

TAVOLO NAZIONALE DI COORDINAMENTO NEL SETTORE
DELL'AGROMETEOROLOGIA

Incontro tematico

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Le previsioni stagionali del
Centro Euro-Mediterraneo
sui Cambiamenti Climatici:
uno sguardo al futuro e al
passato



Come sfruttare al meglio le informazioni prodotte dalle previsioni stagionali per migliorare la gestione delle pratiche agricole e limitare le ripercussioni dei cambiamenti climatici in agricoltura?

L'incontro sarà l'occasione per approfondire il tema e presentare le previsioni stagionali per i prossimi mesi, prodotte dal CMCC. Verrà, inoltre, illustrato un confronto tra il segnale rilevato dalle previsioni stagionali per la stagione estiva dello scorso anno e i dati osservati a diverse scale spaziali.

Previsioni stagionali CMCC: primavera/estate 2022 e inverno/primavera 2023

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Outline

The main objective of this talk is to provide a (quick) overview of the past seasonal forecasts (spring/summer 2022) and of the coming seasons (winter/spring 2023).

- 1. Recap of what seasonal predictions are.**
- 2. The CMCC seasonal prediction system.**
- 3. The CMCC seasonal predictions of the drought period during past spring and summer (2022).**
- 4. The CMCC seasonal predictions of the coming seasons (winter/spring 2023).**

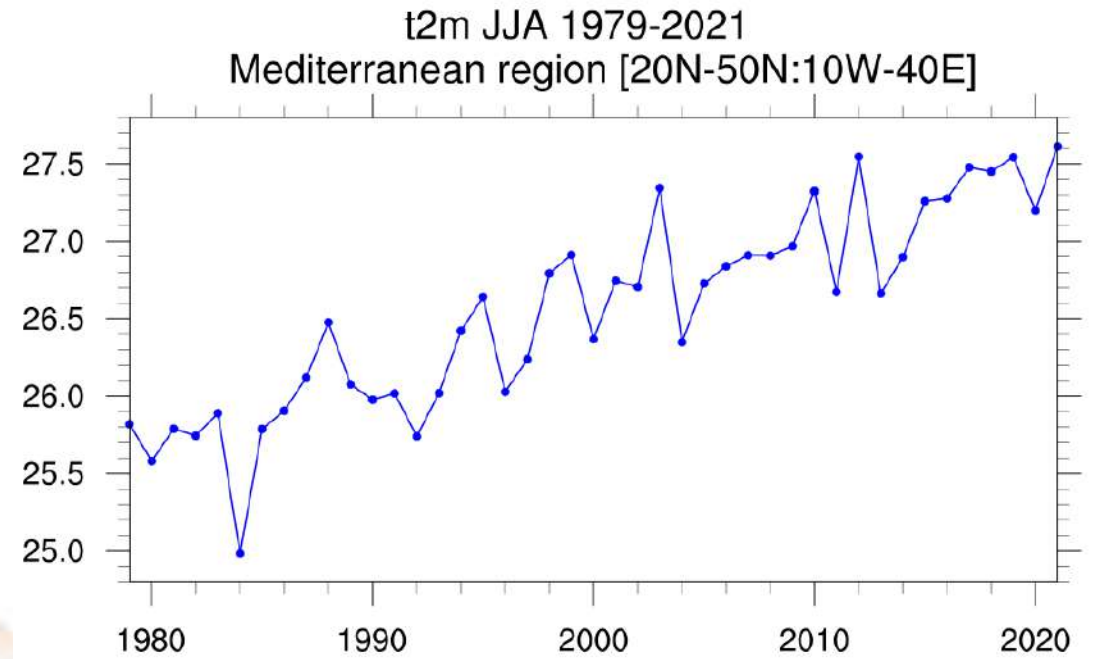
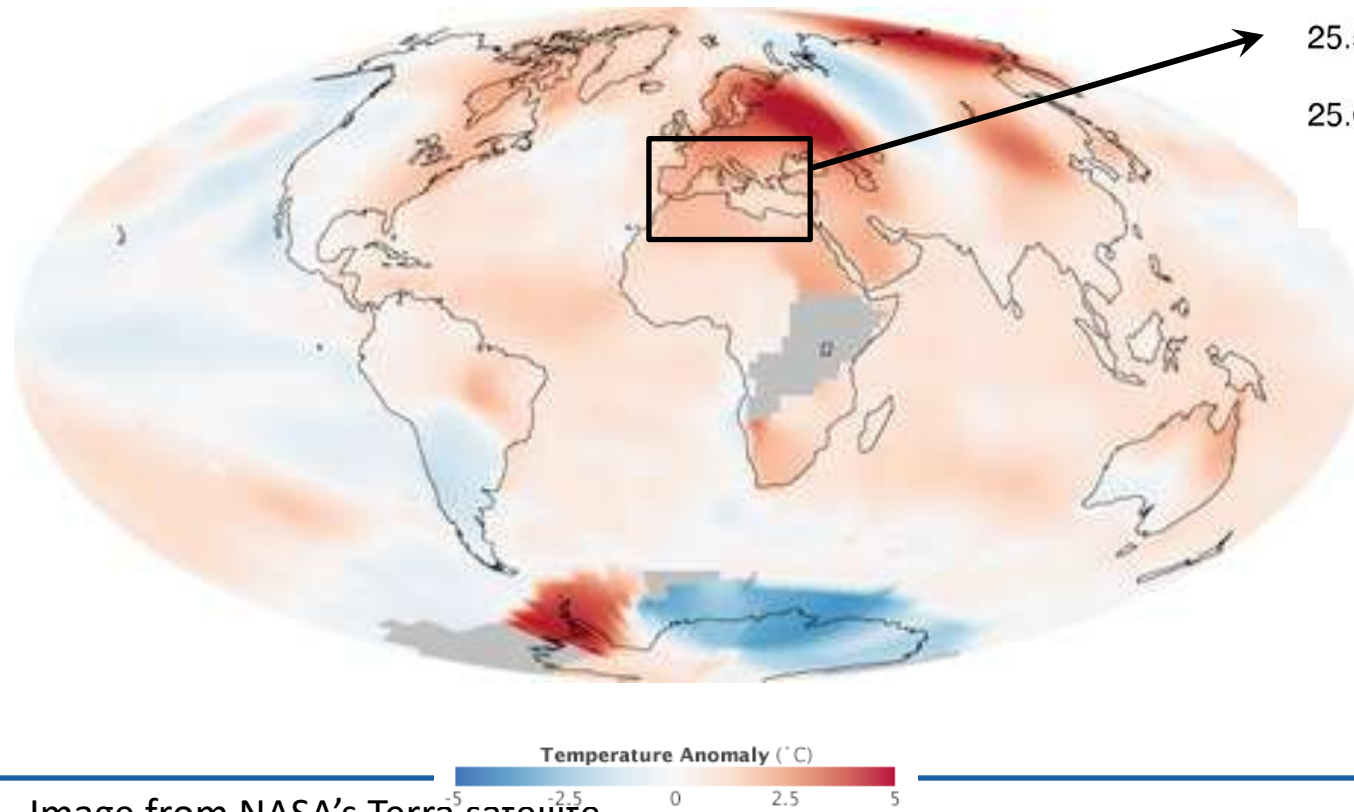


Recap



Recap

Regional Variability

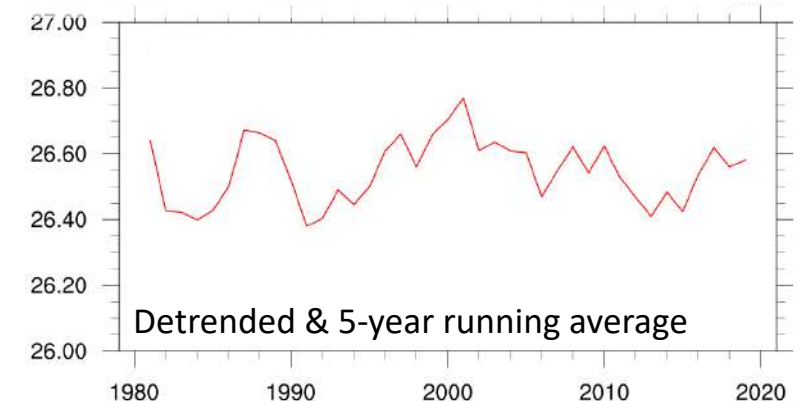
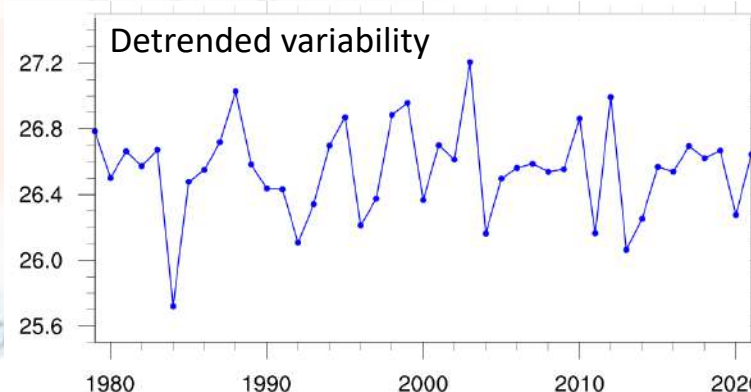
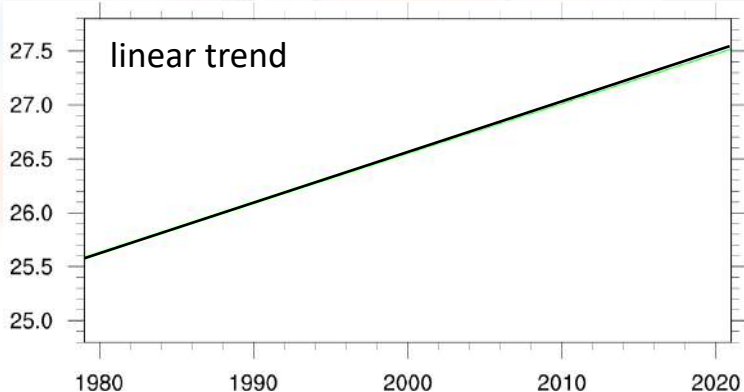


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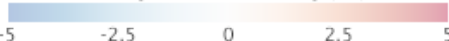
Time Scales of Variability

Are these climatic fluctuations at interannual and decadal time scales predictable?

t2m JJA 1979-2021
Mediterranean region [20N-50N:10W-40E]



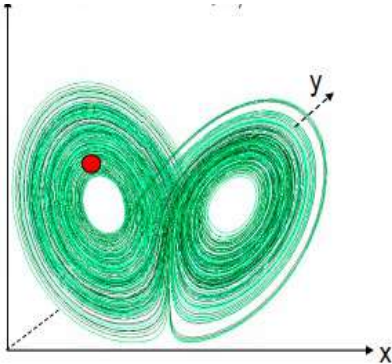
Temperature Anomaly (°C)



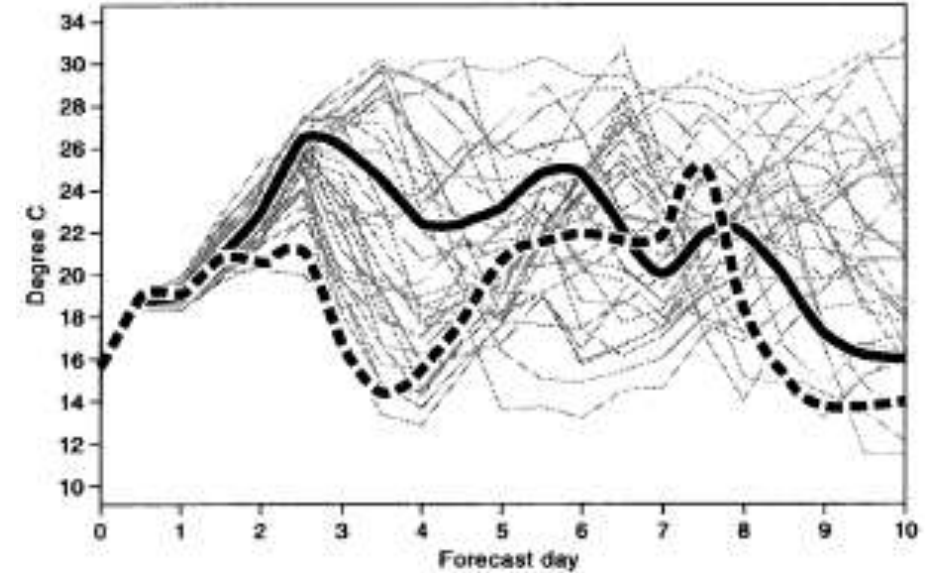
Recap

How is it possible to make climate predictions considered that weather is a chaotic system?

Edward N. Lorenz (1917–2008)



The atmosphere is a **chaotic system**: due to the strong non-linearity of the atmospheric dynamics, simulations (predictions) of the evolution of the atmosphere are very sensitive to (small) changes in their initial conditions.



Limit of deterministic predictability: given by the growth rate of the (inevitable) errors in the initial state → the atmosphere loses memory of its initial conditions after a **few days** (limit of about 10–15 days).

Predictability of the first kind (or initial value problem)

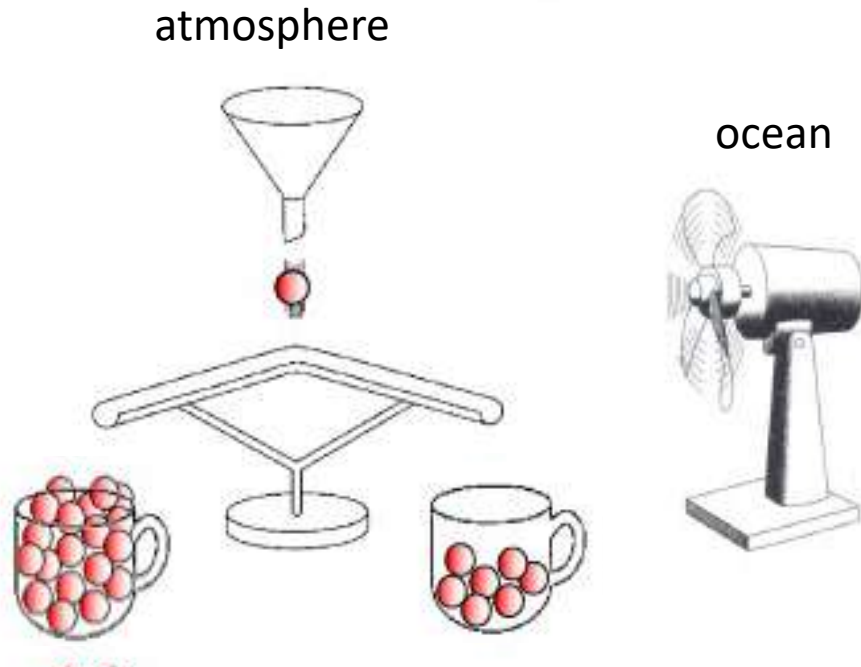
The memory of the **land-surface** (snow, soil moisture, vegetation) to initial conditions can extend **to several months**

The memory of the **ocean** to initial conditions can range **from months to (many) years**.



