

Regional Climate and Hydrology Research at KIT/IMK-IFU

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The IMK-IFU Institute

- ... is a remote lab of KIT ...

IMK-IFU: Atmospheric Environmental Research

- Around **100 employees**



- Research focus on **Biosphere-Hydrosphere-Atmosphere Interactions**
- Further labs on **Mount Zugspitze (atmospheric sounding)**
- Setup and operation of **TERENO prealpine observatory**
- **High performance computing**: e.g. regional climate & hydrological simulations
- **Employees & students from all continents** (except Antarctica)
- Budget of $\approx 5+2.5$ Mio €/a (based funds + third party funding)

Specific Research Questions

- Closing the regional water cycle:
development of ***fully coupled atmosphere-hydrosphere model systems***
- Observation & distributed modeling of ***joint water and energy fluxes***
in complex terrain
- Quantification of **spatio-temporal precipitation variability** in complex terrain
and poorly gauged regions
- ***Experimental hydrological process analysis using microwave devices***
(precipitation analysis) ***and stable isotopes*** (water origin and process separation)

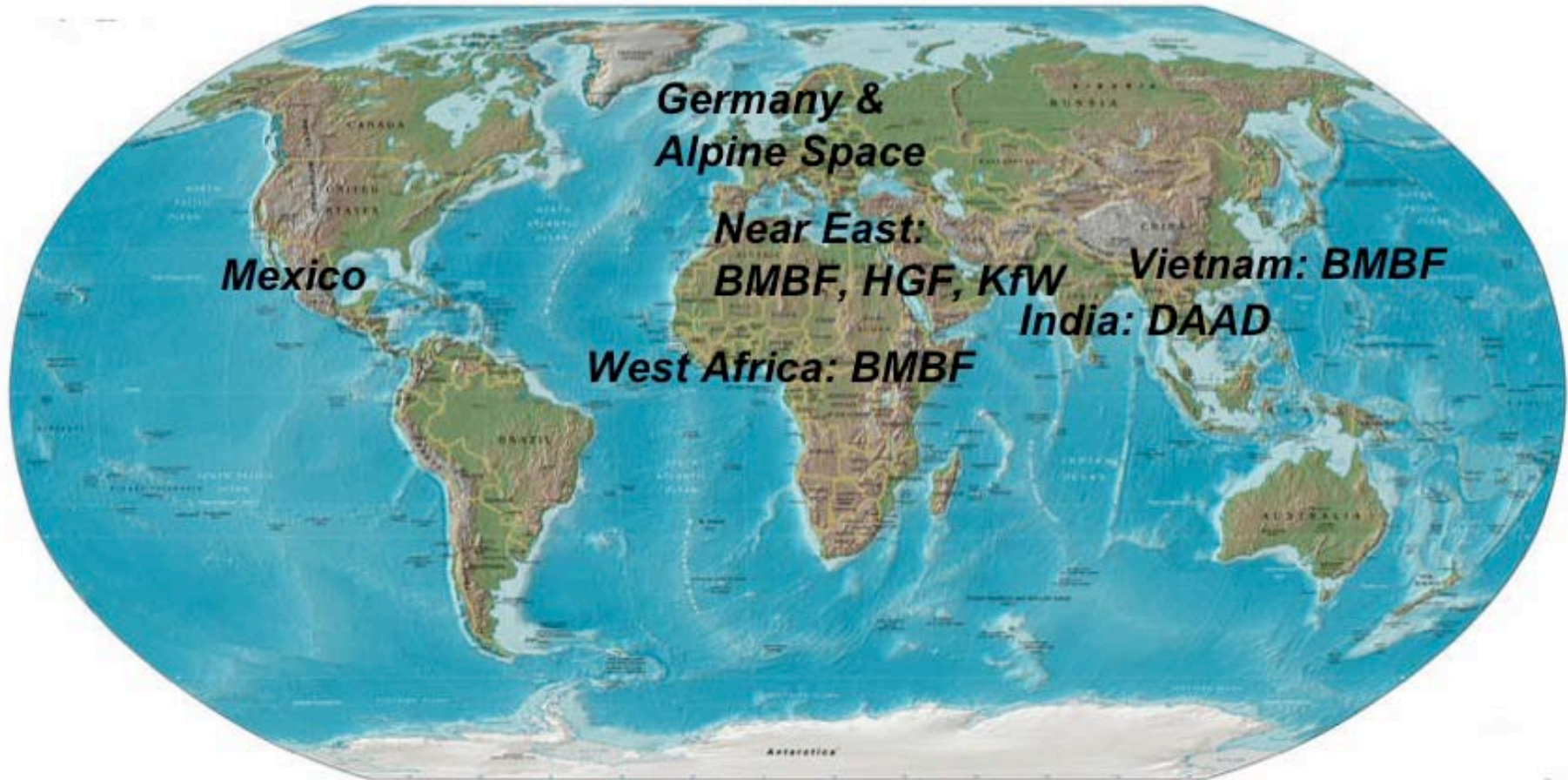
Methods: Modeling Approaches

- **Dynamical Downscaling** of global meteorological fields (reanalyses, forecasts, climate scenarios): *WRF, COSMO-CLM*
- **Statistical Downscaling**: Copula-based multivariate methods, Canonical Correlation Analysis, Circulation Pattern Analyses
- **Distributed water- and energy flux modeling**: *WaSIM-ETH, NDHMS, GEOtop*
- **Coupled Atmospheric-Hydrological Model Systems**: *WRF-Hydro, WRF-NoahLSM-HMS*

Methods: Measurement Techniques

- **Water and energy fluxes** via *TERENO infrastructure: EC-Flux stations, climate stations, lysimeters*
- **Precipitation-Radar:** *DWD Hohenpeissenberg & TERENO*
- **Microwave links:** *from commercial cell phone companies (Ericsson) & own fully polarimetric phase coherent devices*
- **Stable water isotopes:** *Picarro Analyser for $\delta^{18}O$ and δD*

Active in climate and water sensitive regions worldwide



Recent Third-Party Funded Projects

DFG-NSFC: “Long Term Land Use - Precipitation Feedbacks in the Hai River and Poyang Lake Regions” (PreFeed), 2010-2013

DFG-Priority Programme 1257, “The Global Continental Water Balance Using GRACE Spaceborn Gravimetry and High Resolution Consistent Geodetic-Hydrometeorological Data Analysis”, 2007-2013

Helmholtz Gemeinschaft, Virtual Institute: “Regional Precipitation Observation by Cellular Network Microwave Attenuation and Application to Water Resources Management”, 2008-2012

Helmholtz Gemeinschaft: “Regionale Klimainitiative” (REKLIM), 2010-2013

BMBF: “West African Science Service Centre for Climate Change and Adapted Land Use” (WASCAL), 2010-2014

BMBF: “Decadal Prediction of African Rainfall and Atlantic Hurricane Activity”, 2011-2015

BMBF: “Food Security in Eastern Africa: Steering Rice Production towards Climate Resilience“ (RICE-EA), Demonstration Project, 2012

BMBF: “Landuse and Climate Change Interactions in Central Vietnam“ (LUCCi), 2010-2014

BMBF: “GLOWA-Jordan River: An International Study of the Future of the Water Scarce Jordan River Basin under the Impact of Climate and Global Change” , 2006-2011

StMUG & Nationalparkverwaltung Berchtesgaden: “Water Balance and Physically Based Snow Modeling for the National Park Berchtesgaden”, 2008-2012

CEDIM: “Flood Hazards in a Changing Climate”, 2008-2011

KfW: “Impact of Climate Change on the Figeih-Spring, Damascus/Syria”, 2010-2012

Case study:

Climate simulations for Central Vietnam

- LUCCi Project
- WP3: Climate simulations
- Further activities

Land Use and Climate Change interactions in Central Vietnam (LUCCi)

Project duration: July 2010 – July 2015

2010-2013: Research phase

2013-2015: Implementation phase

Coordination:

Institute for Technology and Resources Management in the Tropics and Subtropics, ITT, at the Cologne University of Applied Sciences

Main German partners of the consortium:

- Department for Remote Sensing, Friedrich-Schiller University of Jena
- Department of Geoinformatics, Hydrology and Modelling, Friedrich-Schiller-University of Jena
- Institute of Environmental Engineering and Ecology, Ruhr University Bochum
- Karlsruhe Institute of Technology (KIT, IMK-IFU)
- Secretariat for the International Hydrological Programme (IHP) of UNESCO and the Hydrology and Water Resources Programme (HWRP)

