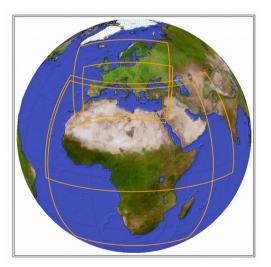
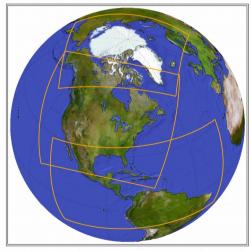
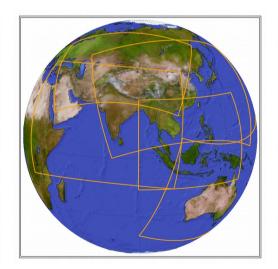
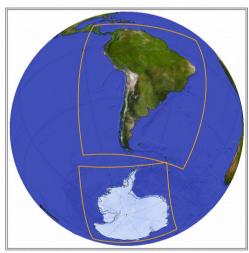
Downscaling of CMIP6 for regional climate modeling: experiences from CORDEX

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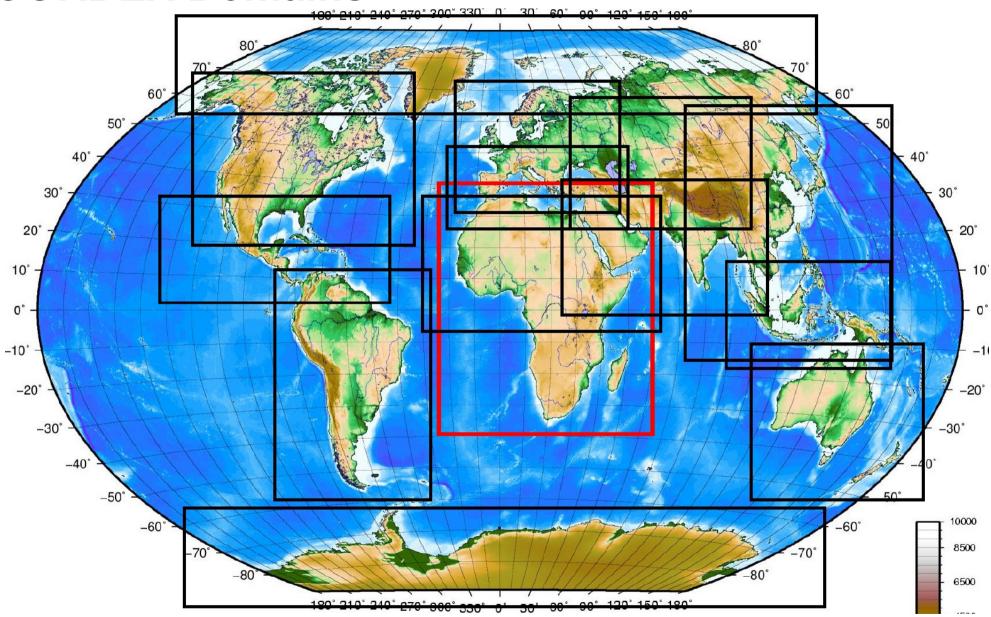
CORDEX vision and goals

The CORDEX vision is to advance and coordinate the science and application of regional climate downscaling through global partnerships.

- To better understand relevant regional/local climate phenomena, their variability and changes, through downscaling.
- To evaluate and improve regional climate downscaling models and techniques
- To produce coordinated sets of regional downscaled projections worldwide
- To foster communication and knowledge exchange with users of regional climate information