Recap

Ocean, land surface and sea-ice are characterised by slower dynamical processes, providing a long-term memory which leads to skill in predicting climate evolution.



(Palmer, 1998)

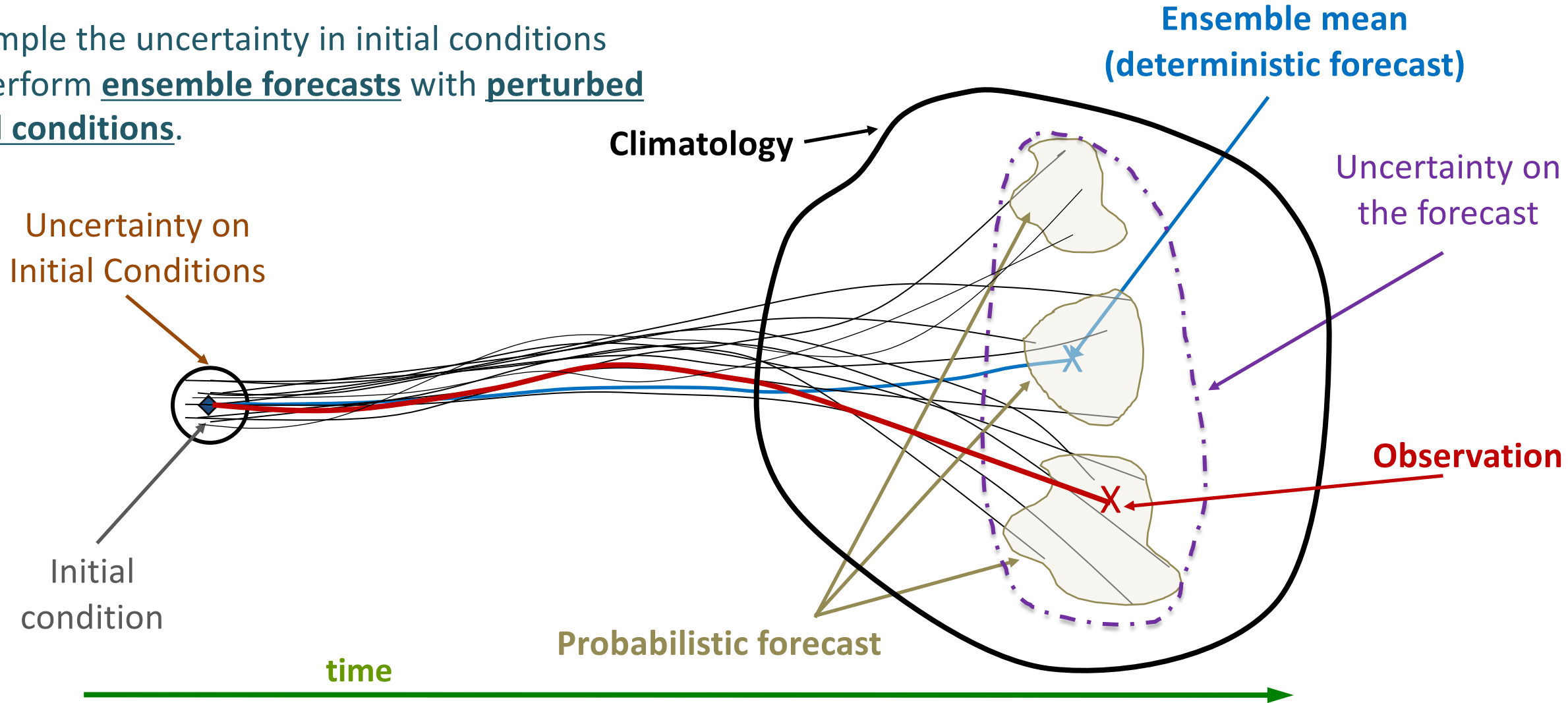
Even though **individual weather events** are not predictable beyond 10 days, the ***average weather behaviour*** (climate) may be **influenced by predictable boundary conditions** (e.g. land-surface, ocean, ...) for **several months or longer**.

Predictability of the second kind (or boundary conditions problem)



Recap

To sample the uncertainty in initial conditions we perform **ensemble forecasts** with **perturbed initial conditions**.



Readapted from Trzaska (<http://portal.iri.columbia.edu>)

The external forcing makes some state more probable than others





Recap

DJF 2021-2022 Prediction – Start date: 2021 November 1st

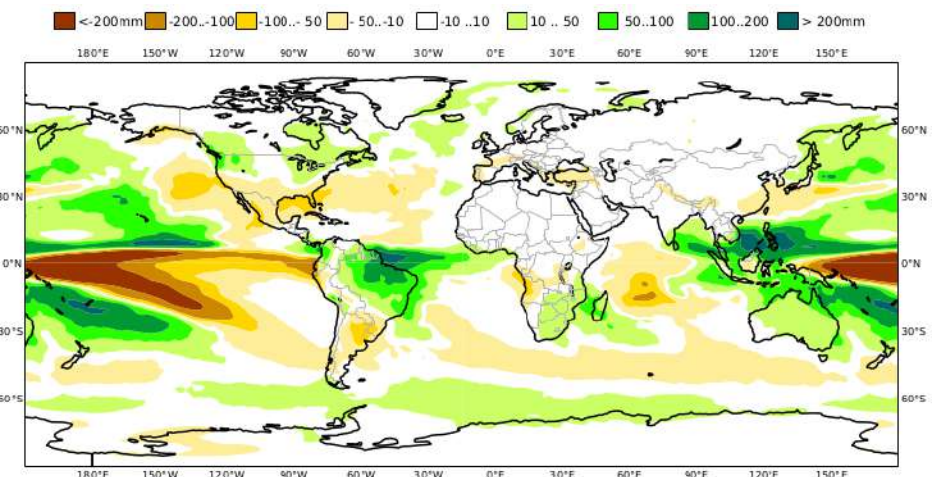
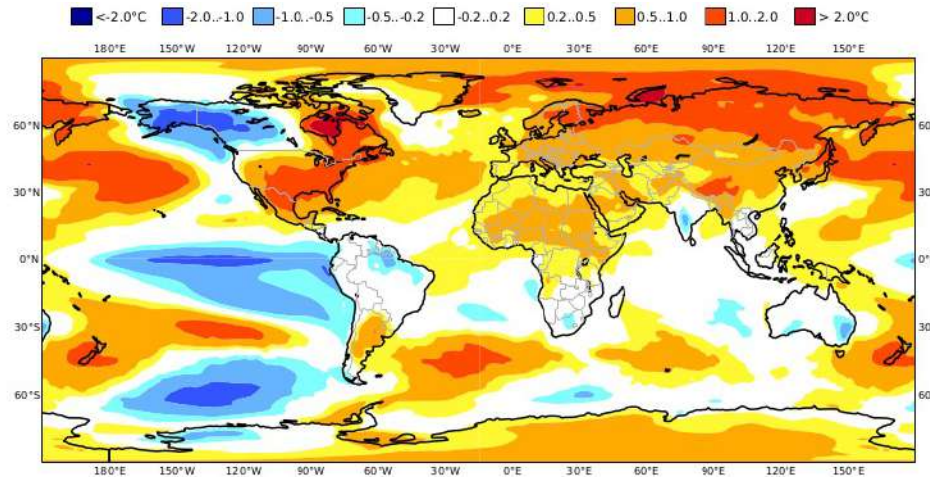
(reference period
1993–2016)

C3S multi-system
seasonal forecast

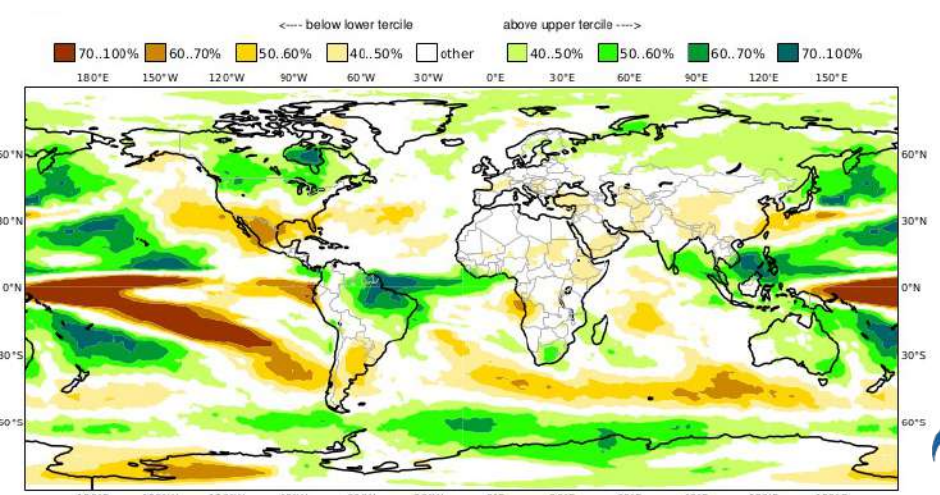
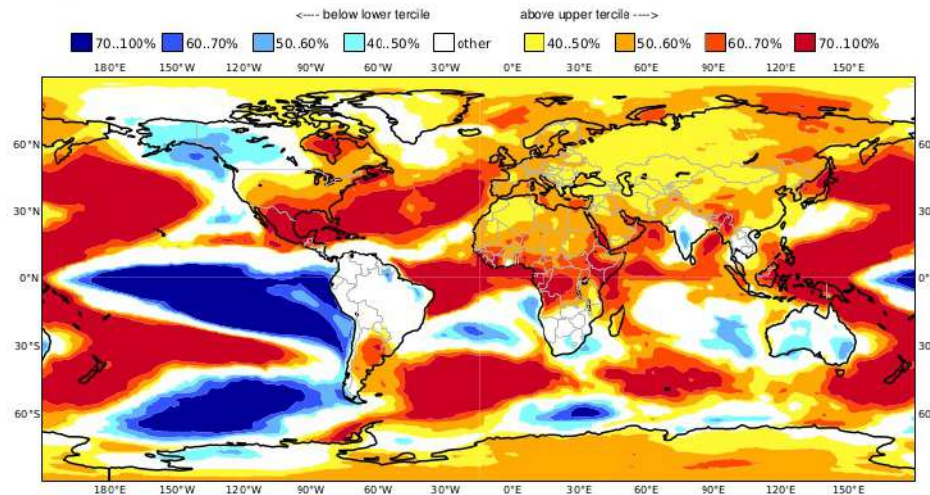
T2m

Precipitation

**DJF mean
anomaly**



**DJF
probabilistic
forecast**



The CMCC seasonal prediction system



CMCC in the seasonal prediction system

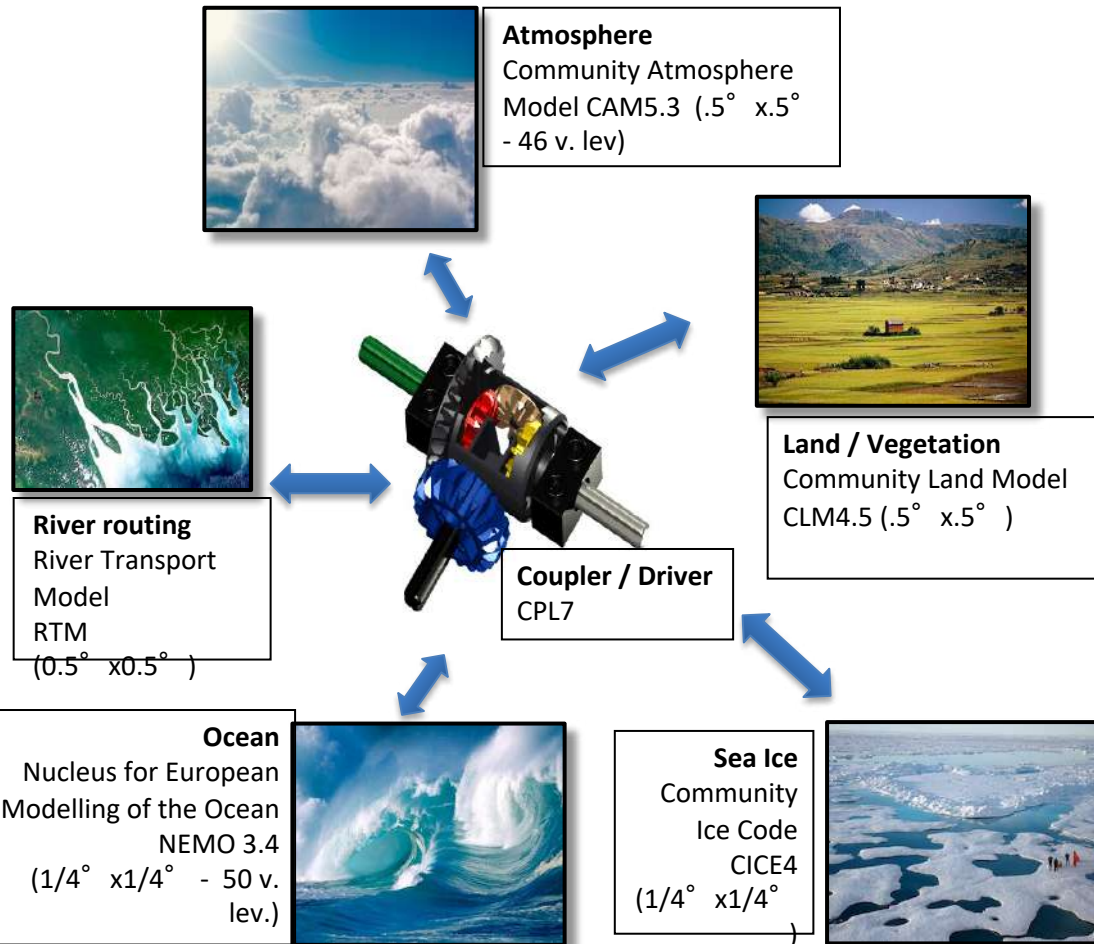
CMCC in the seasonal forecasting field

- CMCC has been actively **involved in experimental seasonal forecasting over the past 20 years** (e.g., EU Projects DEMETER 1999-2003; MERSEA 2003-2007; ENSEMBLES 2004-2009; CLIMAFRICA 2010-2014).
- Since January 2013, CMCC produces **seasonal forecasts operationally**: every month a seasonal forecast of the next 6 months is issued.
- Since June 2013, CMCC contributes to the **Mediterranean Outlook Forum** (MedCOF, member of the Governing Board).
- Since April 2014, CMCC contributes to the **APCC multi-model ensemble seasonal forecasting** (www.apcc21.org/eng/index.jsp).
- Since January 2016, CMCC contributes to the **Pre–Operational Phase of the Copernicus C3S multi–model ensemble seasonal forecast system**.
- Since April 2018, CMCC contributes to the **Operational Phase of the Copernicus C3S multi–model ensemble seasonal forecast system** (climate.copernicus.eu/seasonal-forecasts).
- Since June 2021, CMCC contributes to the **WMO Lead Centre for Long–Range Forecasts Multi–Model Ensemble** (www.wmolc.org).