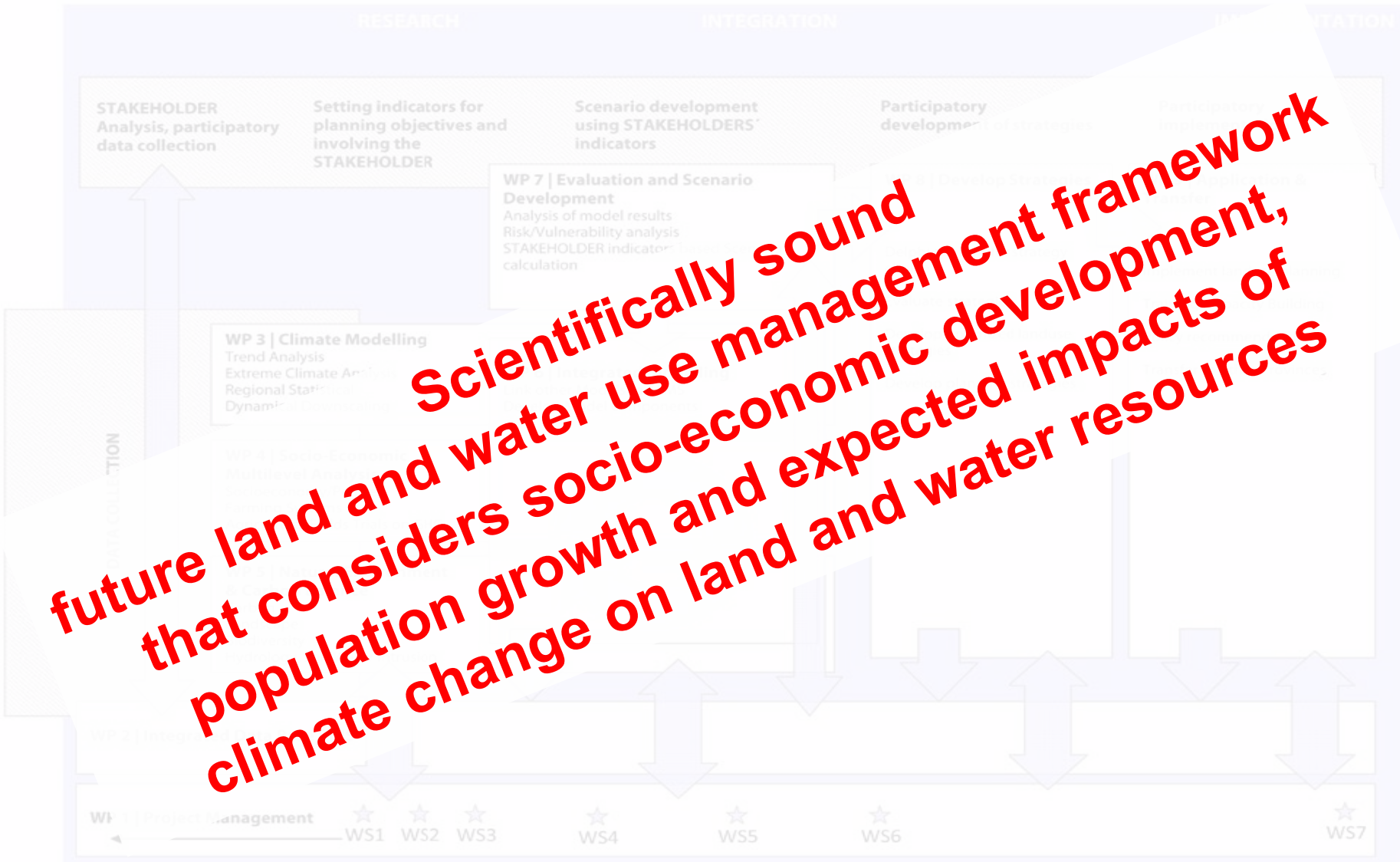
Main Vietnamese partners:

- Vietnam Academy for Water Resources, Centre for Training and International Cooperation
- Hue University of Agriculture and Forestry
- Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (MARD)
- Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment (MONRE)
- Ministry of Science and Technology (MOST)

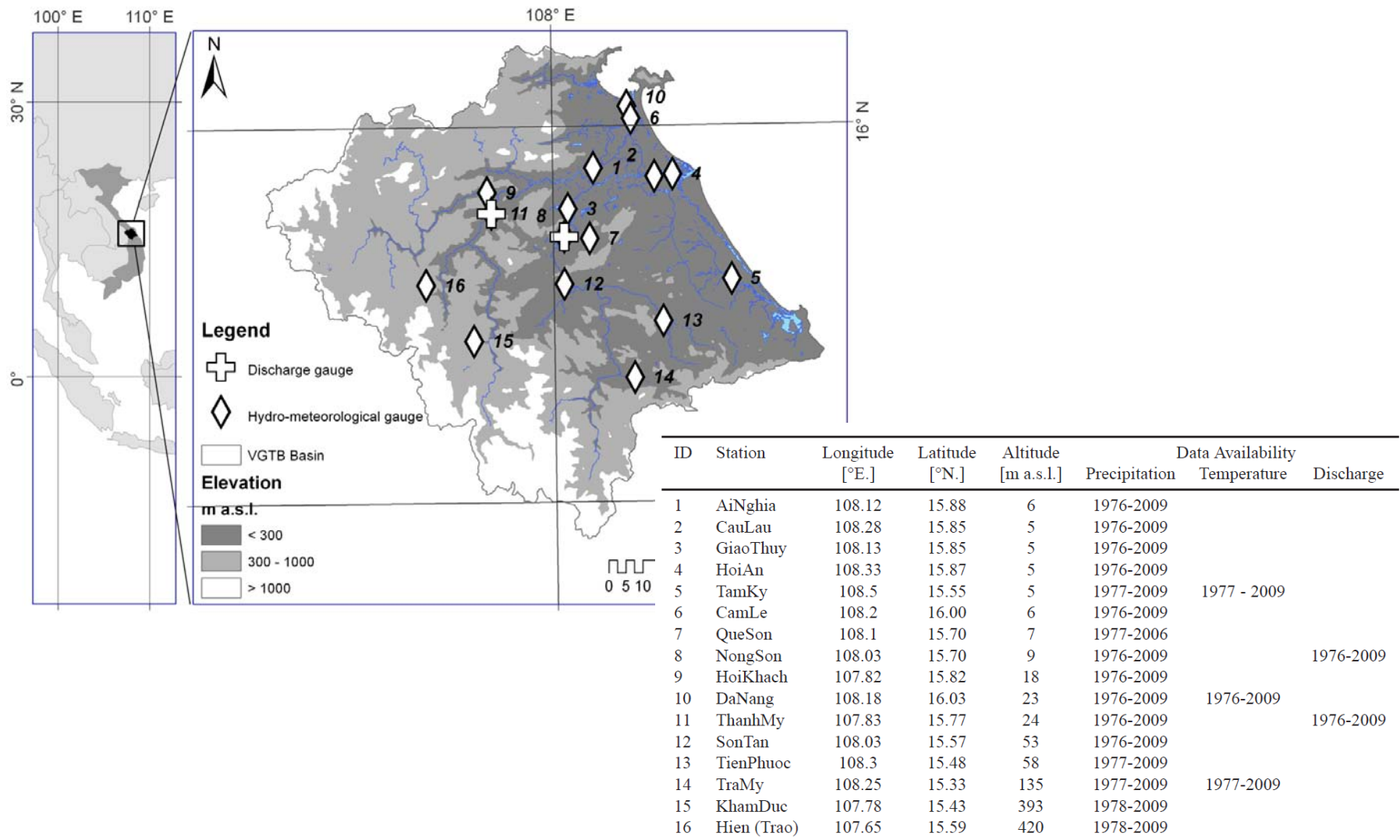
International institutions:

- International Rice Research Institute, IRRI, CGIAR
- UN REDD, Hanoi at MARD
- UNDP Disaster Risk Management Programme

LUCCi objective

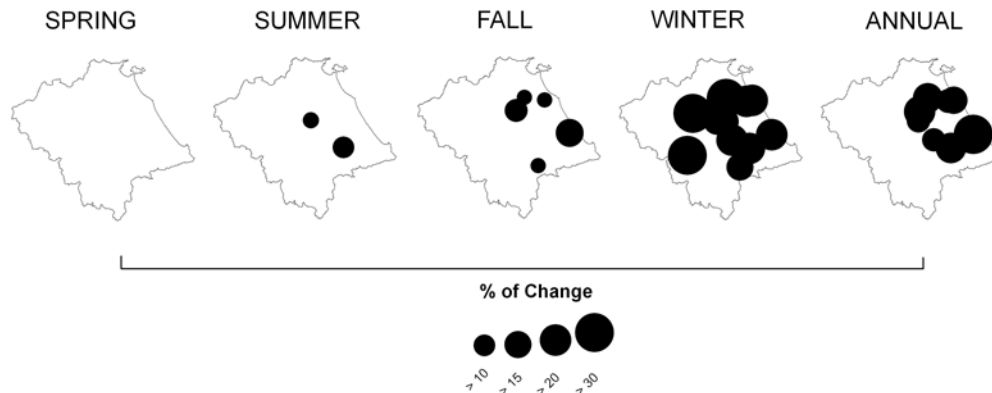


WP3 activities: Analysis of observation data



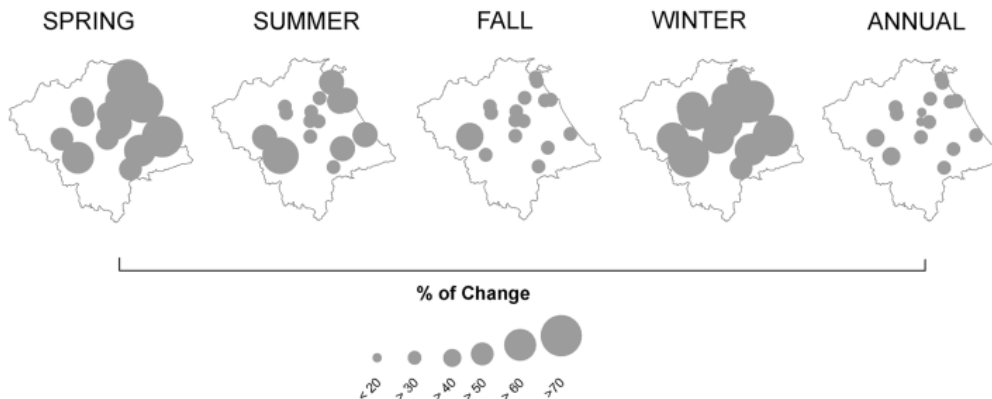
Historical trend analysis (P, T_{min}, T_{max}, R)