CORDEX Domains





COordinated Regional Downscaling EXperiment (CORDEX) – Management

CORDEX

CORDEX Science advisory team (SAT), 12 members

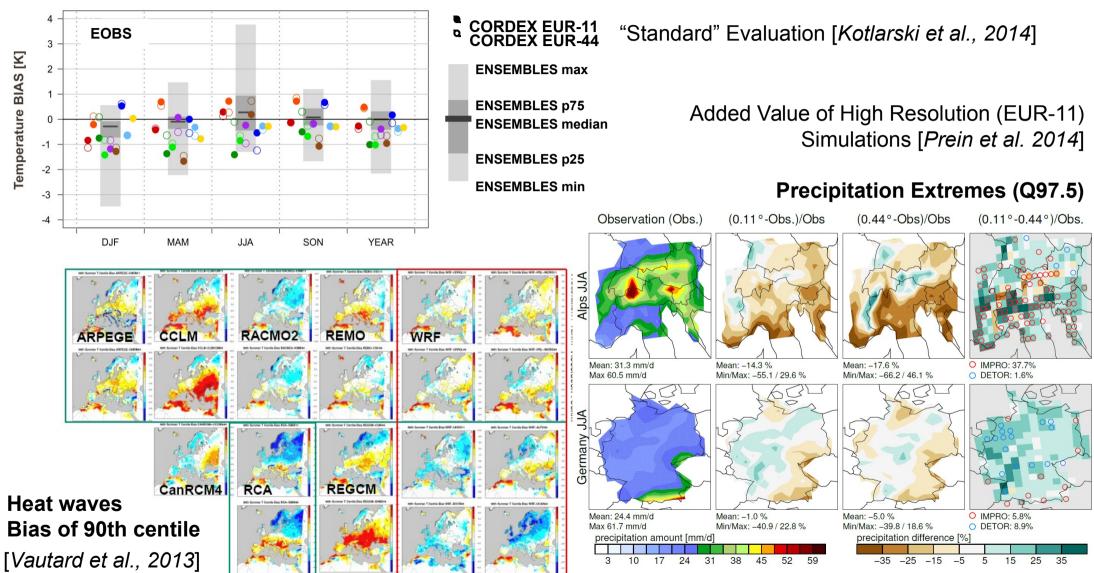
SAT-2 meeting SMHI (Sweden) 25-27 Feb., 2015



- International Project Office for CORDEX (IPOC) hosted at SMHI since January 2015 (E. O'Rourke Head).
- CORDEX archiving coordinated by IS-ENES
- Regional points of contact (POCs), 2-3 per region

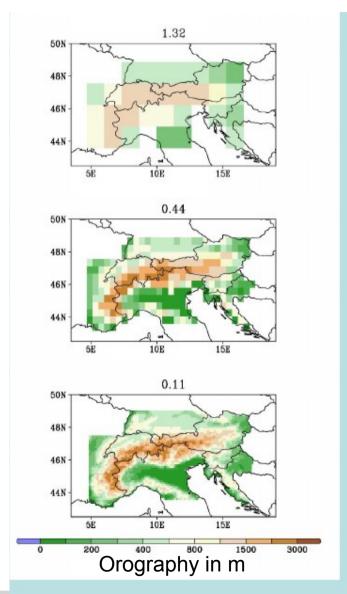
Evaluation of hindcasts RCM multi-model ensemble evaluation





A study of added value using EURO-CORDEX and Med-CORDEX data



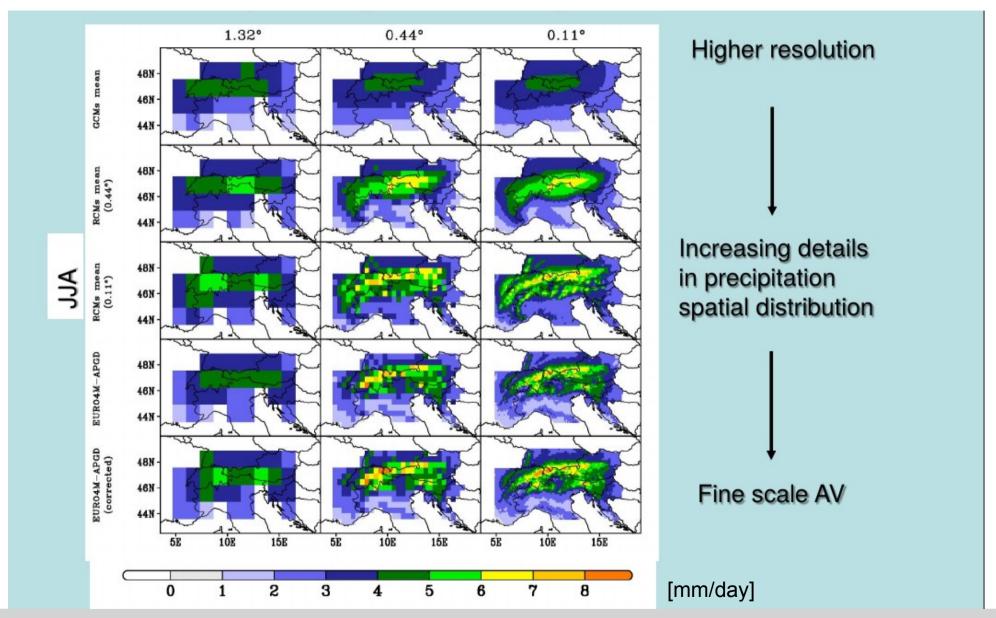


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Horizontal resolutions: 1.32°, 0.44° and 0.11° GCMs: RCMs: MPI-ES-MR CCLM **EC-EARTH** RACMO CNRM-CM5 ALADIN RegCM4.3 HadGEM-ES RCA4 Reference period: 1975-2004 **Future period**: 2070-2099 Observational data: EURO4M-APGD (Isotta et al., 2014) Torma et al. (2015) JGR