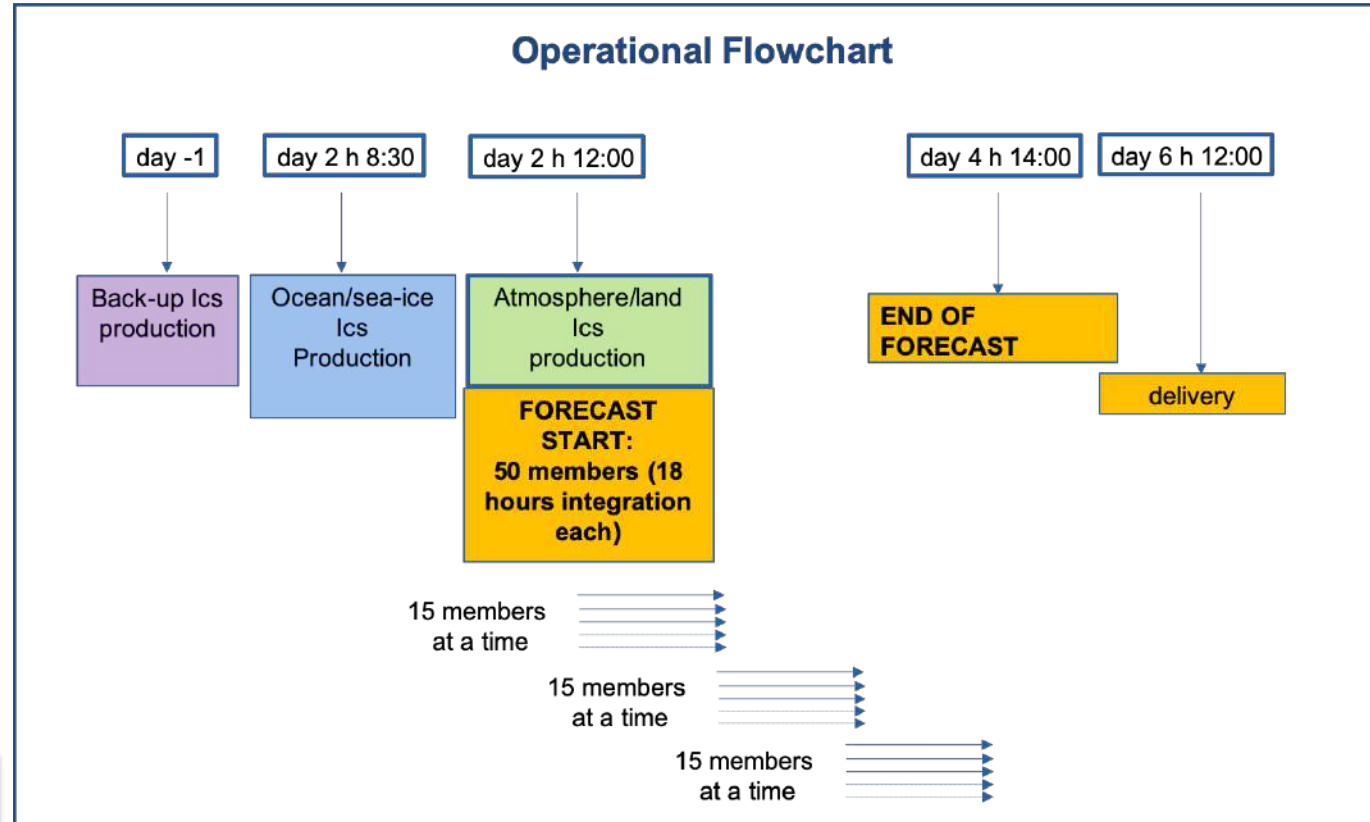


CMCC in the seasonal prediction system

The model



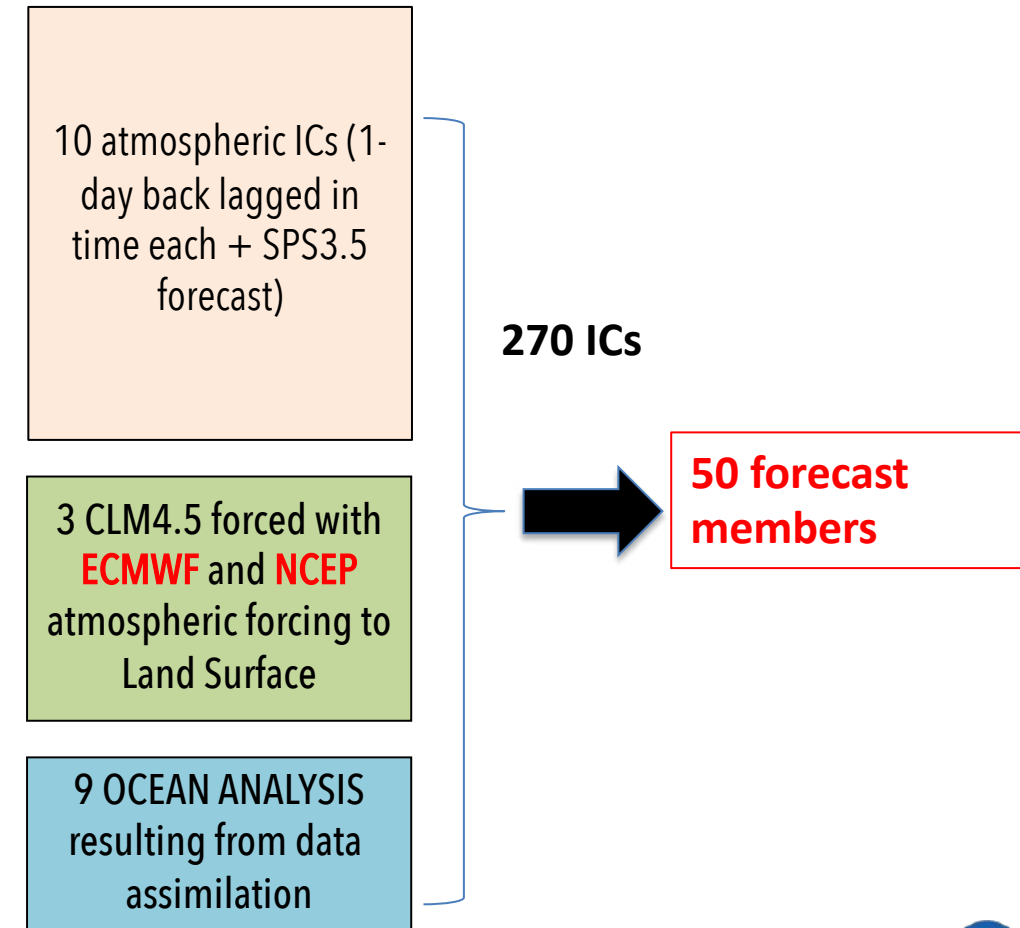
The workflow



CMCC in the seasonal prediction system: **the initial conditions**

Initial Condition Perturbations → Ensemble Forecasts

- The initial condition (I.C.) for the forecasts are created from a **larger set of initial conditions obtained by combining different ocean, atmosphere and land states**.
- **Ten (10) atmospheric I.C.s** are prepared starting from 1-day back lagged in time atmospheric states provided by ECMWF (10 EDA analyses), interpolated to the CAM grid and integrated in time in the SPS3.5 system up to the actual forecast start-date (1st of the month, h: 00:00).
- **Three (3) land state I.C.s** are obtained from the land analyses performed with CLM forced with atmospheric fields from different analyses (ECMWF, NCEP, F(ECMWF,NCEP))
- **Perturbed ocean I.C.s are created by generating nine (9) reanalyses** through perturbation of the ocean observations (in the analysis step), perturbation of atmospheric forcing and introduction of stochastic physics, in the forecast step.



CMCC in the seasonal prediction system: **the skill**

T2m ACC

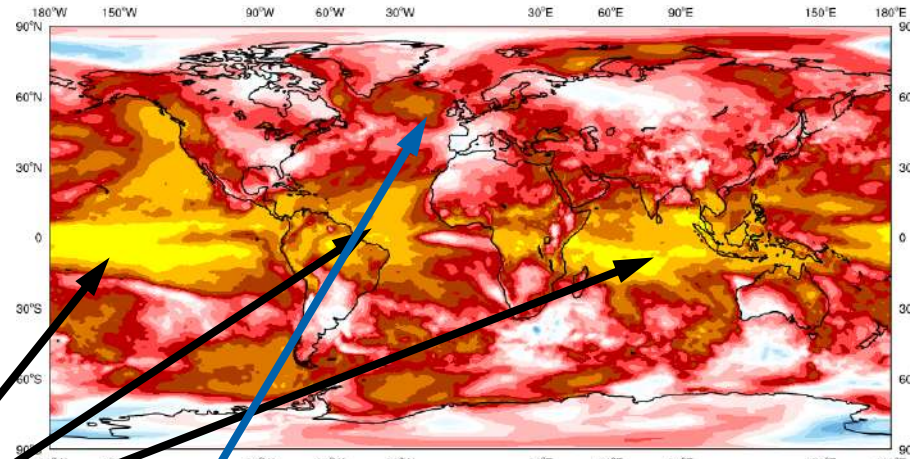
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Lead season 1

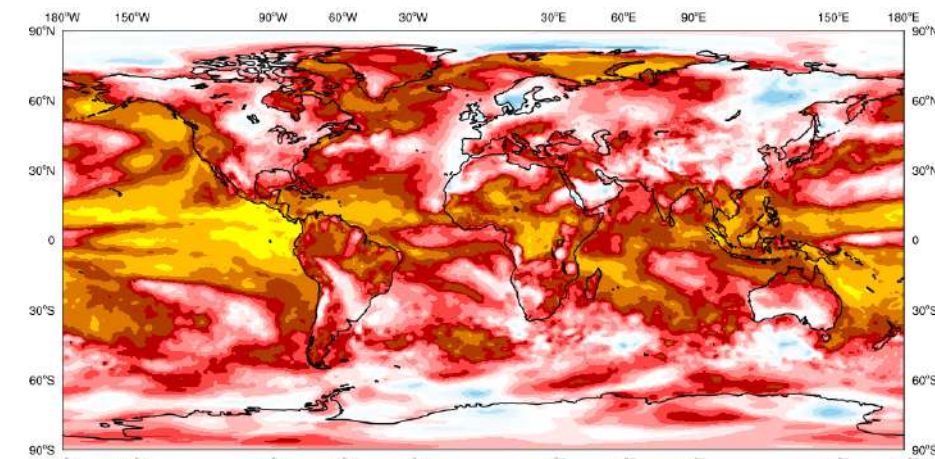
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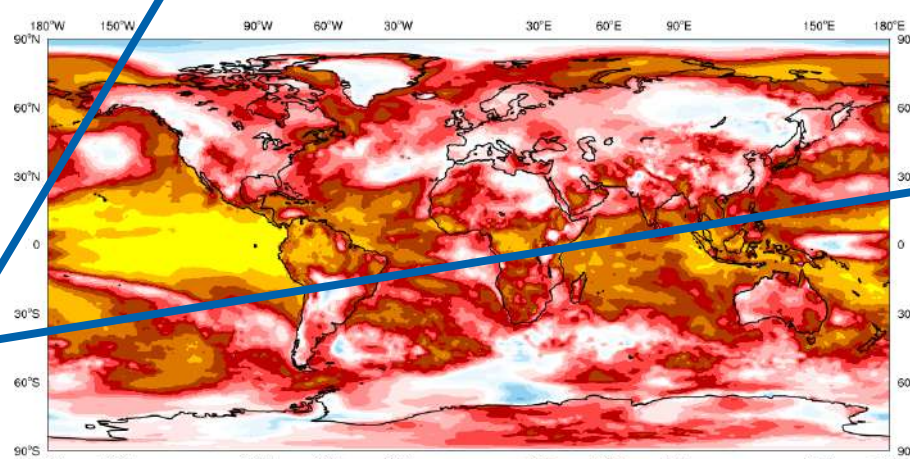
Feb 1st → MAM



