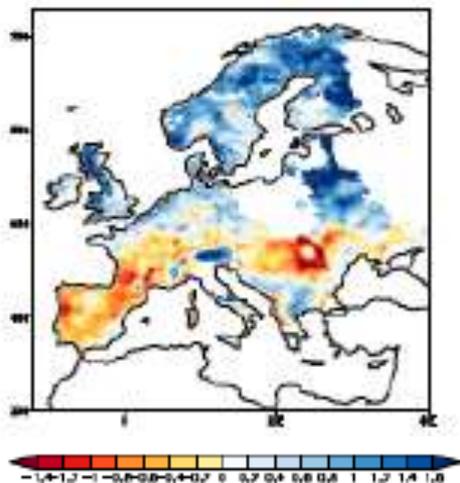
$L(t)$  is the local change over time,  $TsG(t)$  is a smoothed version of GMST change over the same period,  $\alpha$  defines the linear scaling between  $L$  and  $TsG$ , and  $\beta$  is a constant.

The 'signal' of global temperature change is defined as the value of the smoothed GMST in 2017, the component of local climate change explained by GMST is  $\alpha G$  and the 'noise' is defined as the standard deviation of the residuals ( $L - \alpha G$ ).

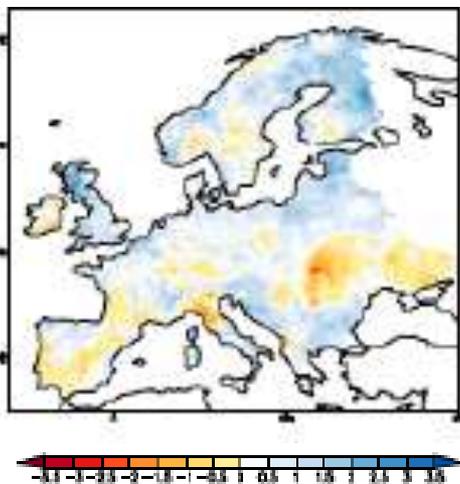
**We use the INDECIS indices, HadCRU4 and CMIP6 (historical + rcp4.5) for the period (1950-2017).**

# Signal to noise ratio (examples)

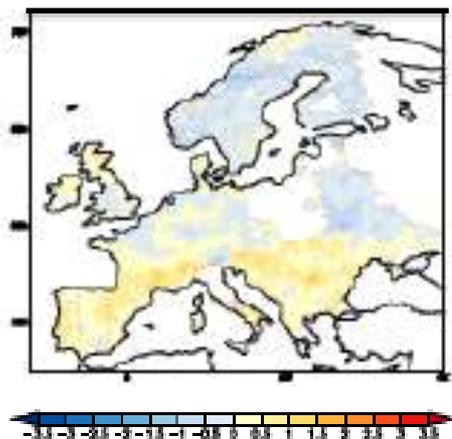
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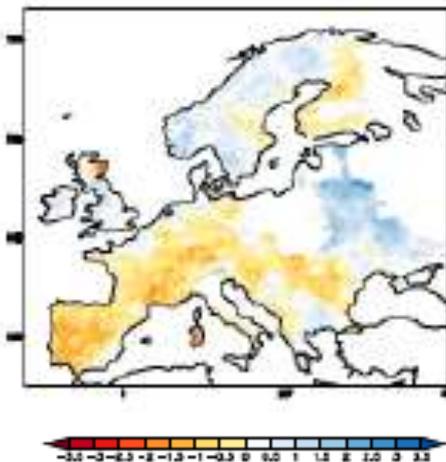
PVWD



LWP



LDP



We adopt the language of *Frame et al.* [2017]:

$S/N < 2$  Familiar climate.