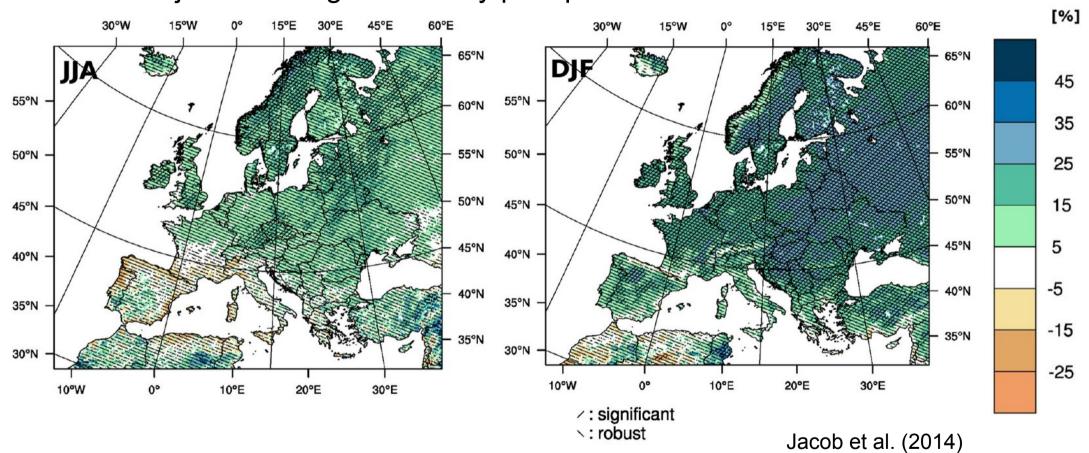
Simulation of spatial precipitation patterns



Change in heavy precipitation



RCP8.5: Projected changes of heavy precipitation 2071–2100 vs. 1971–2000



- Up to 45 % increase in large areas in winter in Northern and Eastern Europe
- no decrease besides isolated regions in Southern Europe (mostly along coastlines)



CORDEX – Flagship Pilot Studies

Effects of regional forcings
Land-use change
Urbanization
Aerosols



Intercomparison of different downscaling techniques

(e.g. RCM, ESD)

Modeling (Added Value)
at multiple scales, down
to cloud resolving.

Model development

Availability/production of high quality, high resolution, multiple variable observations

Interactions with other WCRP projects (e.g. GEWEX)

Relevance for VIA and adaptation/policy applications
Distillation of actionable information

Production of large ensembles for uncertainty characterization

Development of coupled Regional Earth System Models (RESMs)

Study of phenomena relevant for regional climate and impacts through targeted experiments (e.g MCS, TC, extremes, monsoon)

Thank you for your attention!



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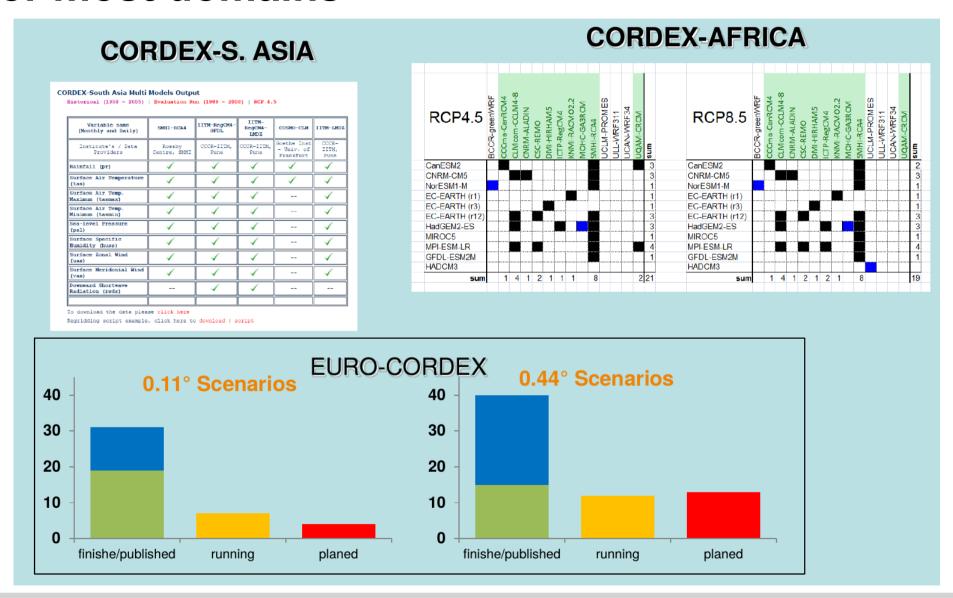
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Ensembles of projections are available for most domains