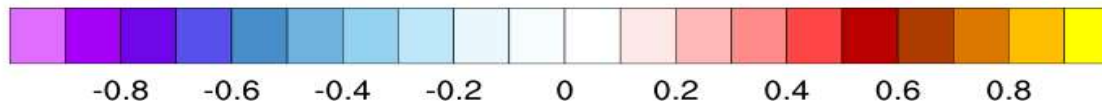
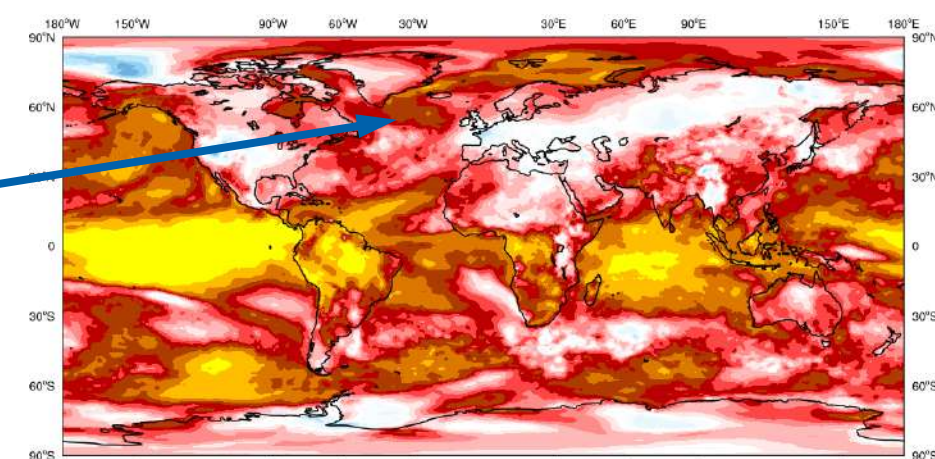
May 1st → JJA



Aug 1st → SON



Nov 1st → DJF



CMCC in the seasonal prediction system: **the skill**

Precip ACC

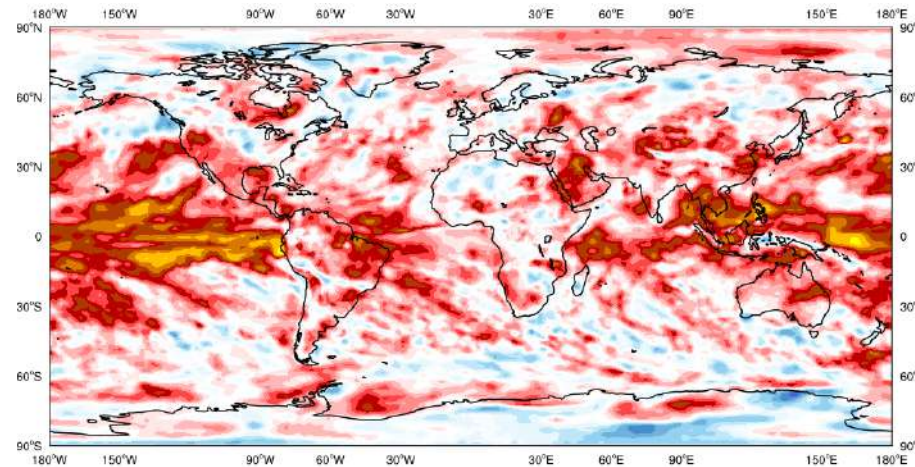
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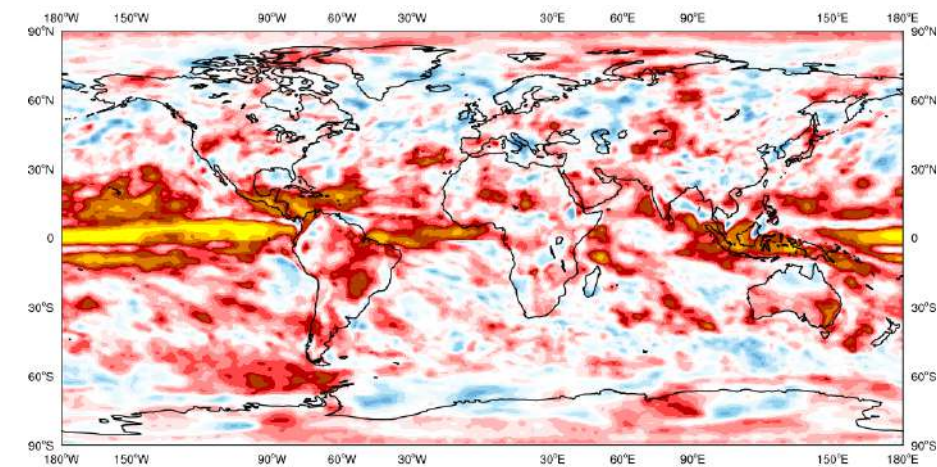
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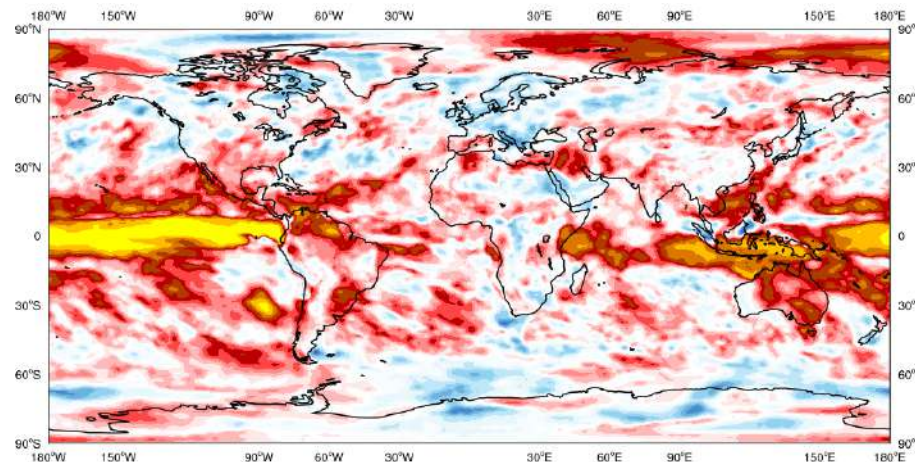
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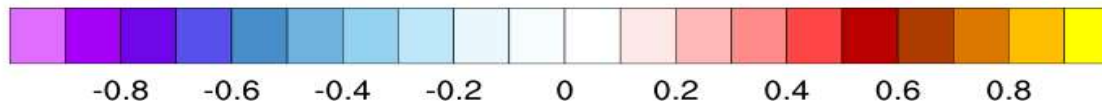
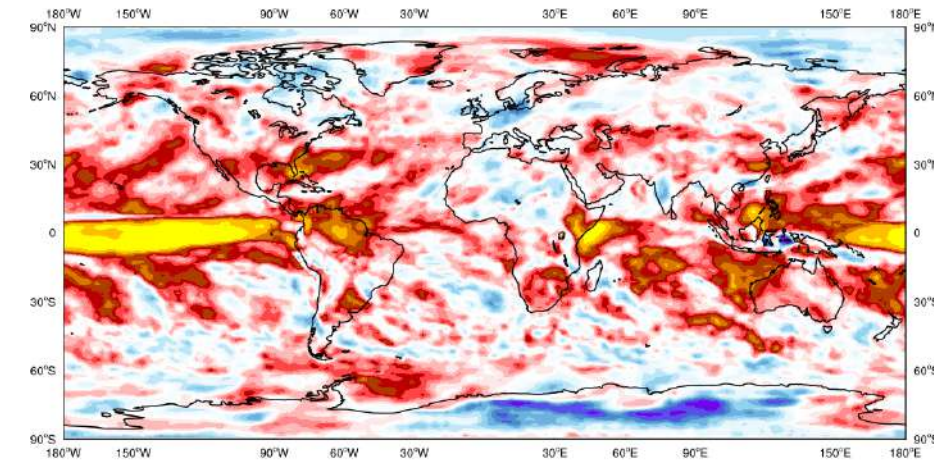
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CMCC in the seasonal prediction system: **the skill**

DJF Forecasts
initialised on
November 1st

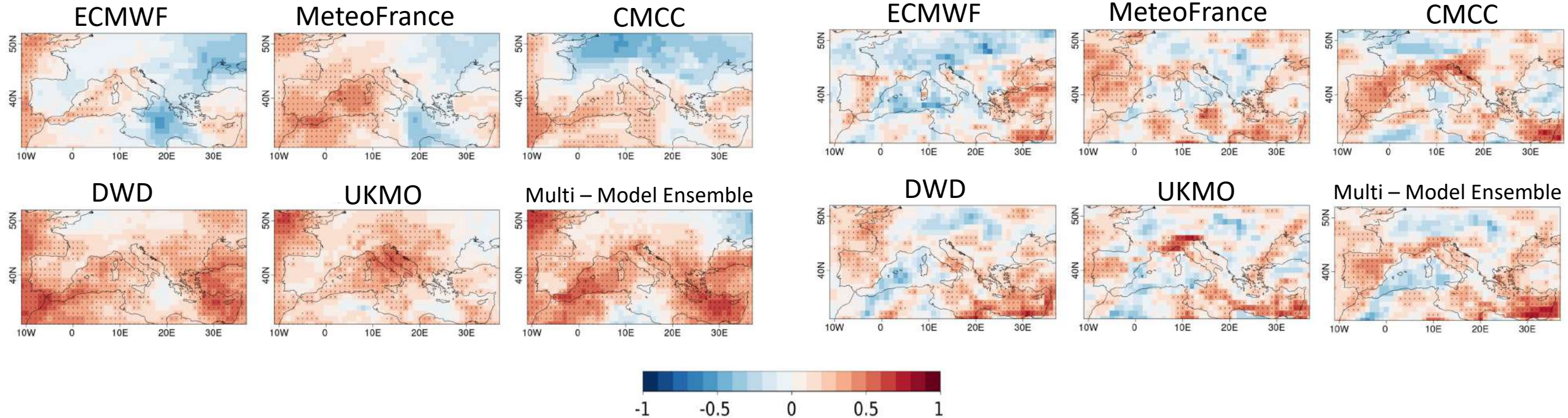
C3S multi-system
(5 prediction systems)



Anomaly Correlation Coefficients
with respect to ERA5, 1993 – 2014

2m-Temperature

Precipitation



Stippling = significant correlations (95% confidence level).

Modified from Calì Quaglia et al. 2021



CMCC in the seasonal prediction system: **the skill**

JJA Forecasts
initialised on
May 1st

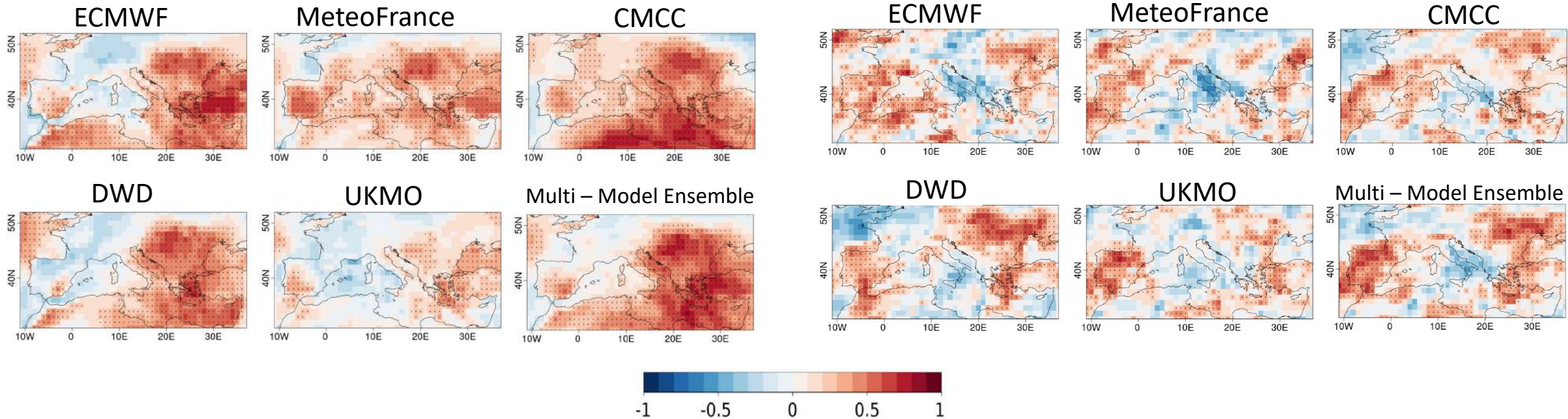
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NDJ Forecasts initialised
on **Nov 1st**

Relative Operating Characteristic (ROC)
with respect to ERA5, 1993 – 2014

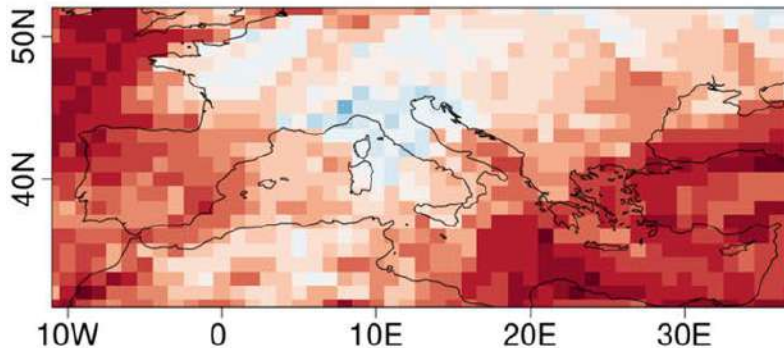
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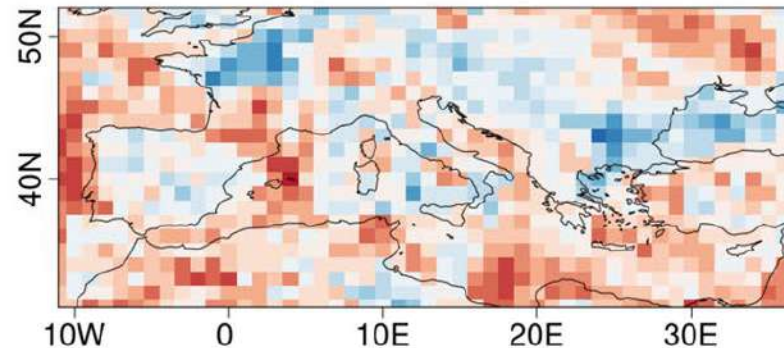
ROC area maps for the Multi-Model Ensemble T2m anomaly winter forecasts at lead time 0, starting date November 1st and for the three terciles: below normal, near normal, above normal.