Precipitation Trends in % (1980-2009)



- Significant increase of P
- Magnitude higher at coasts
- Signal dominant in winter (DJF)

Precipitation Coefficient of Variation in % (1980-2009)



$$C_v = \frac{\sigma}{\mu}$$

- Variability highest during winter (DJF) and Spring (MAA)

Decadal trend analysis

ID	Station	Sen's slope [mm/year]		
		1980-1989	1990-1999	2000-2009
1	AiNghia	-127*	117	116
2	CauLau	-73	64	98
3	GiaoThuy	-103	14	54
4	HoiAn	-59	49	19
5	TamKy	-116	203*	77
6	CamLe	-121+	145	NA
7	QueSon	-115	82*	-219
8	NongSon	-148*	175*	35
9	HoiKhach	-114*	NA	60
10	DaNang	-101	59+	32
11	ThanhMy	-103*	189*	4
12	SonTan	-128+	129+	79
13	TienPhuoc	-69	166*	NA
14	TraMy	-126	112	111
15	KhamDuc	-200	140	190
16	Hien (Trao)	-286**	34	146

significant at $p=0.10$ (+), $p=0.05$ (*), and $p=0.01$ (**)

→ Decadal differences:

Decrease in 1980s
High increase in 1990s
Increase in 2000s (n.s.)

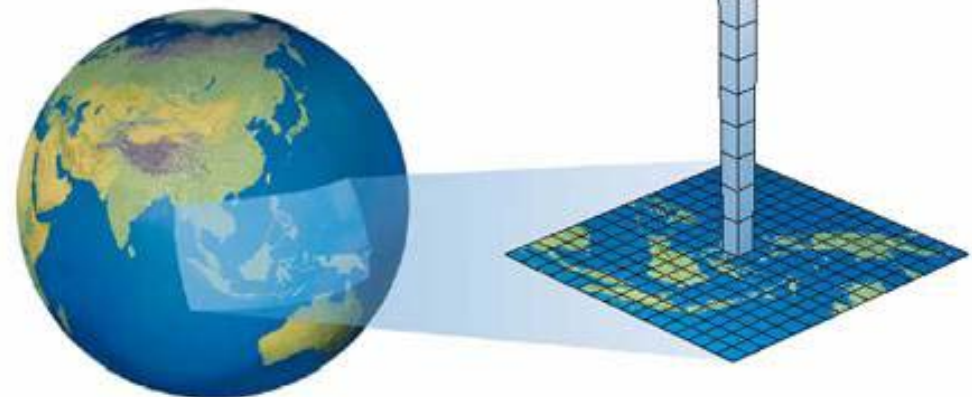
Motivation: why do we need process-based RCM simulations?

- **Sparse observation network of hydrometeorological data**
 - Few hydrometeorological stations (located in lowlands)
 - Low sampling rates (daily)

 - **Stakeholders demand delineation of climate change adaptation strategies**
 - Flood protection measures (adaptation of infrastructure)
 - Future hydropower potential (low flows)
 - Water availability for agriculture
- **High resolution representation of hydrometeorological variables (P, T, etc.) for past and future**

WRF (Weather Research and Forecast Model)

- Next generation atmospheric modeling system
- Developed at NCAR
- Non-hydrostatic
- Successor of the *Mesoscale Model 5* (MM5)
- Various applications:
 - ✓ Weather forecasts
 - ✓ (Long-term) climate simulations
 - ✓ Different scales
- Atmospheric and (sub)surface compartments:



Atmospheric compartment

Horizontal exchange
between columns of
momentum, heat
and moisture

Vertical exchange
between layers

Atmosphere – explicit calculation of

Momentum conservation

$$\frac{\partial \vec{v}}{\partial t} + (\vec{v} \cdot \nabla) \vec{v} = -f \vec{k} \times \vec{v} - \nabla \Phi - \frac{1}{\rho_a} \nabla p_a + \frac{\eta_a}{\rho_a} \nabla^2 \vec{v} + \frac{1}{\rho_a} (\nabla \cdot \rho_a \mathbf{K}_m \nabla) \vec{v}$$

Precipitation

$$R_{evap} (rain) = \frac{2\pi N_{0r} (S_w - 1)}{A_r + B_r} \left[\frac{0.78}{\Lambda_r^2} + 0.32 \left(\frac{a_r \rho}{\eta_a} \right)^{1/2} S_c^{1/3} \frac{\Gamma(5/2 + b_r/2)}{\Lambda_r^{5/2 + b_r/2}} \right]$$

Gas law

$$p = \frac{nR^*T}{V}$$



Energy conservation

$$\frac{\partial \theta_v}{\partial t} + (\vec{v} \cdot \nabla) \theta_v = \frac{1}{\rho_a} (\nabla \cdot \rho_a \mathbf{K}_h \nabla) \theta_v + \frac{\theta_v}{c_{p,d} T_v} \sum_{n=1}^N \frac{dQ_n}{dt}$$

Air mass conservation

$$\frac{\partial \rho_a}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (\vec{v} \rho_a) = 0$$

Energy conservation at land surface

$$\begin{aligned} L_v E + H + G &= SW_{net} + LW_{net} \\ &= (1 - \alpha) SW \downarrow + LW \downarrow - \epsilon \sigma_B T_{surf}^4 \end{aligned}$$

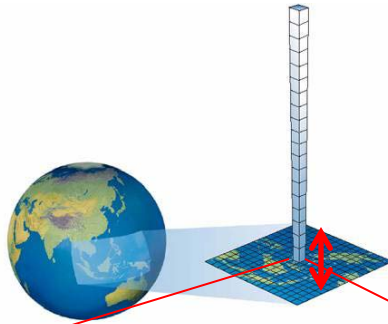
Conservation water mass

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial q_v}{\partial t} + (\vec{v} \cdot \nabla) q_v &= \frac{1}{\rho_a} (\nabla \rho_a \mathbf{K}_h \nabla) q_v + R_{evap} - R_{cond} - R_{iini} - R_{idep/sub} \\ \frac{\partial q_c}{\partial t} + (\vec{v} \cdot \nabla) q_c &= \frac{1}{\rho_a} (\nabla \rho_a \mathbf{K}_h \nabla) q_c + R_{cond} + R_{iini} + R_{idep/sub} - R_{aconv} - R_{accr} \\ \frac{\partial q_r}{\partial t} + (\vec{v} \cdot \nabla) q_r &= \frac{1}{\rho_a} (\nabla \rho_a \mathbf{K}_h \nabla) q_r - R_{evap} + R_{aconv} + R_{accr} - \frac{\partial V_f \rho_a g q_r}{\partial z} \end{aligned} \quad (2.32)$$

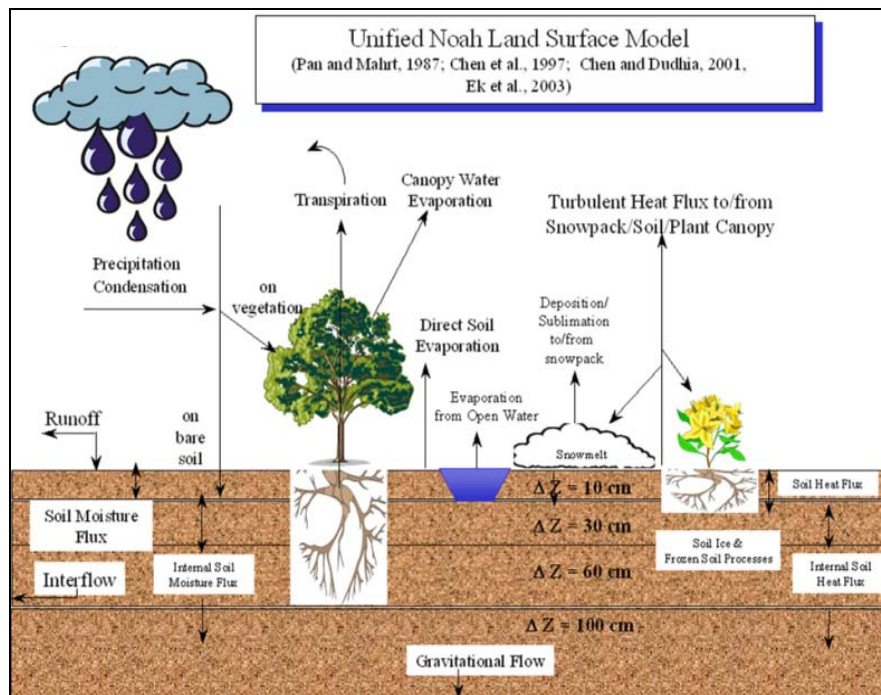
Soil temperature diffusion

$$C_v(\Theta) \frac{\partial T_s}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left[K_t(\Theta) \frac{\partial T_s}{\partial z} \right]$$