Plans for CORDEX 2

- Flexible resolution for standard domains
 - $-dx = 12.5 \text{ km}, \frac{25 \text{ km}}{50 \text{ km}}$, 50 km (higher for some regions?)
- CMIP6 (+ CMIP5?) driving GCMs
 - RCP8.5, RCP4.5, RCP2.6
- Flagship Pilot Studies
 - Proposals to be elicited from the regional communities
 - Procedure/criteria for endorsement of FPS to be designed
 - Consistent framework across FPSs
- Better integration of statistical downscaling
- ESGF framework for data storage and provision
- More emphasis on process-based model assessment and development
- Third CORDEX Conference, Stockholm, 17-20 May 2016



Emerging scientific challenges

Added value

Internal variability & added value as functions of scale; Very high resolution modeling; Bias correction uncertainties and consistency

Human element

Coupling of regional climate and urban development (e.g. coastal megacities); Land use change; Aerosol effects.

Coordination of regional coupled modelling

Ocean-ice-atmosphere; Lakes; Dynamic land surface; Natural fires; Atmospheric chemistry; Carbon cycle; Aerosols; Marine biogeochemistry

Precipitation

Extremes; Convective systems; Coastal storm systems; MJO/Monsoon

Local wind systems

Wind storms; Strong regional winds; Wind energy

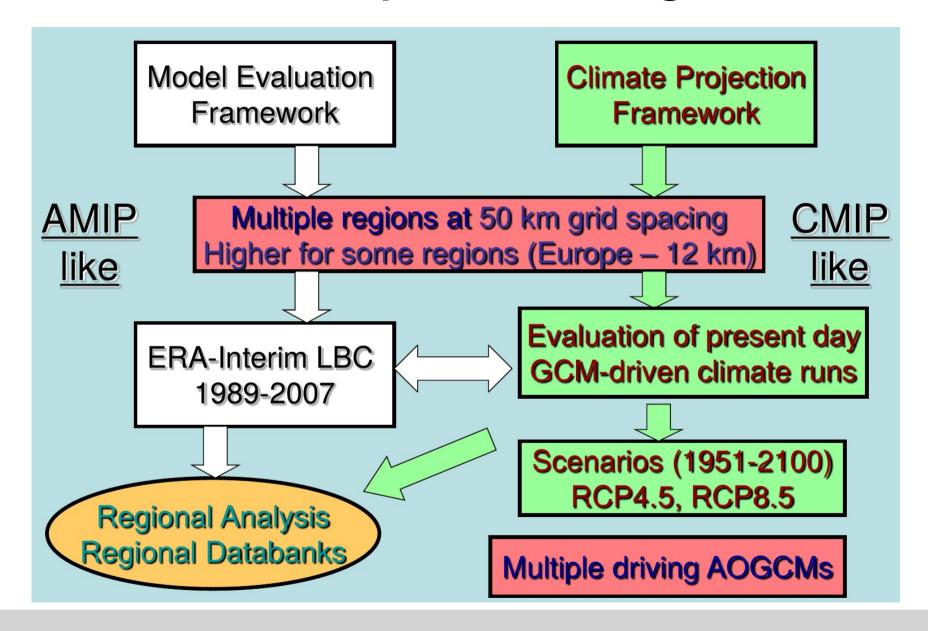


Some CORDEX history

- Initial discussions across the downscaling community (mostly RCM),
 Toulouse 2009
- Establishment by the WCRP of the Task Force on Regional Climate Downscaling, TFRCD (2010)
- Design of Phase I CORDEX framework (Giorgi et al. 2009; Jones et al. 2011) and first CORDEX Conference (Trieste 2011)
- Establishment by the WCRP of the Science Advisory Team, SAT (2012)
- Second PAN-CORDEX conference ICRC-CORDEX 2013, Brussels, 2013.
 - → More than 400 abstracts presented, > 500 participants.
- Establishment by WCRP of the Working Group on Regional Climate, WGRC (2013).



CORDEX Phase I experiment design





EURO-CORDEX 2

European decadal variability and the regional forcing

Very high resolution

Investigating the uncertainty in European climate change information