2m-Temperature

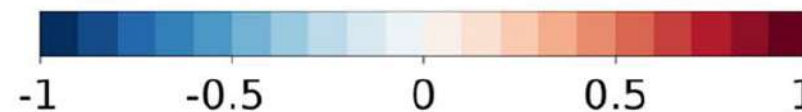
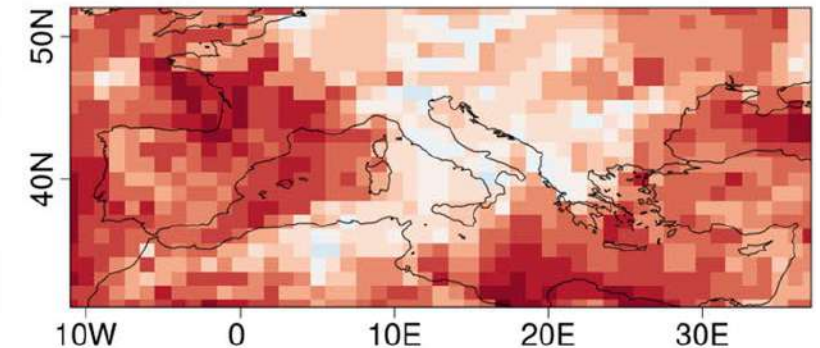
(a) Below Normal



(b) Near Normal



(c) Above Normal



AUCSS

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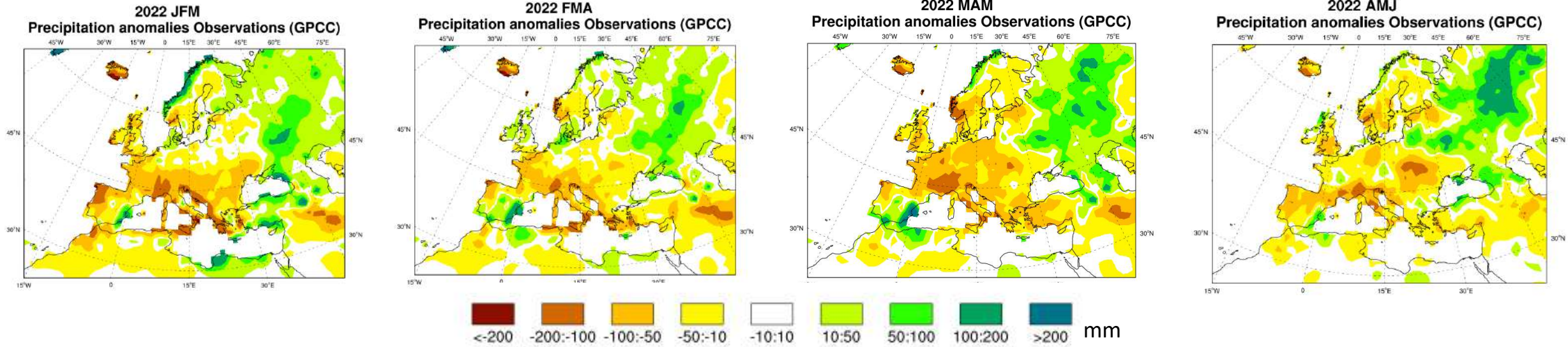


spring/summer 2022

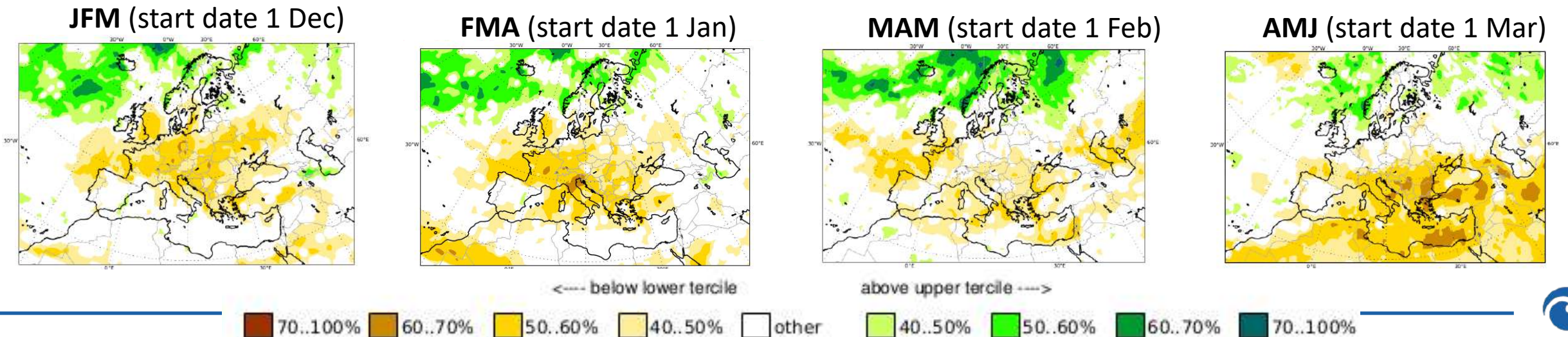


Drought spring/summer 2022

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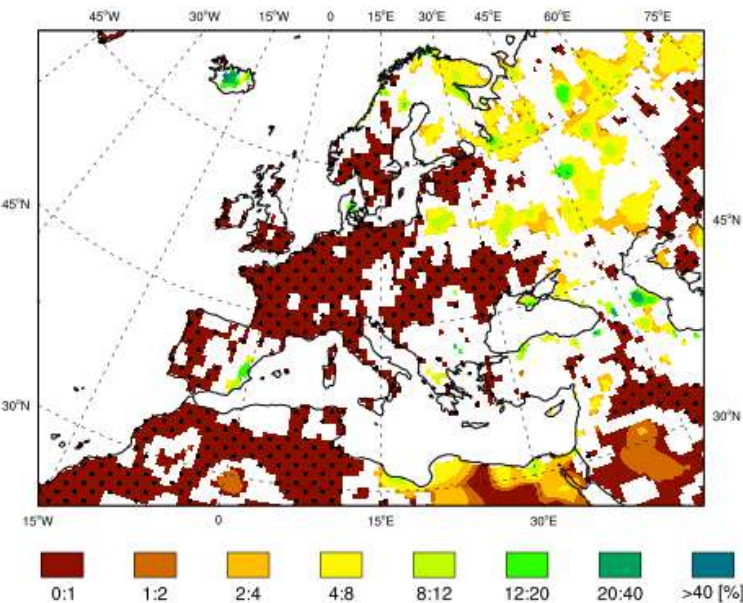


Precipitation forecast: Probability (most likely category of precipitation)

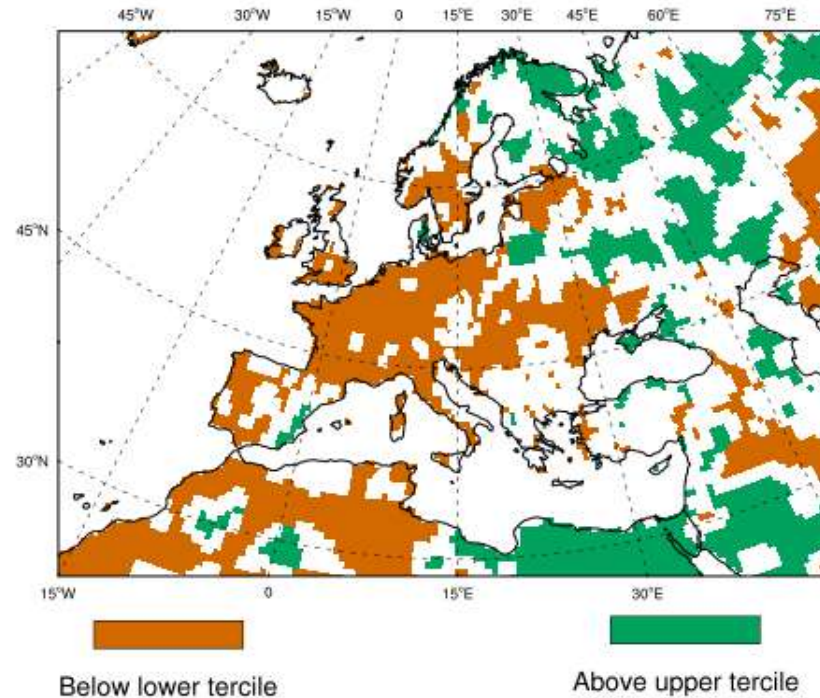


Soil moisture evaluation 2022 JJA

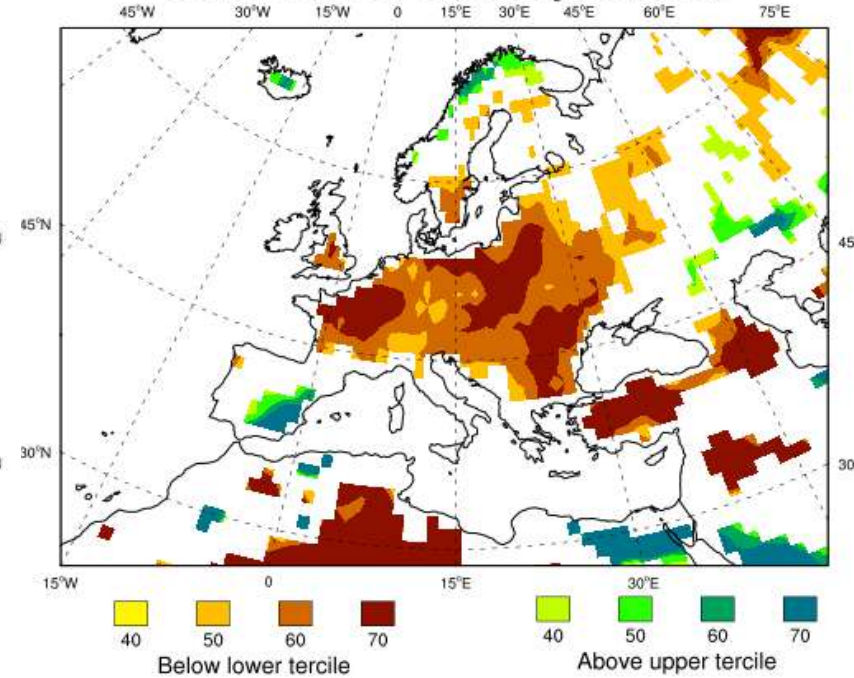
2022 JJA
Soil Moisture Observations



2022 JJA
Soil Moisture Occurrence in observations



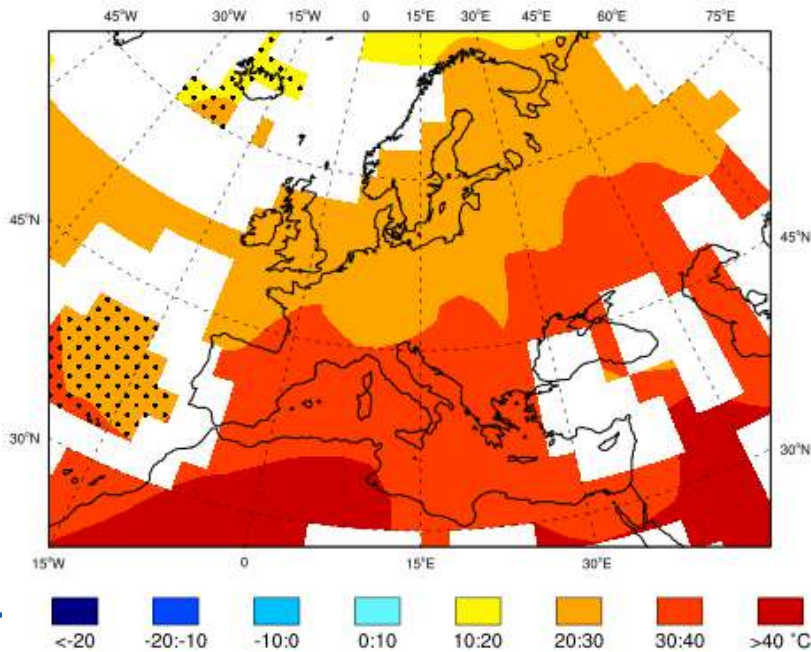
2022-05 lead1(JJA)
Soil moisture Probability Forecast