WRF – (sub)surface compartment

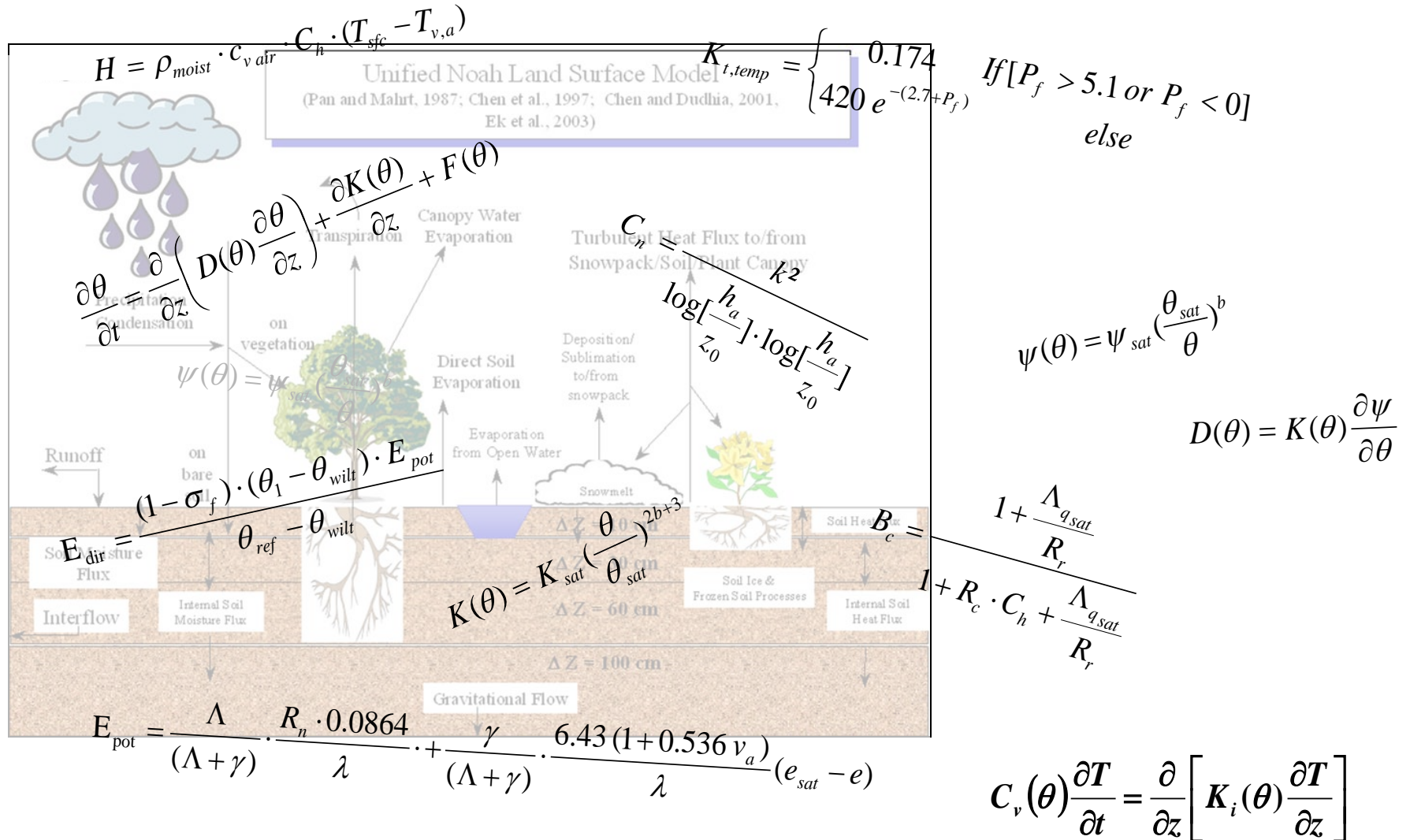


Surface and subsurface compartment

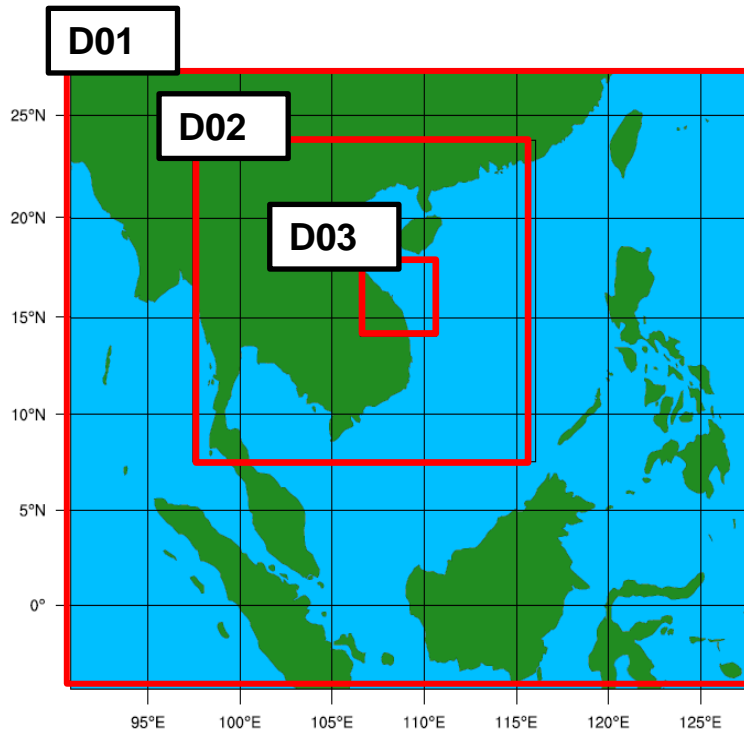


- Lower boundary: SVAT-model for surface and subsurface water budgets
- **Joint atmospheric-terrestrial water budget calculations**

Model Equations NOAH LSM



WRF Setup



Domain1:

- horizontal: 99 x 99 grid points with a resolution of **45 km**
- vertical: 50 layers up to 5000 Pa
- time step: 180 s

Domain2:

- horizontal: 142 x 145 grid points with a resolution of **15 km**
- vertical: 50 layers up to 5000 Pa
- time step: 120 s

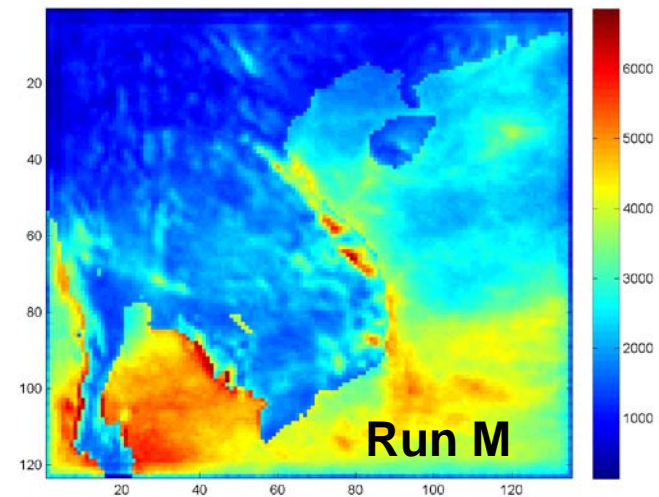
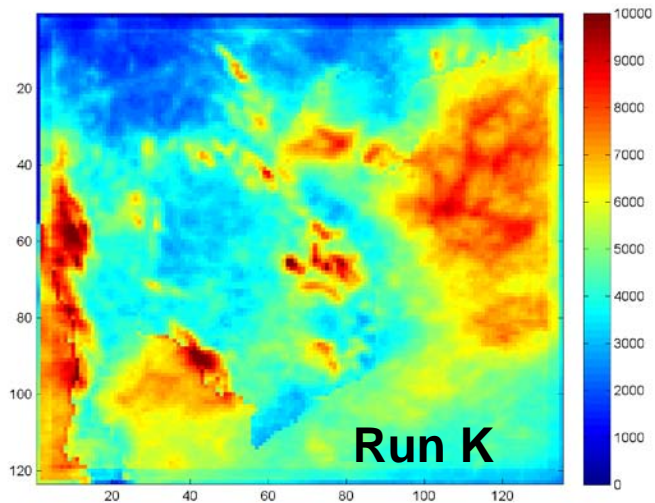
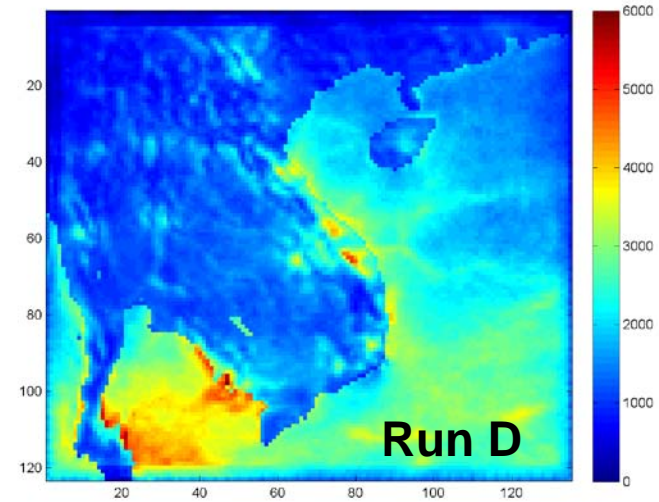
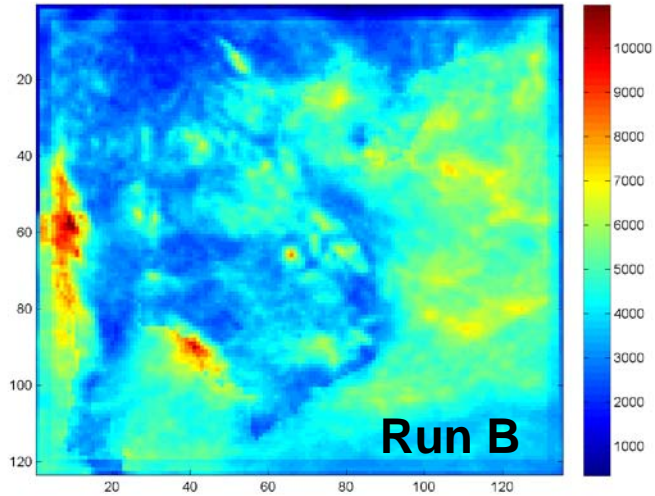
Domain3:

- horizontal: 66 x 75 grid points with a resolution of **5 km**
- vertical: 50 layers up to 5000 Pa
- time step: 40 s

Transient WRF simulation from 1960 - 2050

WRF results strongly depend on subgridscale parameterizations

Comparison Parameterization Runs: P



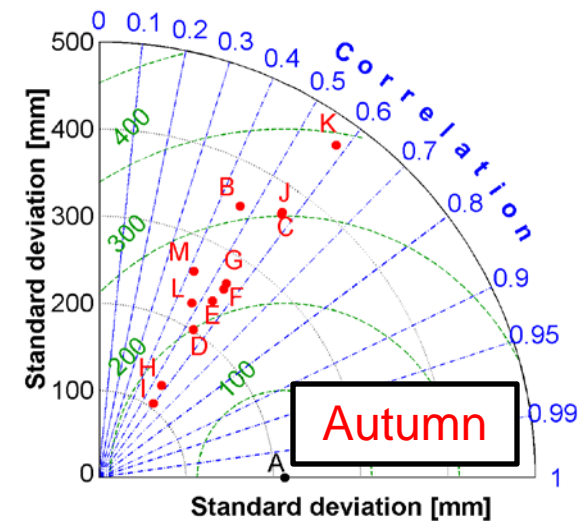
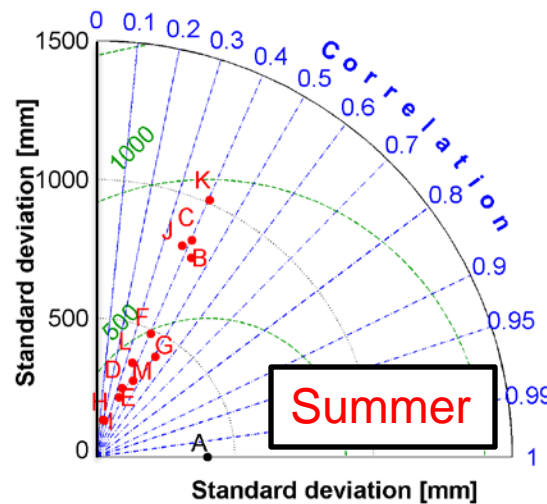
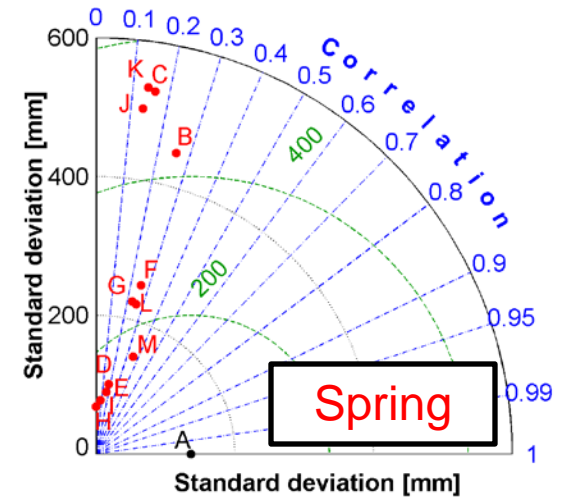
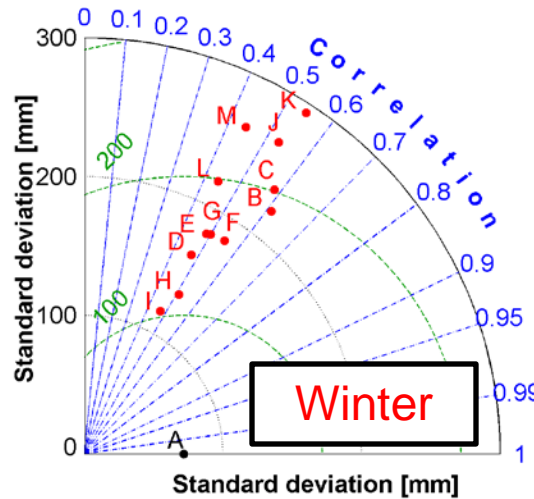
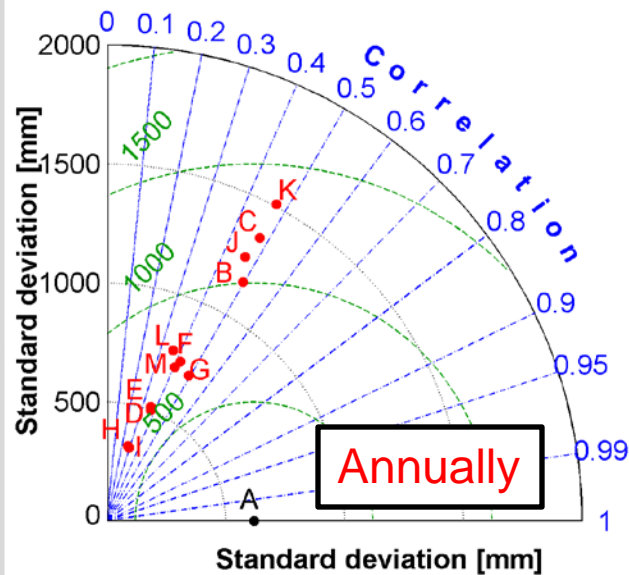
Systematic WRF Experiments: Focus on P

- 12 Combinations using 3 MP, 2 PBL and 2 CU schemes
- 2 Combinations using NCEP & ERA40 Reanalyses
- 2 x 12 = **24 WRF simulation for 2000**

Run	Microphysic schemes	PBL physic schemes	Cumulus physic schemes
B	Lin et al.	Hong et al.	Betts-Miller-Janjic
C	Lin et al.	Nakanishi and Niino	Betts-Miller-Janjic
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Validation ERA40-WRF 2000 Experiments: P