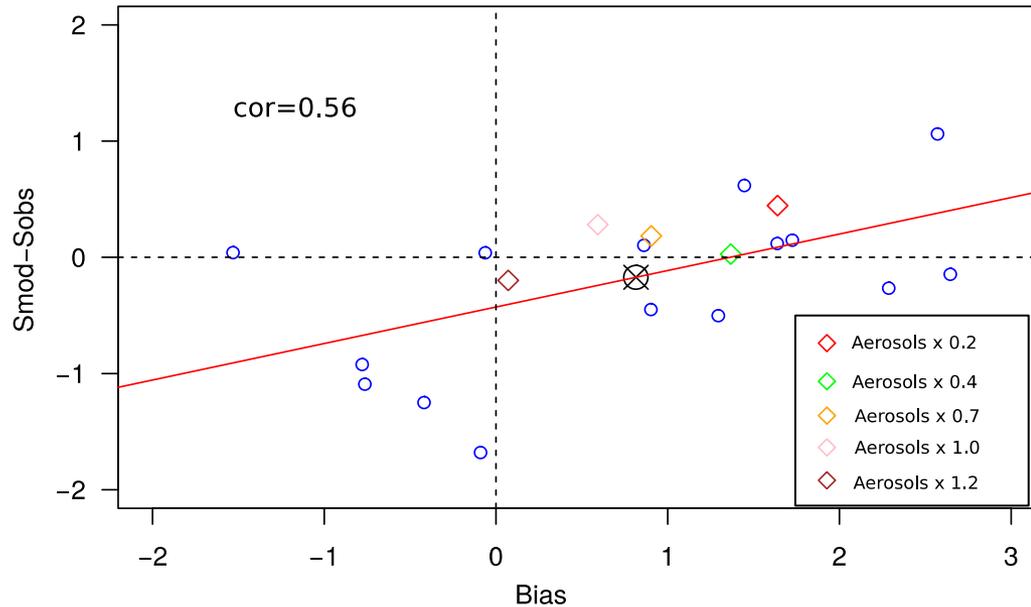
$S/N > 2$  Unusual climate.

$S/N > 3$  Unknown climate.

$S/N > 5$  Inconceivable climate

# Time of Emergence in summertime

Relationship between the simulated and observed temperature signal and model bias over Southern Europe



Based on the CMIP5 set and the SMURPHS ensemble

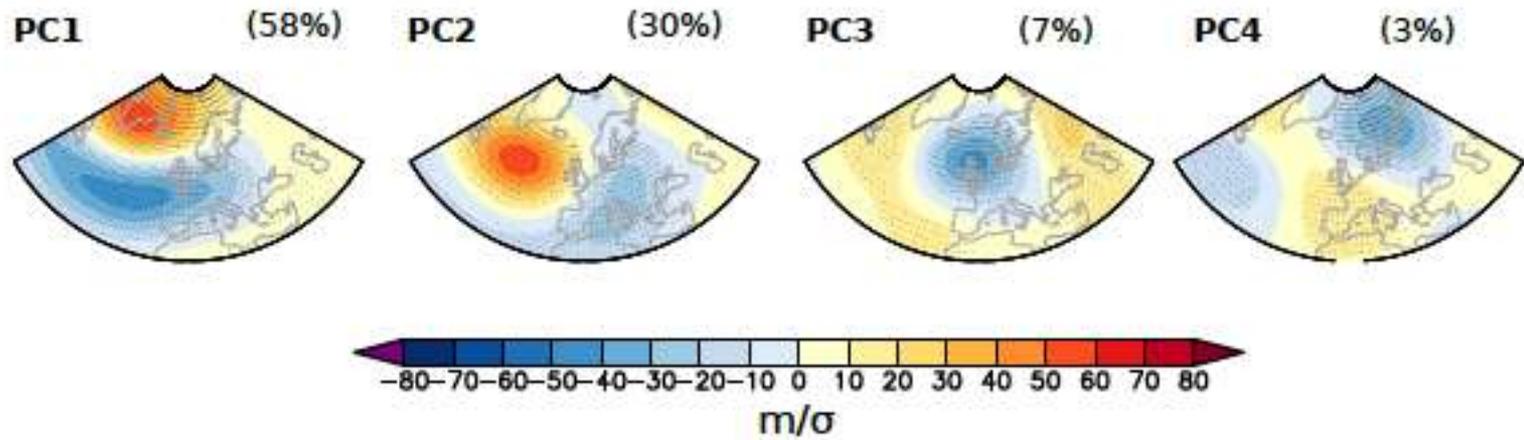
# Thermodynamic vs Dynamic change

We quantify the thermodynamically driven trend by removing by linear regression the contribution of atmospheric circulation to the indices temporal evolution.