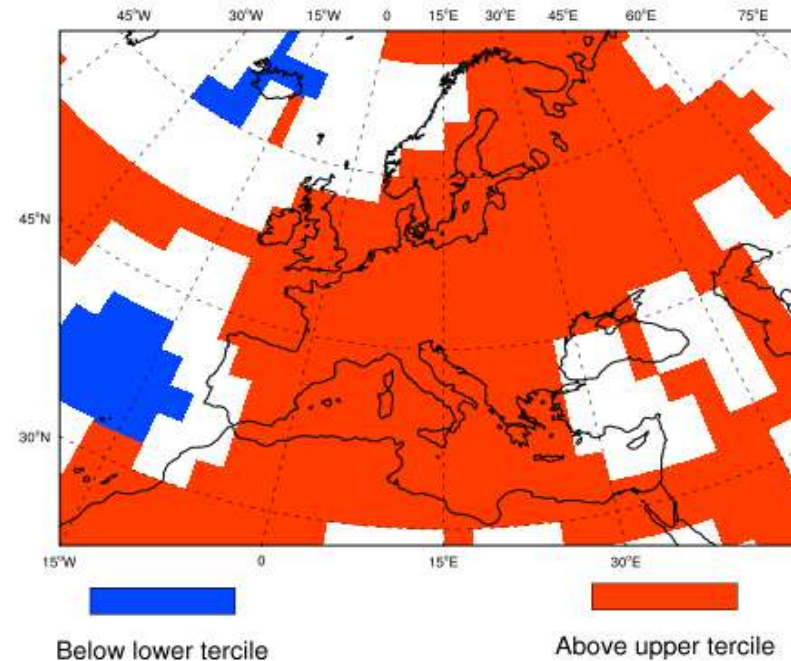
Probability: most likely category

2m Temp. evaluation 2022 JJA

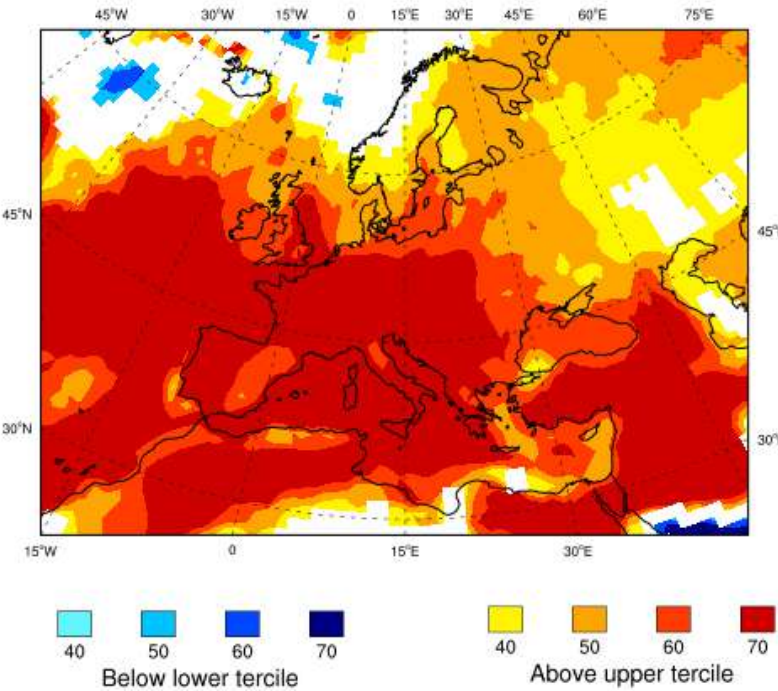
2022 JJA
2 m Temperature Observations



2022 JJA 2m Temperature
occurrence in observations



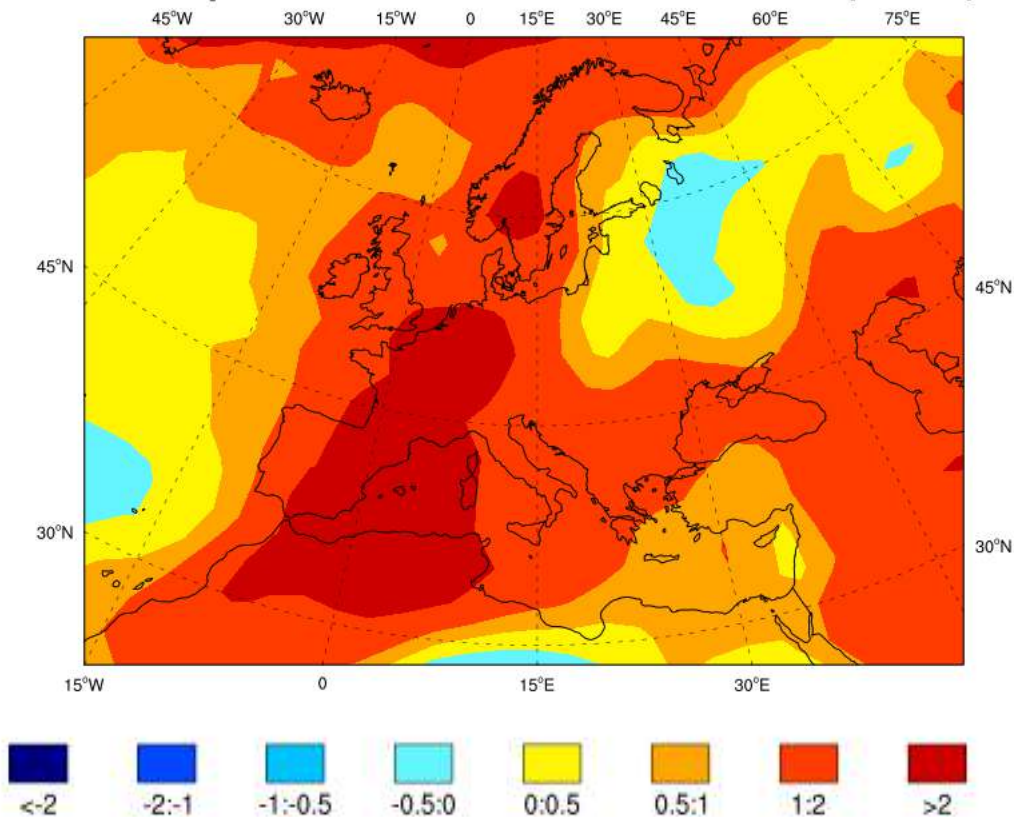
2022-05 lead (JJA) 2m
Temperature probability **forecast**



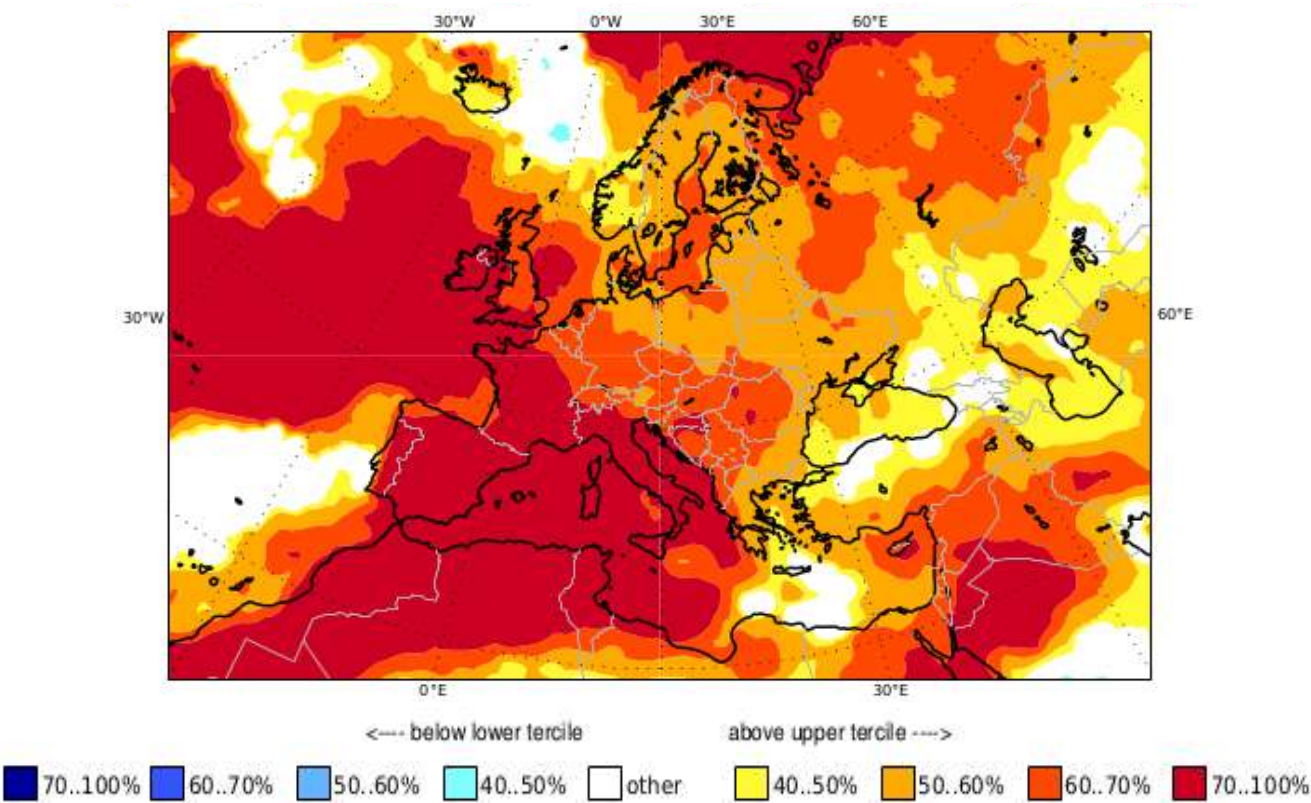
Probability: most likely category



2022 SON
2m temperature anomalies Observations (NCEP)



2022 SON
2m temperature **Forecast** (start date 1 Aug)

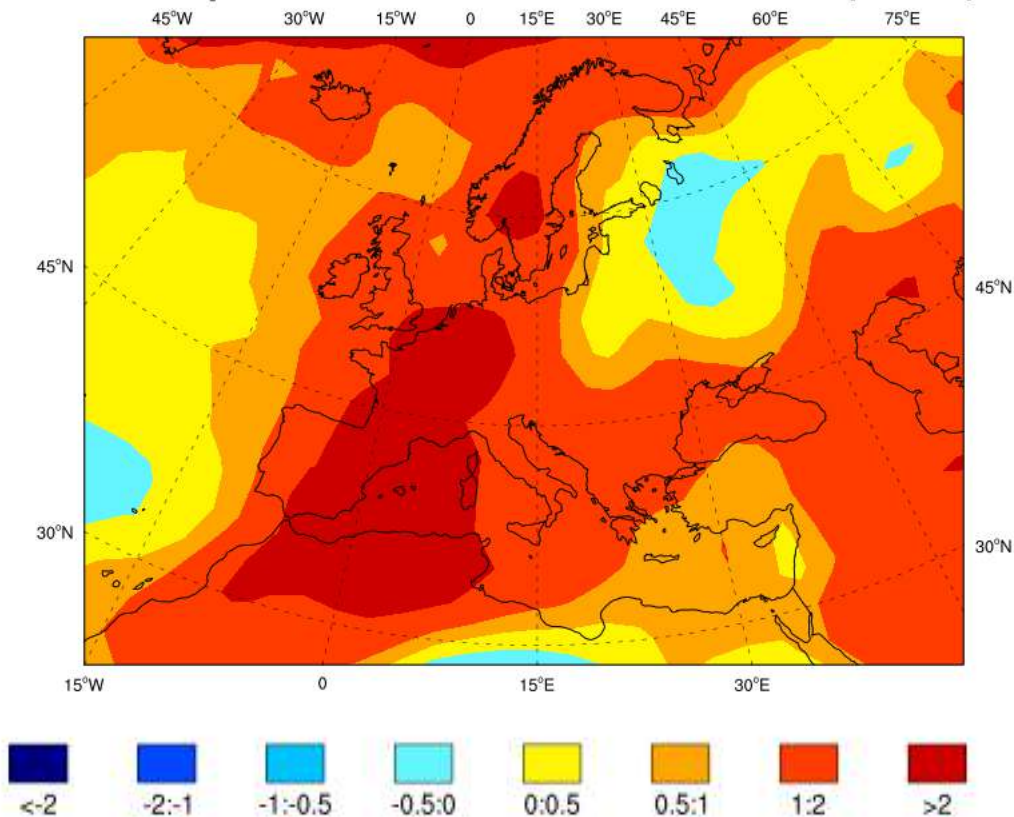


Probability: most likely category of 2mT

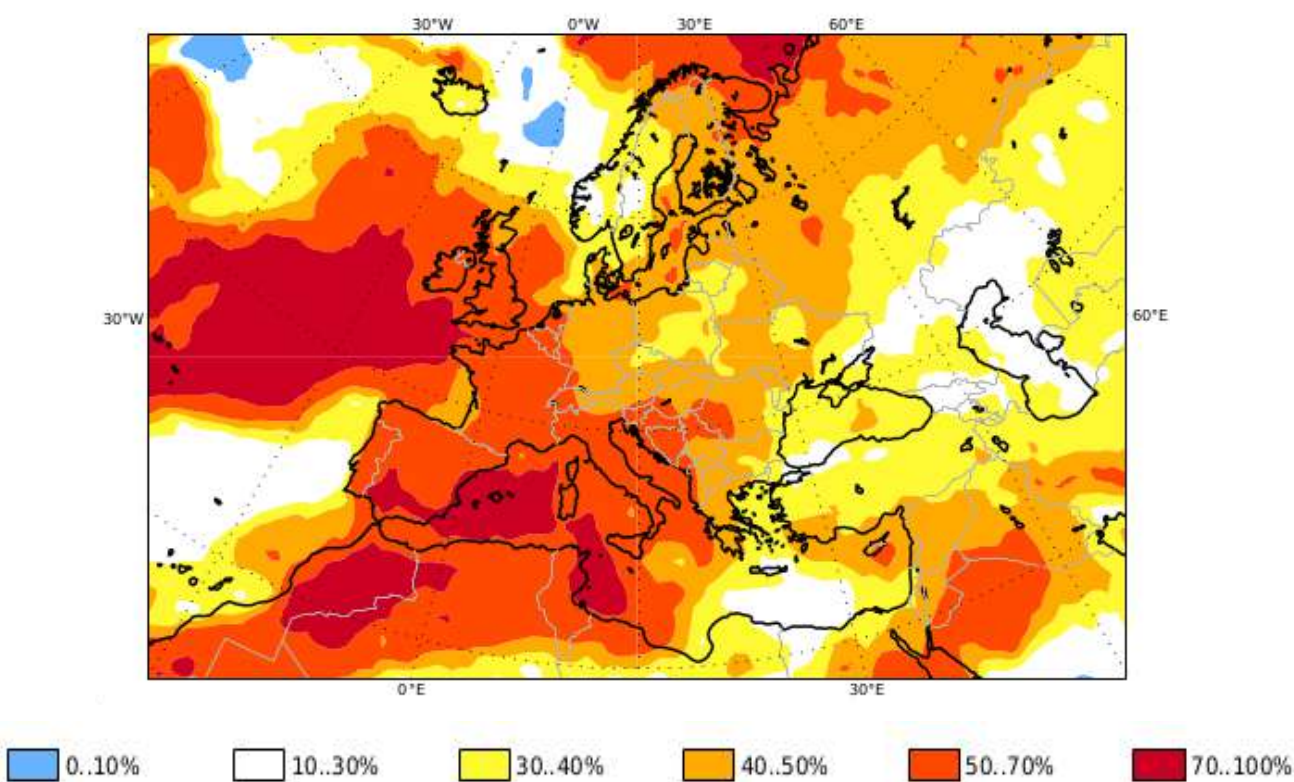




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2m temperature **Forecast** (start date 1 Aug)