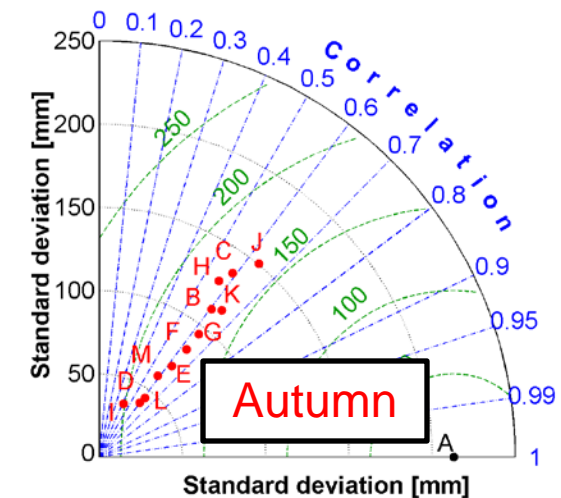
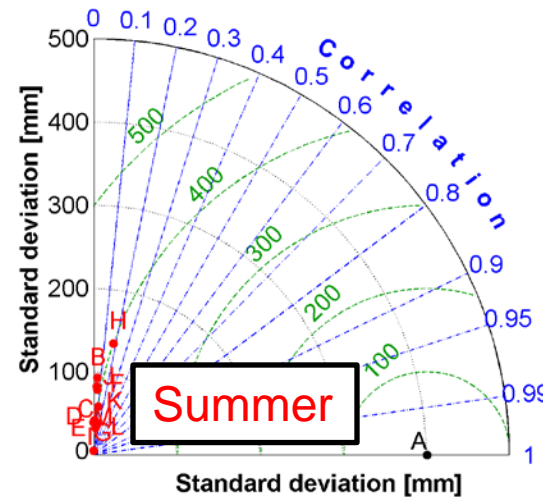
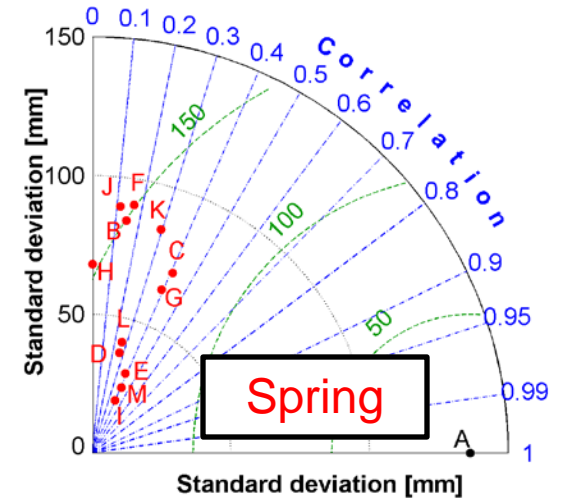
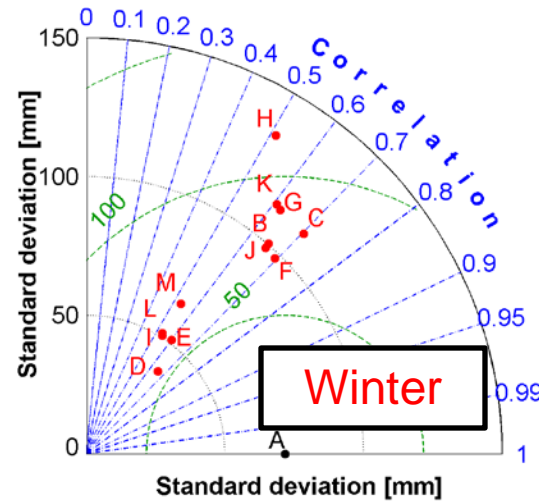
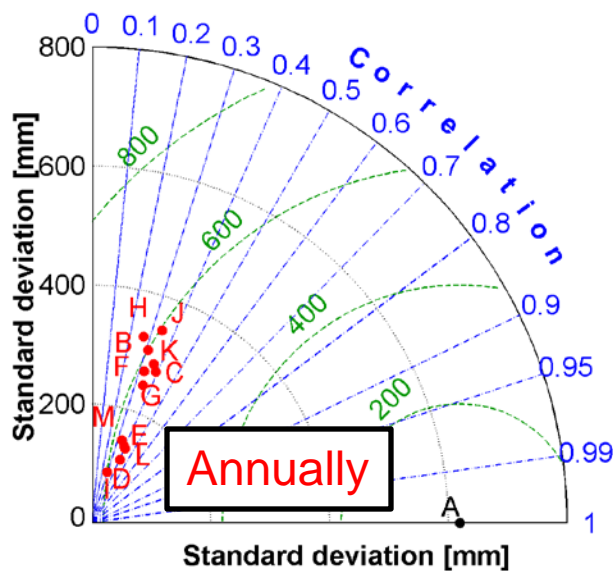
A: APHRODITE data



Pearson Correlation Coefficient
 Root Mean Squared Error
 Standard Deviation

Validation NCEP-WRF 2000 Experiments: P

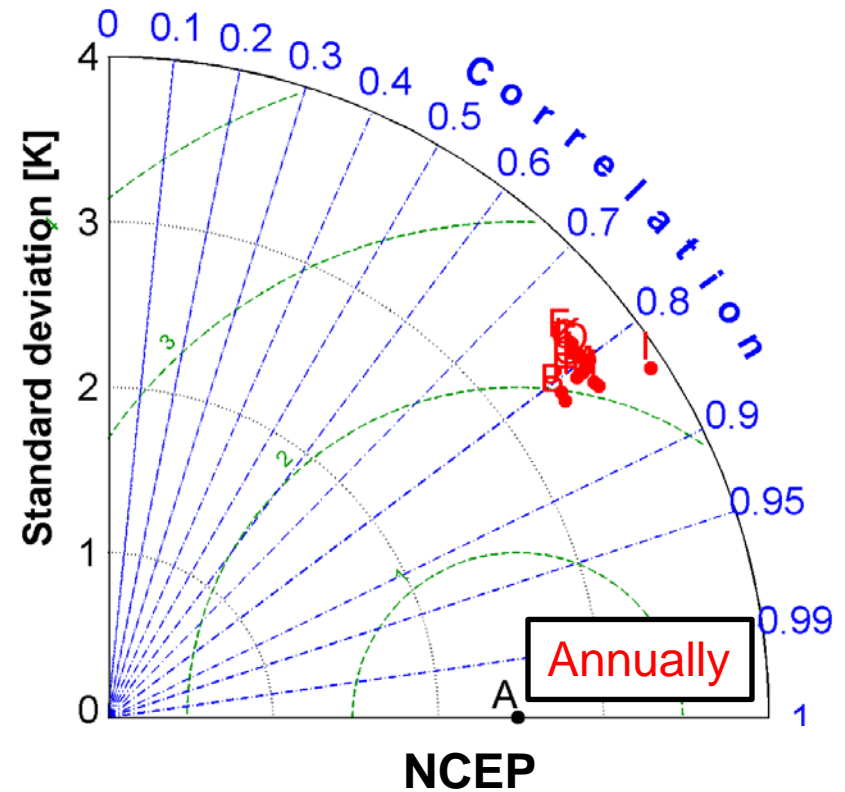
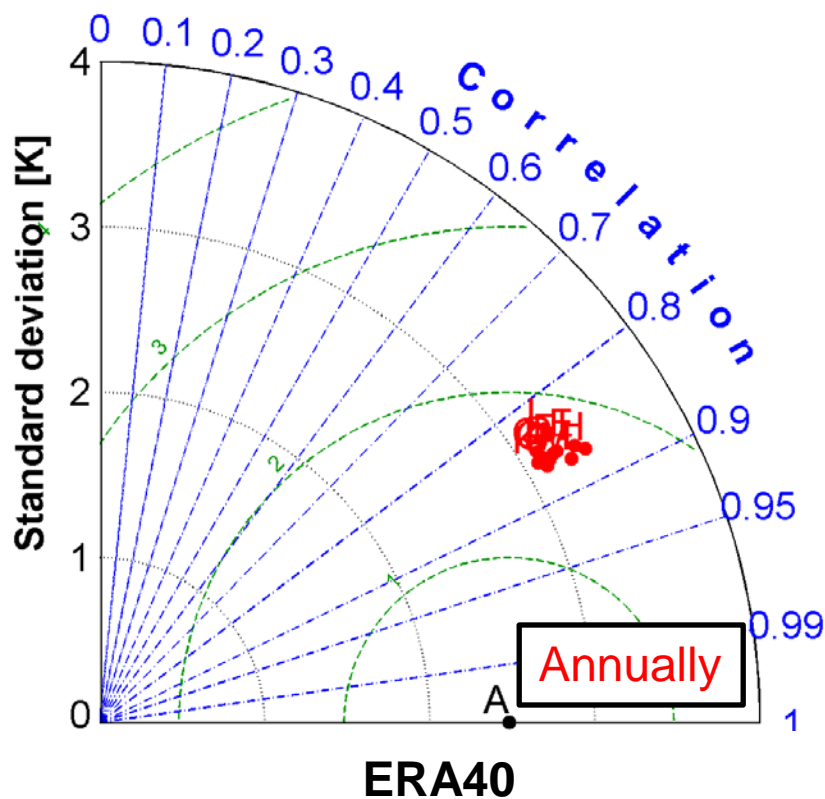
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Validation WRF 2000 Experiments: T2

A: CRU data



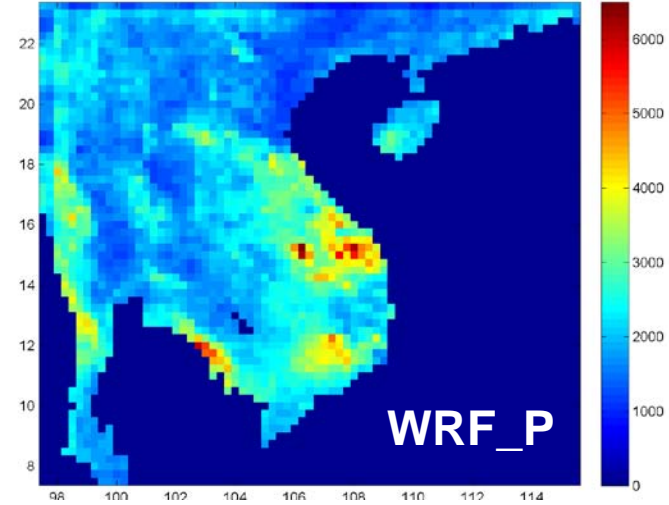
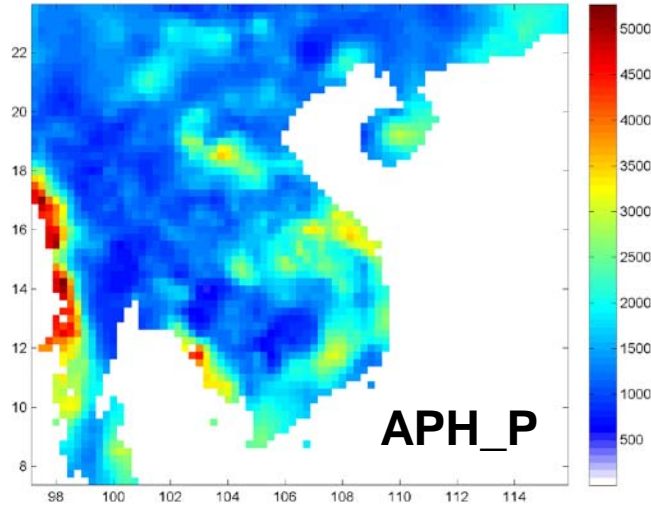
Final Decision (based on simulated T, P)