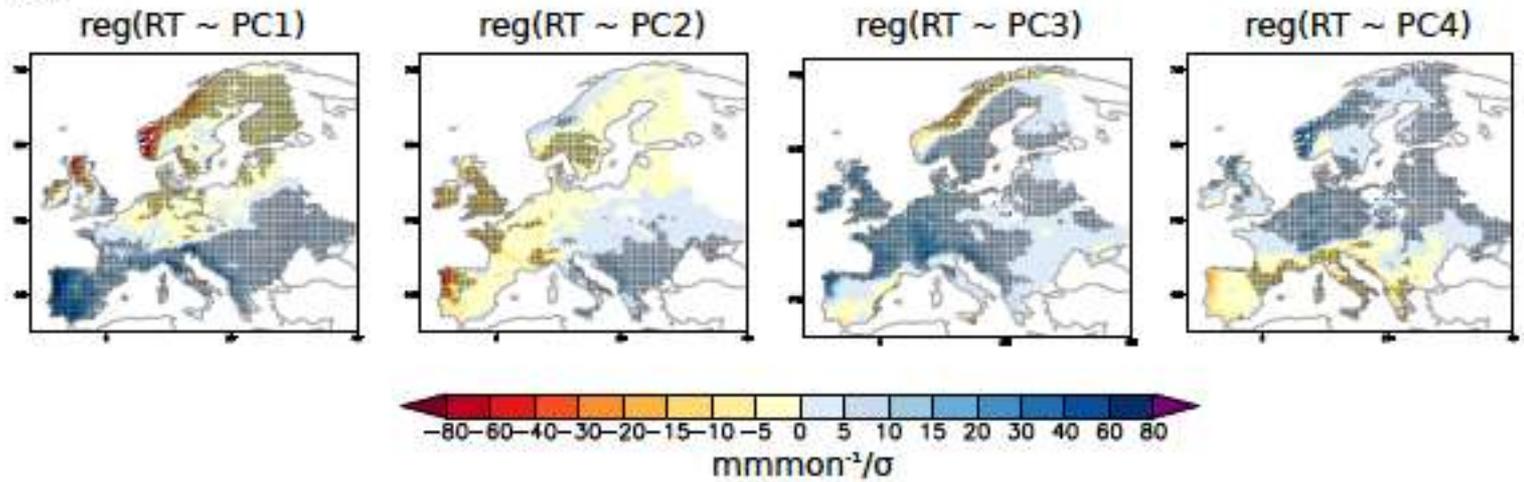
If we assume that the temporal changes in the atmospheric circulation can be represented with PCs of Z500, the regression model can be described as follows (similarly with Ceppi et al. 2012):