Probability: highest 20% of climatology of 2mT

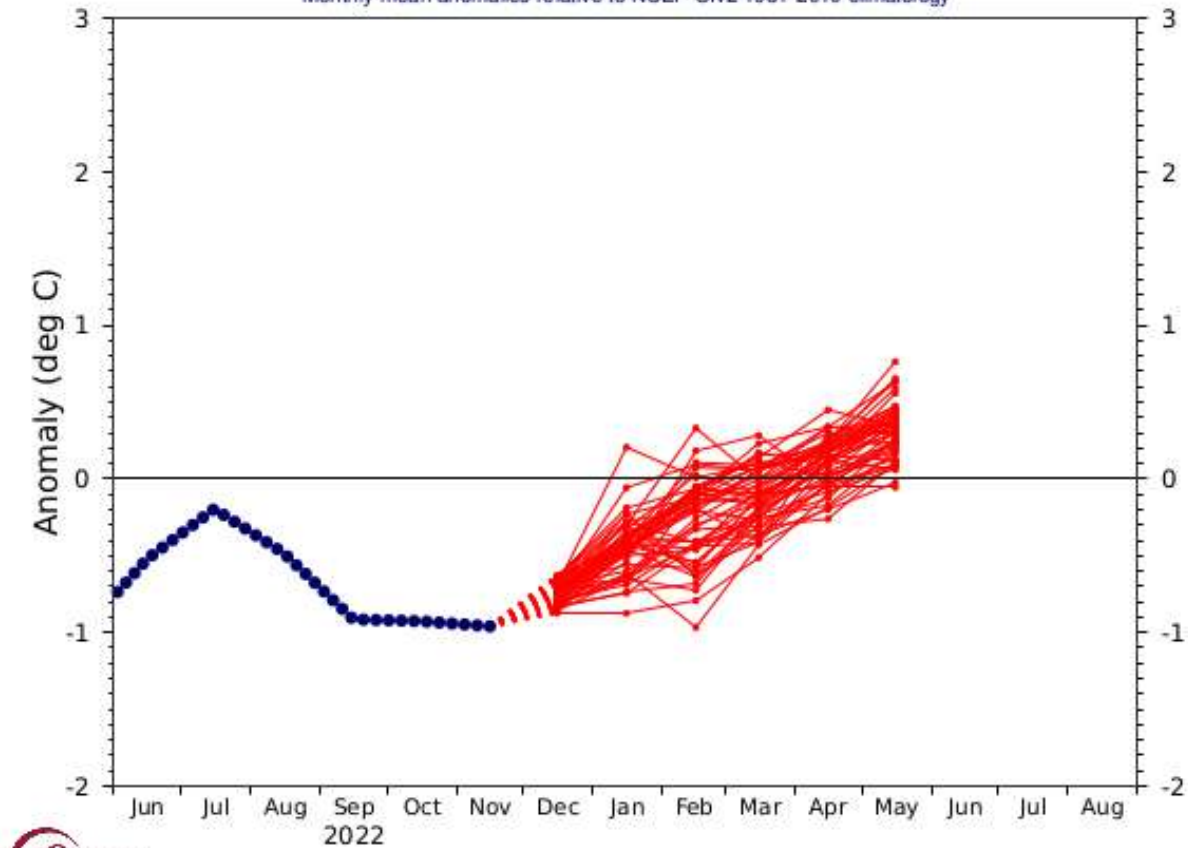


winter/spring 2023



Forecast winter/spring 2023 – start date 01 Dec 2022

NINO3 SST anomaly plume
C3S: CMCC contribution from 1 Dec 2022
Monthly mean anomalies relative to NCEP OIv2 1981-2010 climatology

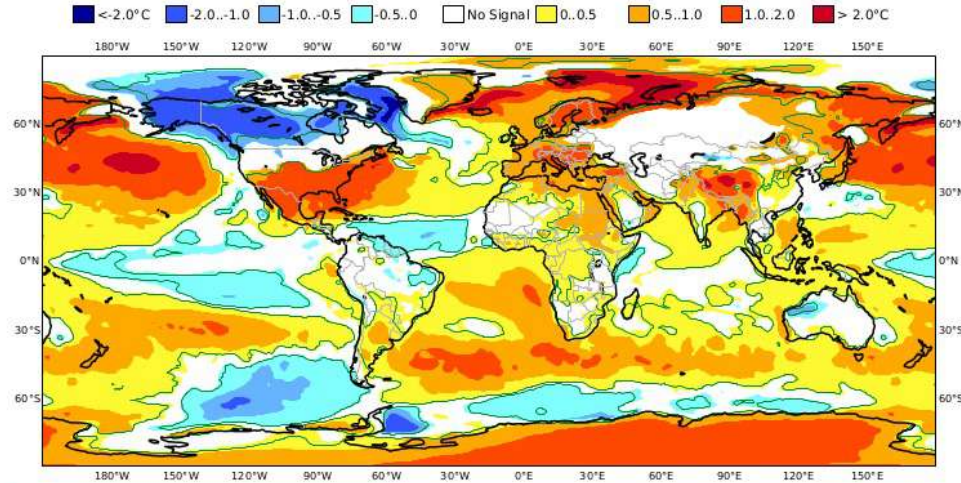


Forecast winter/spring 2023 – start date 01 Dec 2022

C3S: CMCC contribution
Mean 2m temperature anomaly
Nominal forecast start: 01/12/22
Ensemble size = 50, climate size = 960

JFM 2023

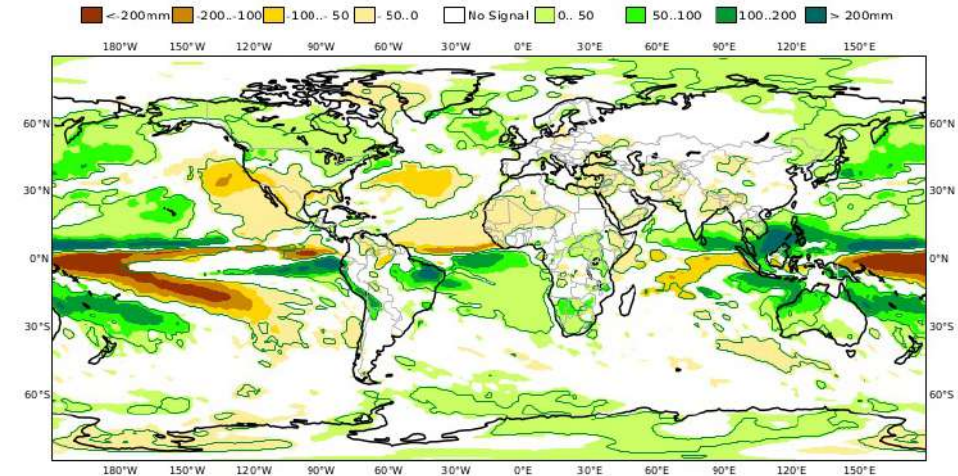
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Solid contour at 1% level



C3S: CMCC contribution
Mean precipitation anomaly
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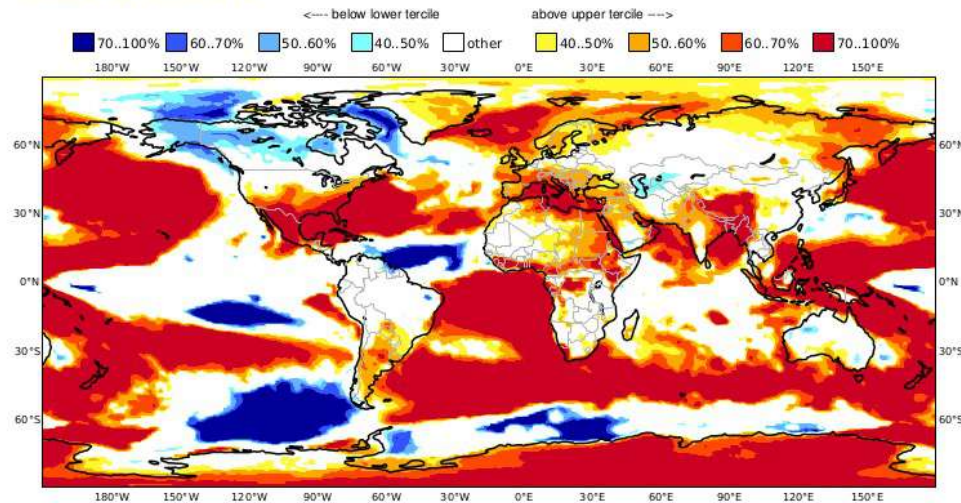
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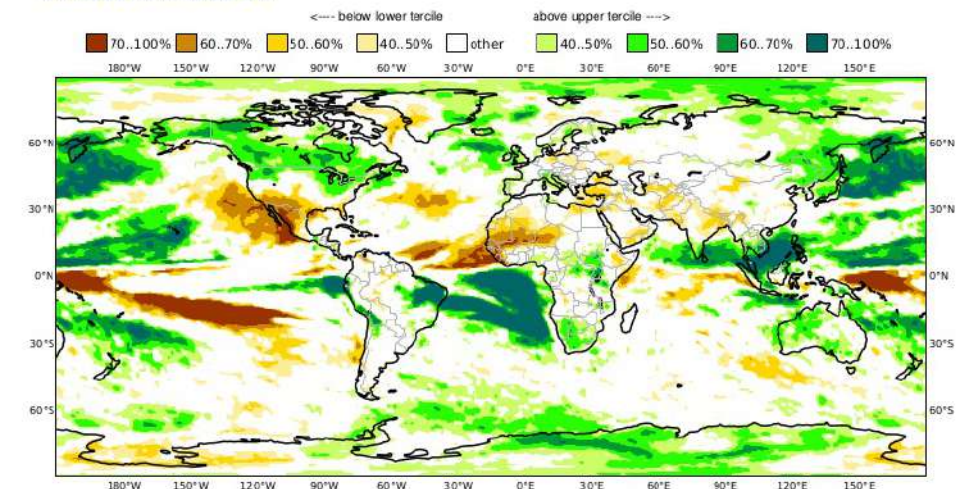
Prob(most likely category of 2m temperature)
Nominal forecast start: 01/12/22
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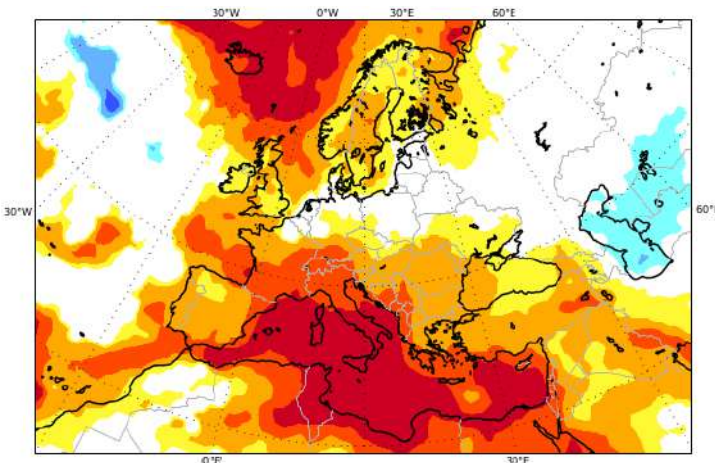
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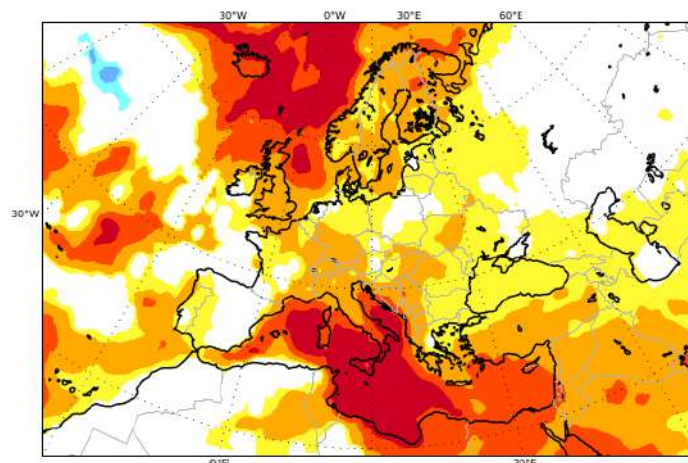
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T2m