- **ERA40 Reanalysis**

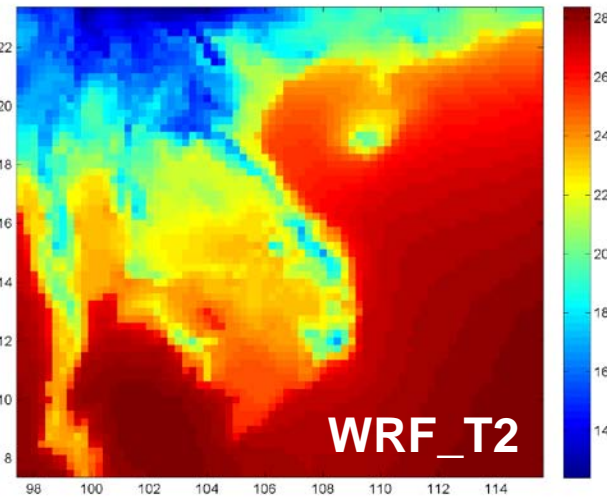
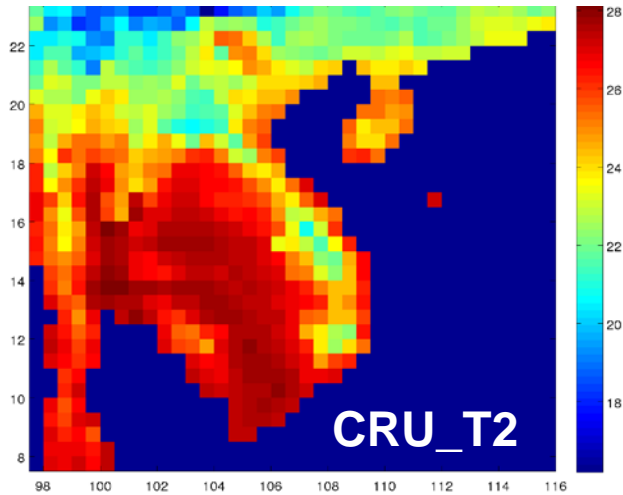
- Lower bias in T
- Higher pattern correlation of P (summer)

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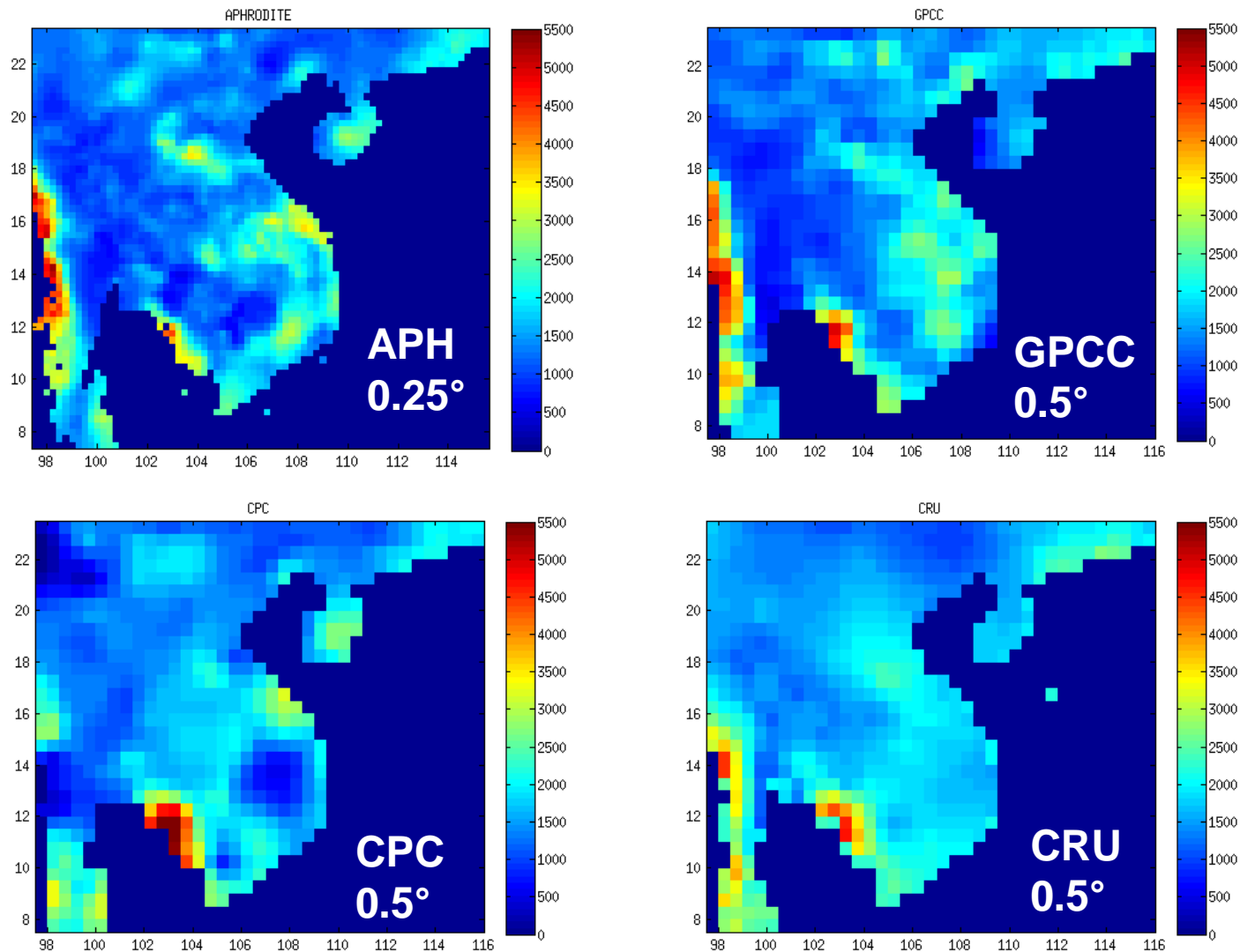
ERA40-WRF vs. OBSERVATIONS DOM2 (P, T2)



Year
2000



Different Reference Datasets: P



LUCCi Progress Report of WP3

- **Collection of hydrometeorological observation data**
- **Plausibility analysis and correction of data**
- **Statistical analysis**
- **Transient climate simulations in three nesting steps with resolutions of 45 km, 15 km and 5 km**
 - Preliminary work: computing and storage facilities, experimental simulations, final setup of WRF
 - WRF Simulations: 10 out of 90 years

Future activities of WP3 *Climate Modeling*

- **04/2012 PhD thesis (IHP & KIT): Impact of LUC on climate and vice versa (Mrs. Nguyen Phuong)**
- **09/2012 PhD DAAD scholarship (KIT): Impact of CC on terrestrial water balance as well as flood and drought characteristics (Mr. Dang Thinh)**
- **Statistical Downscaling & Bias Correction: Estimation of GCM and scenario inherent uncertainties**

Potential collaborations with HMO-VNU

- **Aggregation of available CC information for Vietnam to allow for improved uncertainty estimation (PDFs)**
 - Multi-model multi-scenario (different GCMs, emission scenarios)
 - Different RCMs (PRECIS, RegCM3, WRF)

- **Validation strategies (methodologies, data sources, etc.)**

- **Extreme value analysis based on EV theory**
 - Assessment of future climate indices
 - Return periods of floods and droughts