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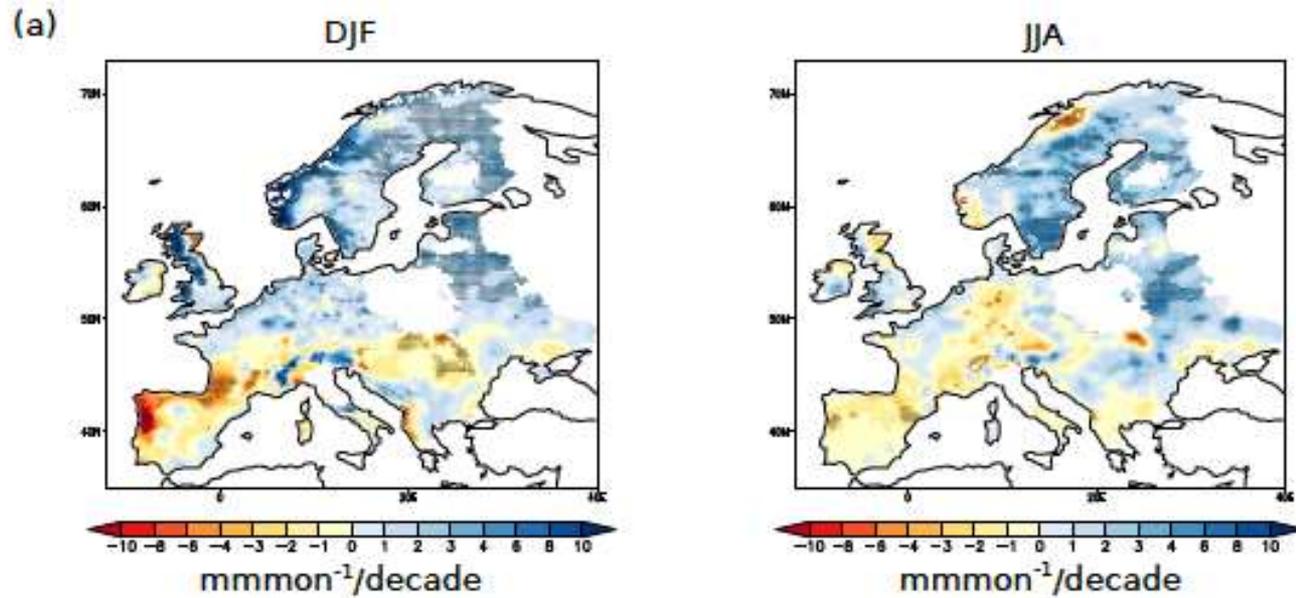
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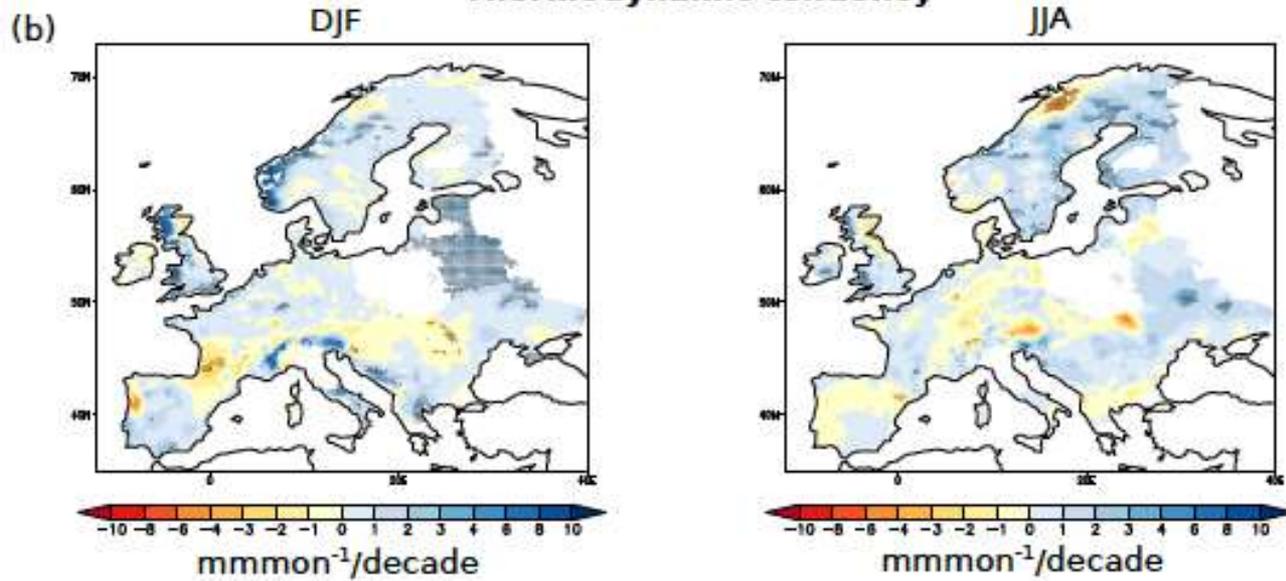
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## Observed tendency

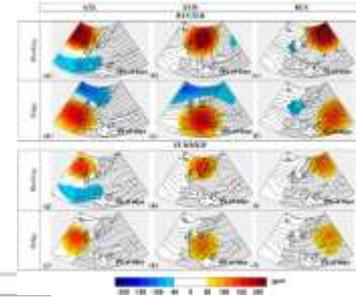


## Thermodynamic tendency



# Extra slides from Pedro Sousa/Ricardo Trigo FFCUL

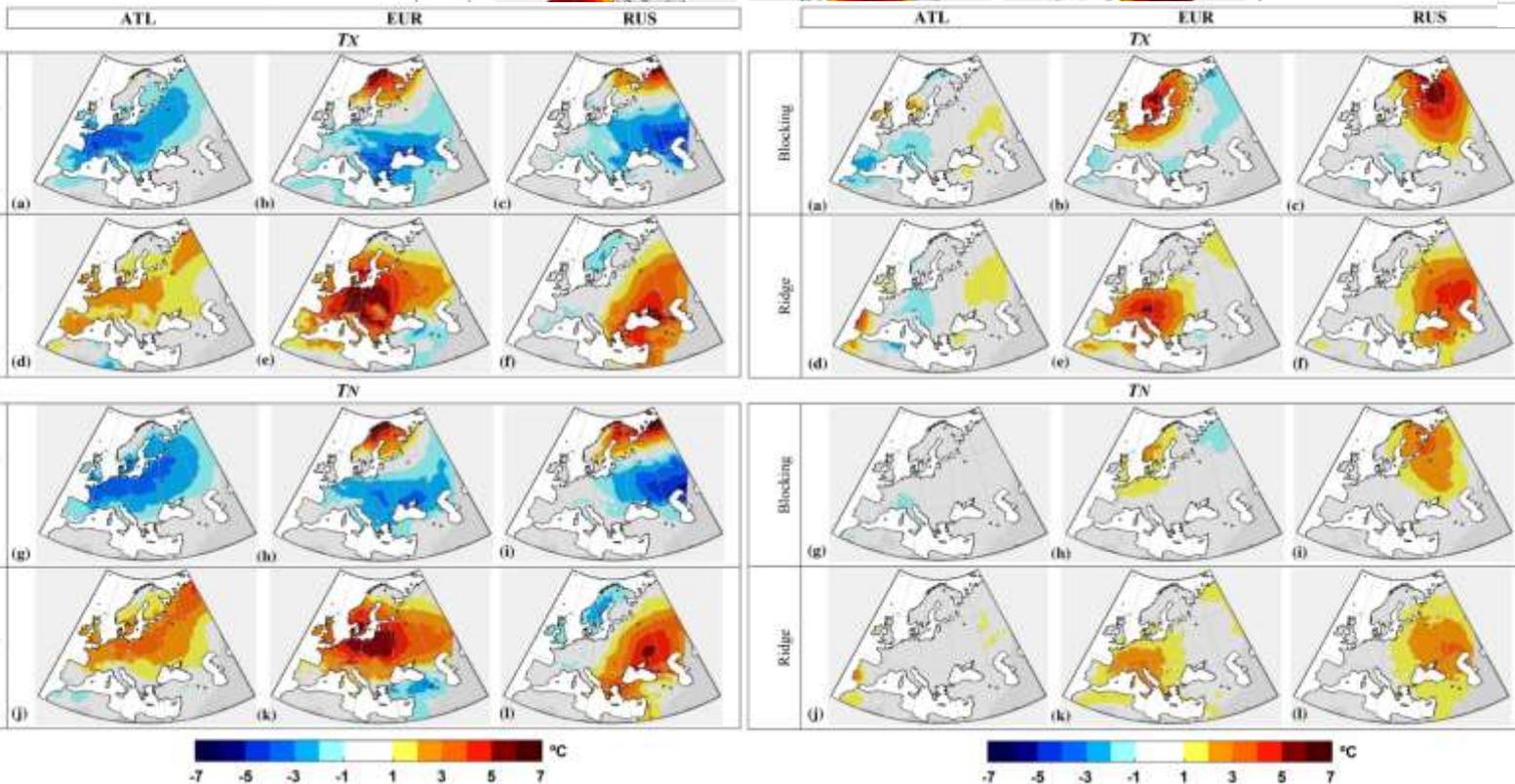
Surface responses for blocking and ridge regimes  
2m temperature  
 Z500 composites



winter



summer



i) Opposite responses in winter:

Ridge - mild  
Block - cold

ii) More similar responses in summer:

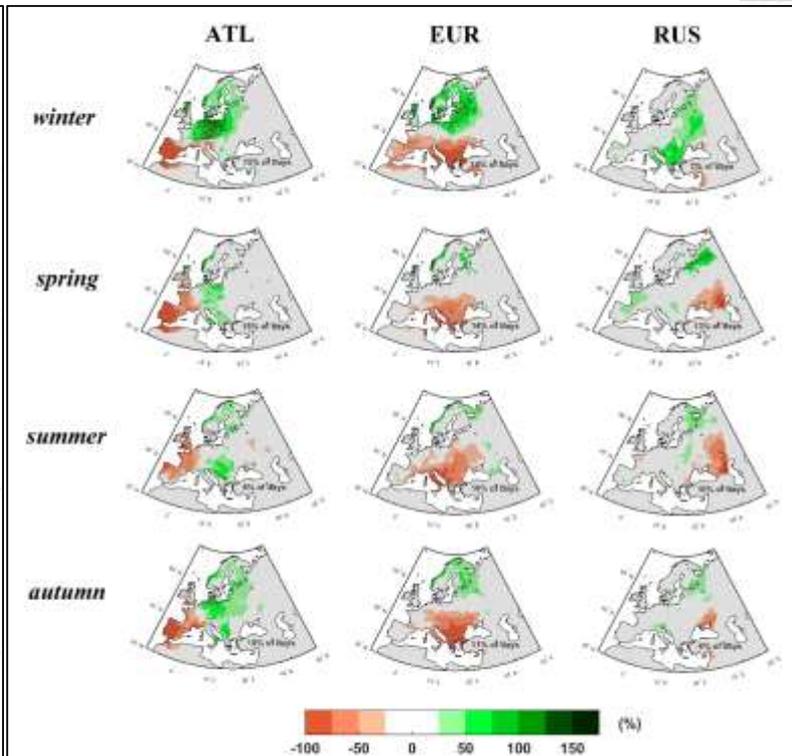
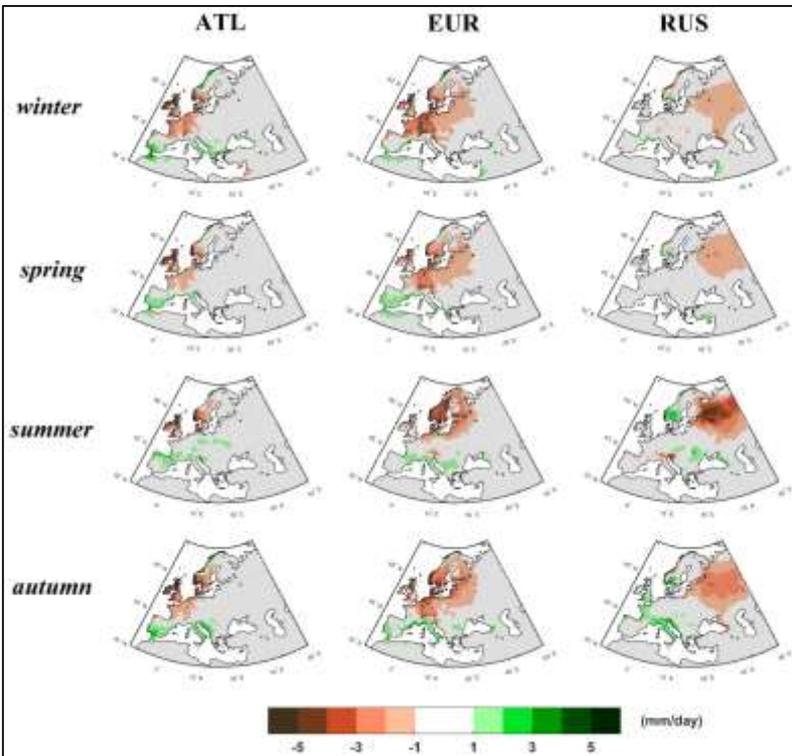
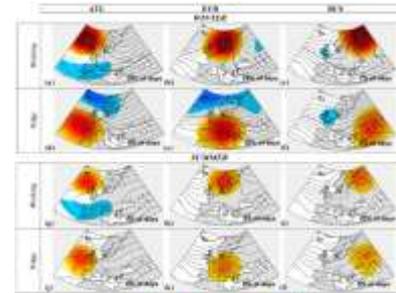
Block - hot north  
Ridge - hot south

# Surface responses for blocking and ridge regimes

## Rainfall

**blocks**

**ridges**



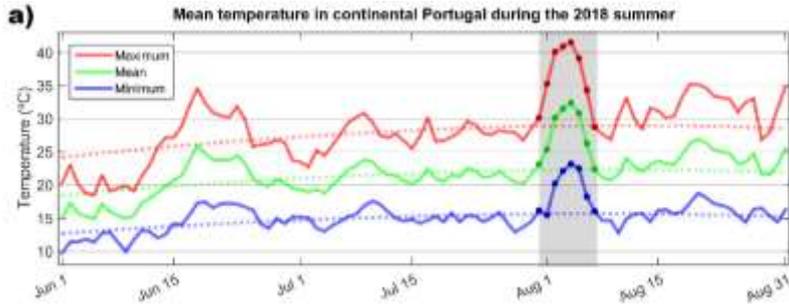
Opposite responses all year round:

Ridge- wet north  
dry south

Block- dry north  
wet south



# Extreme heat episode in Portugal – August 2018

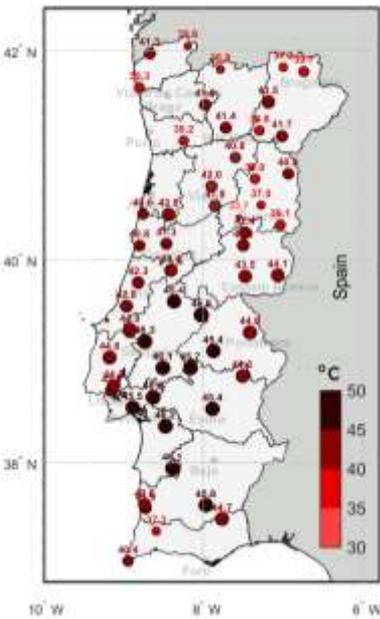


i) More than 50% of the country with  $T_{max} > 40^{\circ}\text{C}$

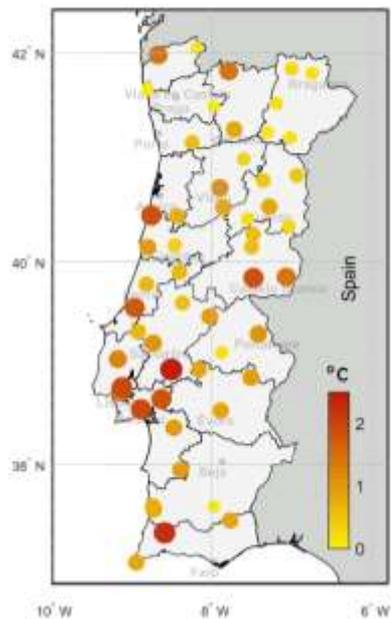
ii) 17 stations with  $T_{max} > 45^{\circ}\text{C}$

iii) 40% of stations broke all-time records

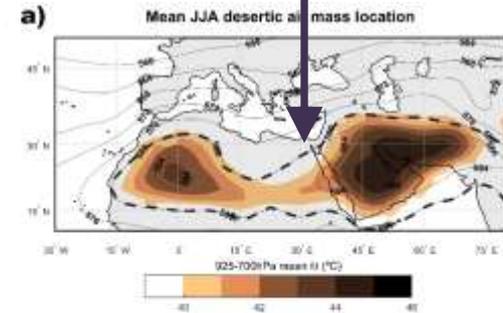
**b) New all time station records in Portugal**