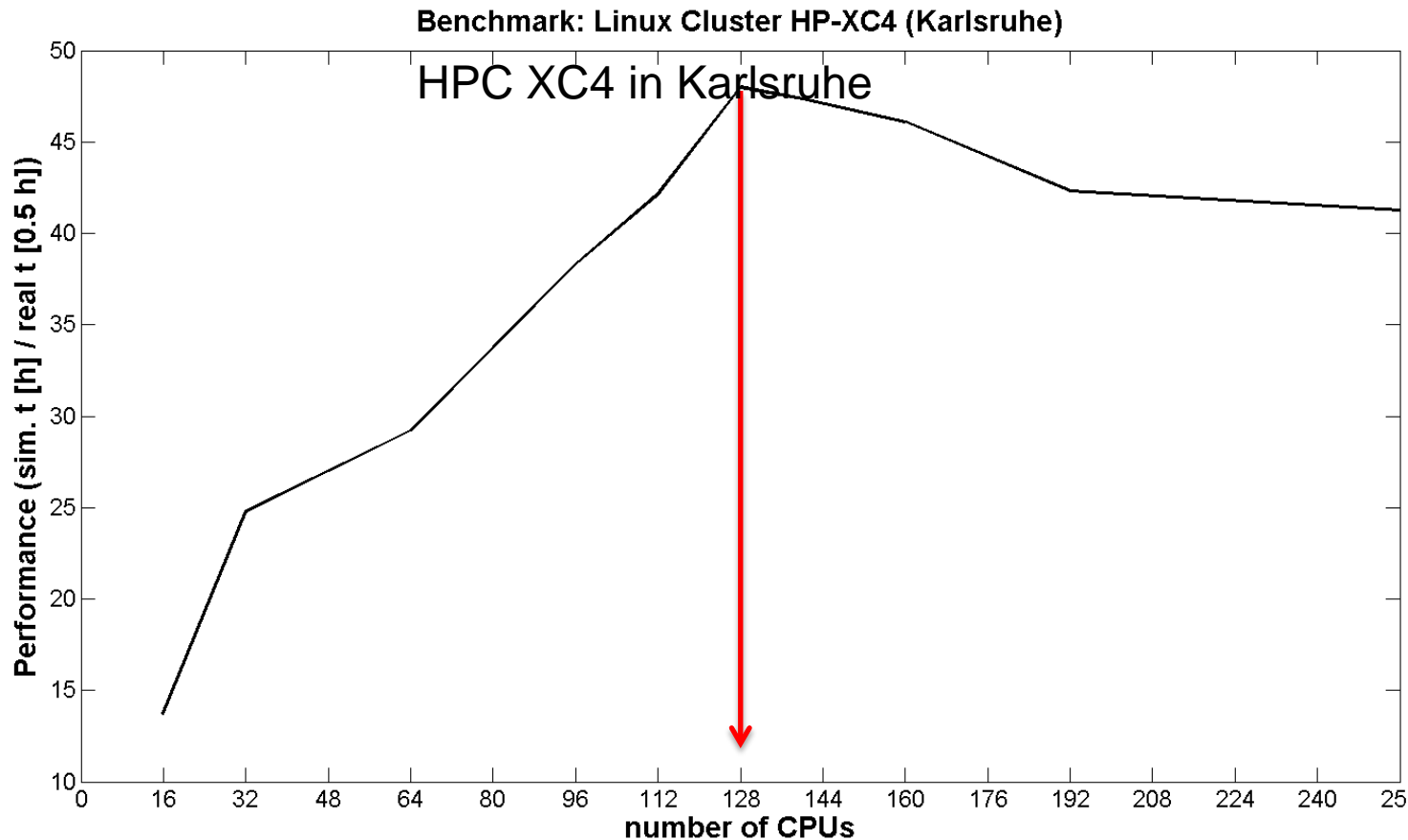
- **Joint scientific publications**



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Preparation RCM Simulations: HPC Environment



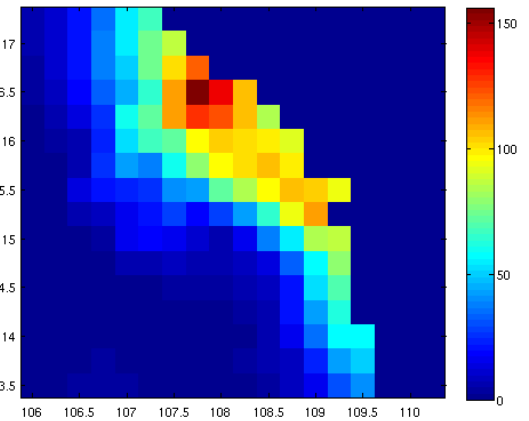
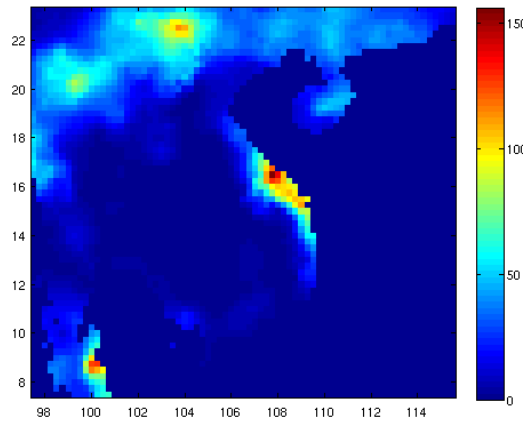
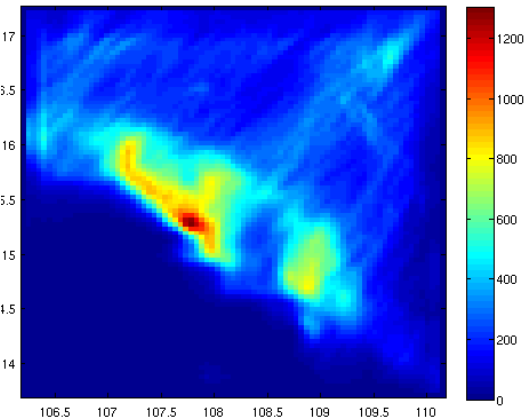
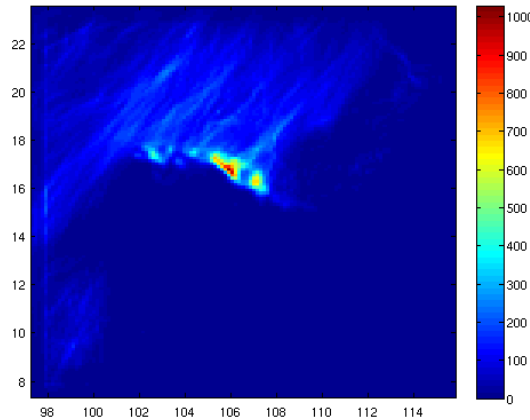
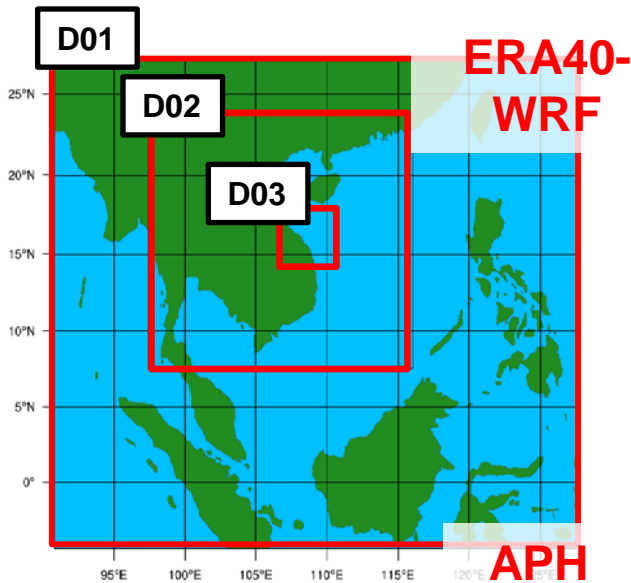
- **Peak performance using 128 CPUs**
- **Depends on CPUs, Compiler (options), but also WRF setup**

Motivation: why do we need RCM simulations?

JAN 1960

D02

D03



How to derive Regional Climate Projections?

Population Growth Economic Development
Technological Progress

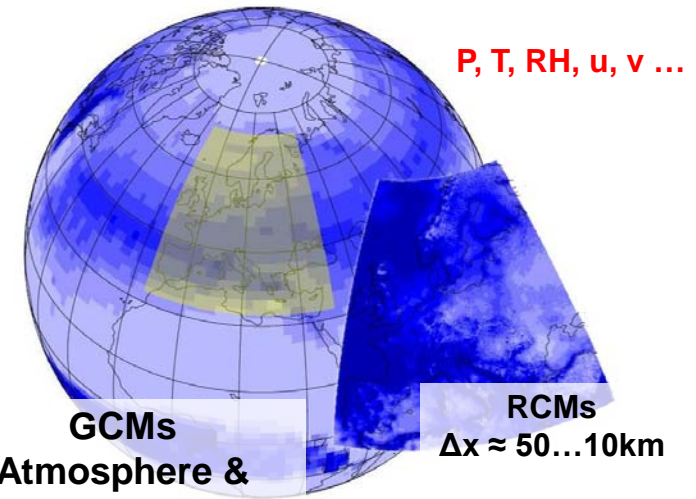
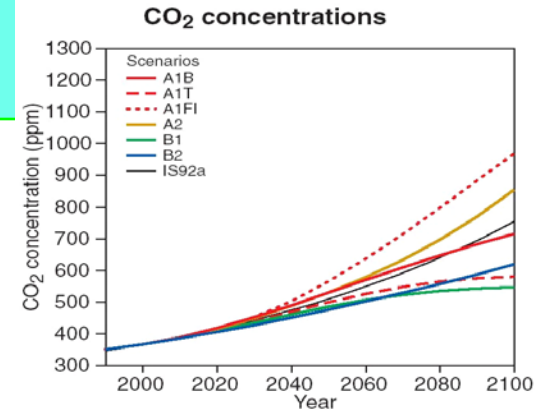
Emission Scenarios
Greenhouse Gas Concentrations

Global Climate Models

Global Climate Scenarios

Downscaling Methods

Regional Climate Scenarios



GCMs
Atmosphere &
Ocean
 $\Delta x \approx 300...100\text{km}$

RCMs
 $\Delta x \approx 50...10\text{km}$

WP3: Climate modeling (Project LUCCi)

- **Analysis of observation data**
- **Process-based RCM simulations**
- **Progress Report of WP3 “*Climate Modeling*”**
- **Further activities of WP3 “*Climate Modeling*”**

WRF Modeling System