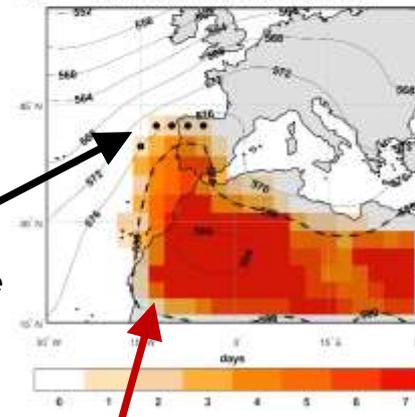
**c) Difference to previous records**



Typical location of desert air masses

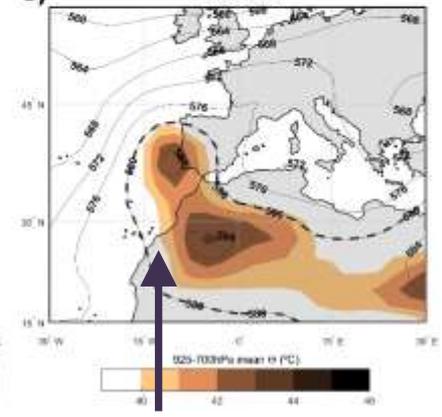


**b) Saharian intrusion early August 2018**

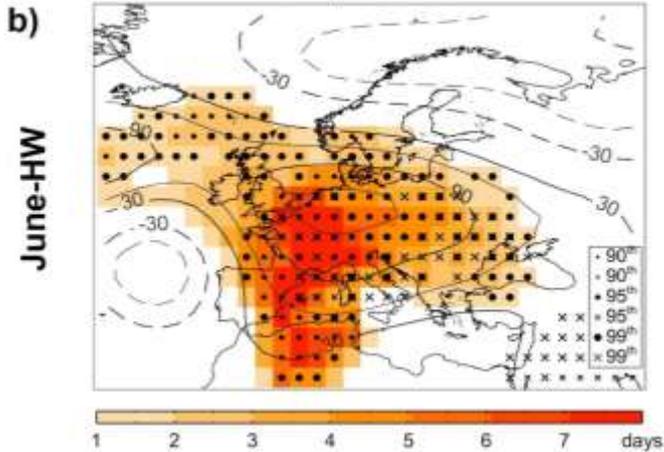


Intrusion persistence

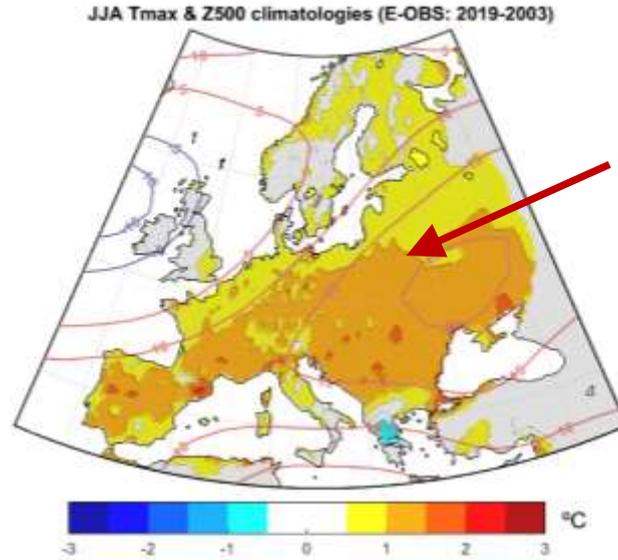
**c) 2018-08-04**



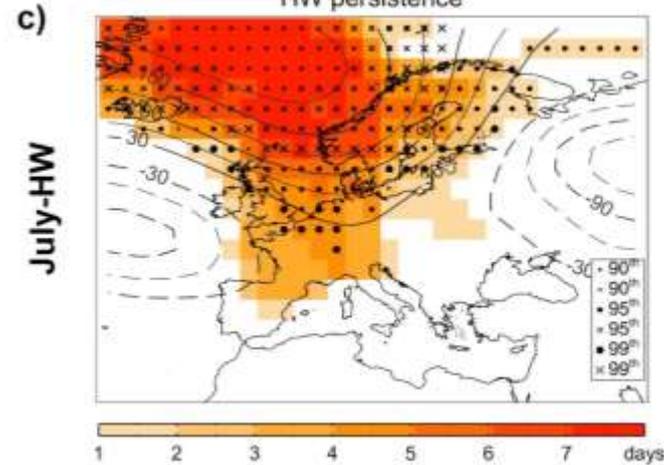
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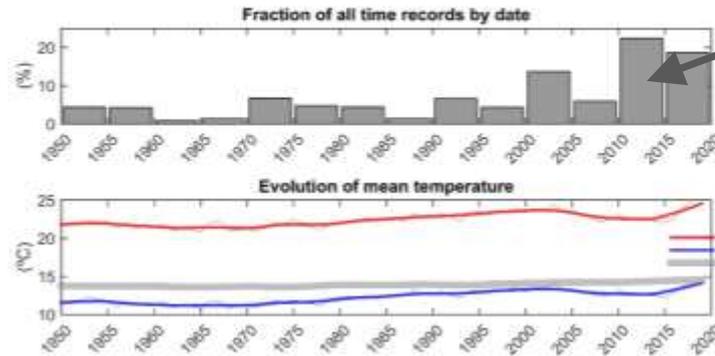
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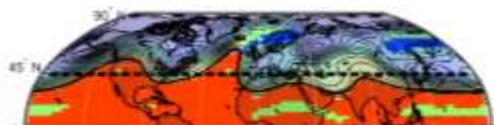


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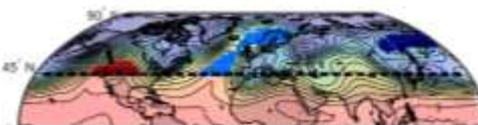
# Ongoing work: New automated blocking – ridge detection scheme

## Individual gridpoints



## 2D Structures

1954/1/31



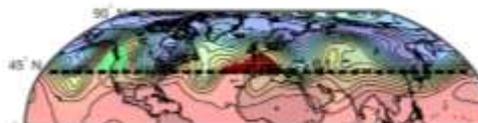
2004/12/10



2010/8/10



2017/12/6



- i) New dynamical methodology
- ii) Captures Blocks (distinguishing Omega and Rex types)
- iii) Captures the extent of subtropical ridges (subtropical intrusions)
- iv) Auto-calibrated, so usable for different models and different climate scenarios

Sousa et al. (2019)

*in preparation*