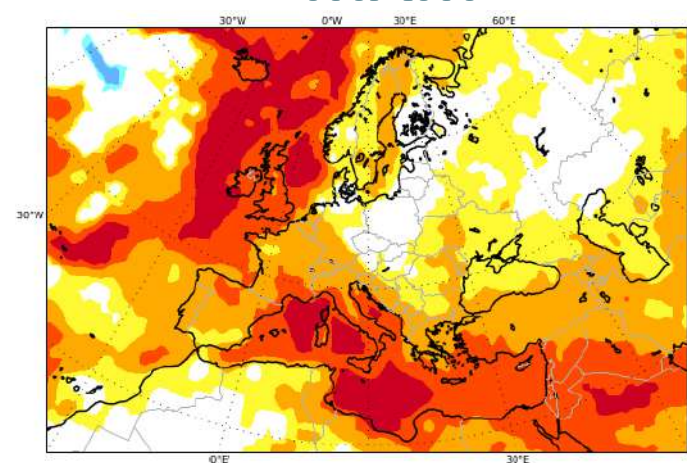
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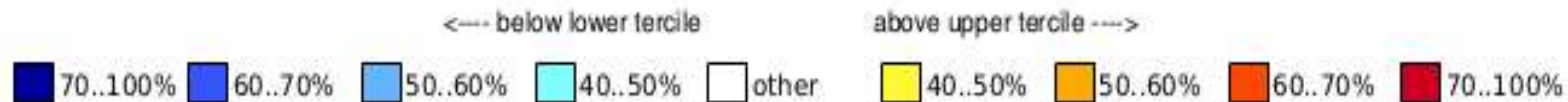
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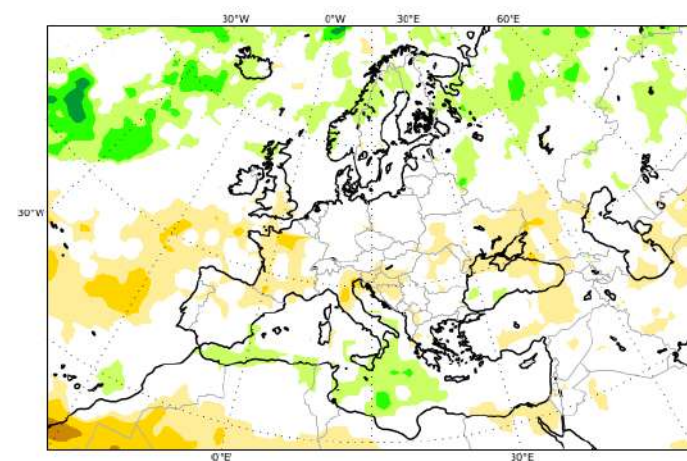
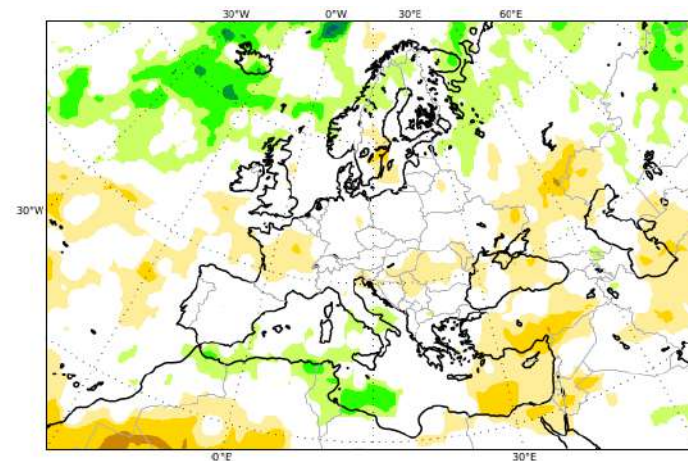
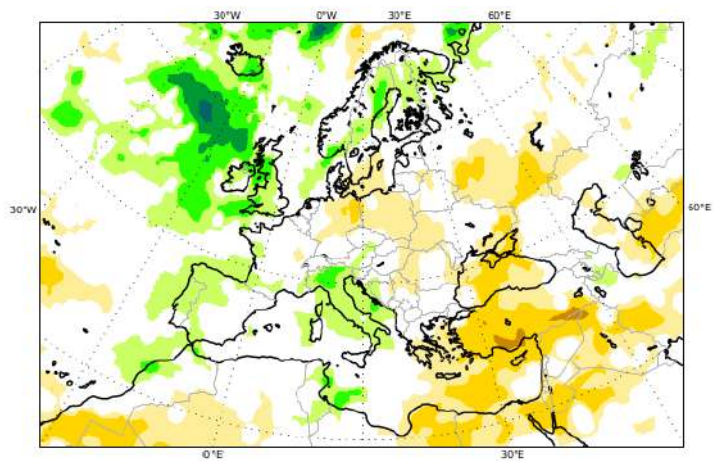
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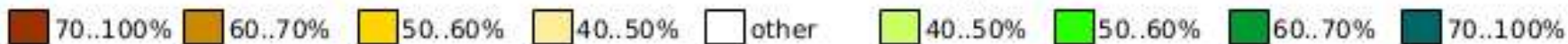
Probability: most likely category of 2mT



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Current developments



Searching for Analogs: Method

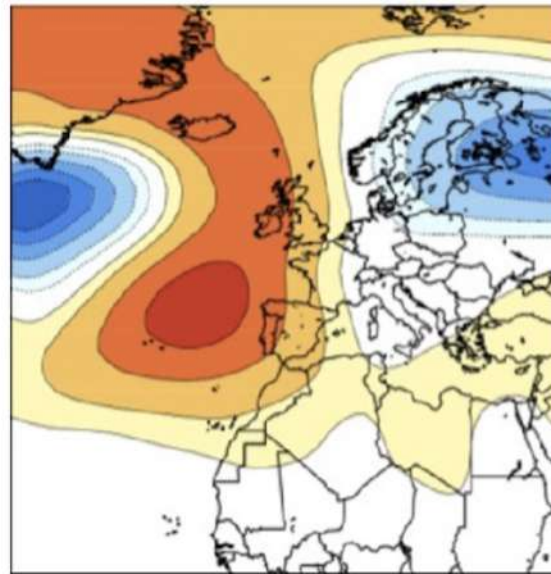
Analogs: days within the database which have a similar large scale pattern to the day of interest (Yiou et al, 2013).

Predictors: SLP and/or SST at Large Scale

Predictands: Precipitation, Temperature at local scale

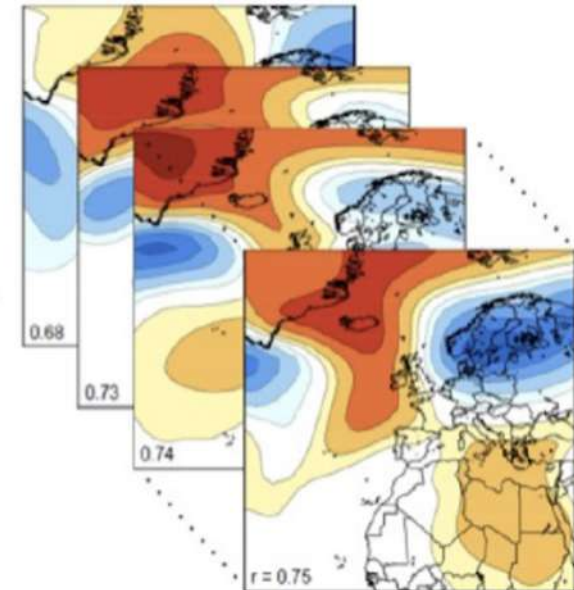
The **downscaled field** is obtained by selecting the field of interest (i.e. precipitation, temperature) in the best analog day (e.g. 1986/05/07) to the target day (e.g. 2021/05/01). The best analog is defined as the day with minimum distance from the target day at (1) large scale, (2) large scale and local scale, (3) large scale, local scale and maxima correlation ([CST_Analogs and Analogs](#) functions by Alvarez-Castro et al within [Perez-Zanon et al, 2022](#) and [CSTools, CRAN](#)).

Day of interest



Measure of
similarity

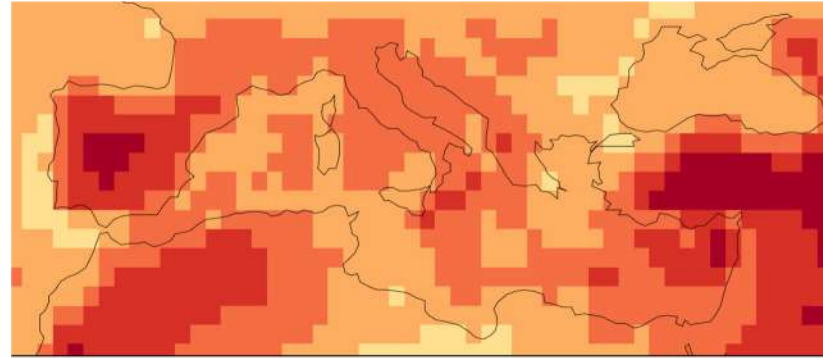
Analogs



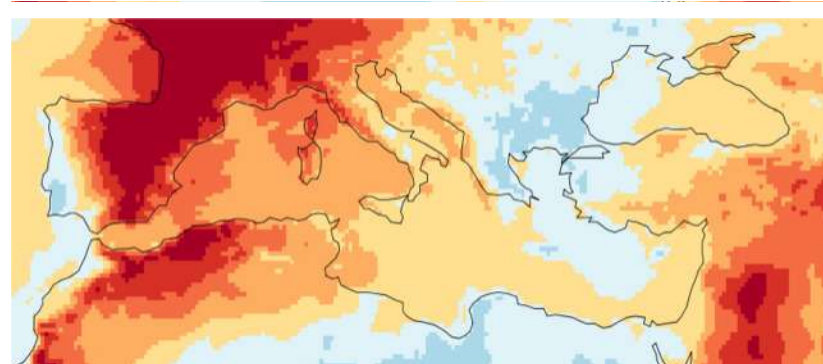
Downscaling of T2m using Analogs for JJA 2022

- Example of downscaling of seasonal forecast temperature from 1° to 0.25° of horizontal resolution.
- Using the method of Analogs we can **downscale and bias correct** the data of seasonal forecast models since is based on observations/reanalyses.
- Although there is a limitation of a gridded dataset for observation, using **Analogs** we can downscale different variables and regions.
- Since is a downscaling based on the dynamics, a **large scale region** should be selected in advance. In the case of this example, the Mediterranean region, we have selected the North Atlantic region (based on a previous study of correlation not shown here)

2-metre Temperature



Forecast



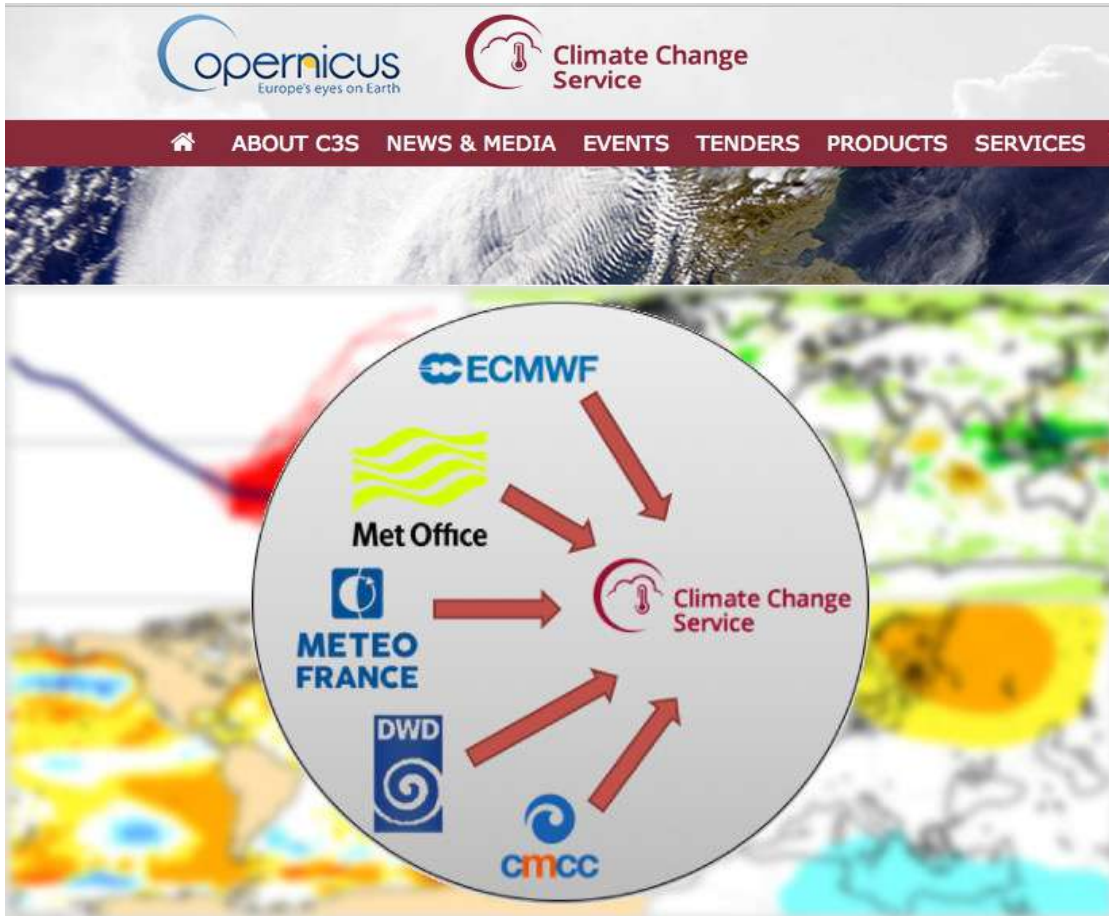
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Thank you



<https://climate.copernicus.eu/seasonal-forecasts>



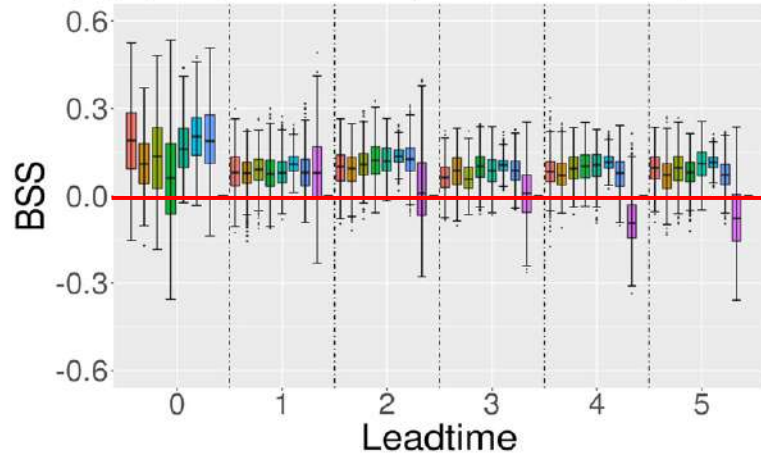
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CMCC in the seasonal prediction system: **the skill**

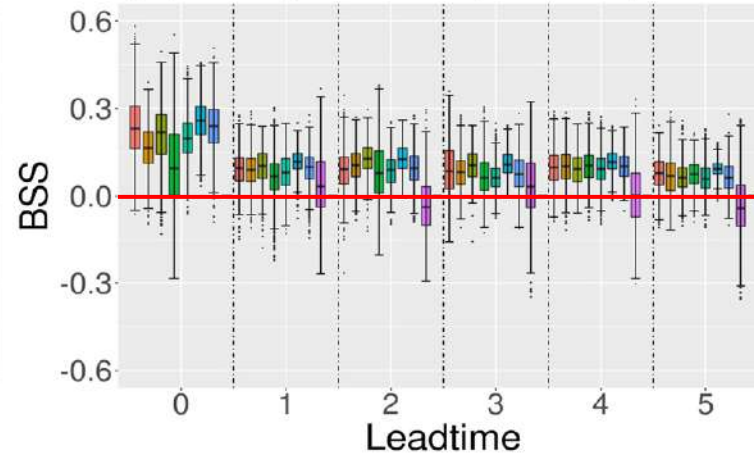
winter

(a) Temperature (November 1st)

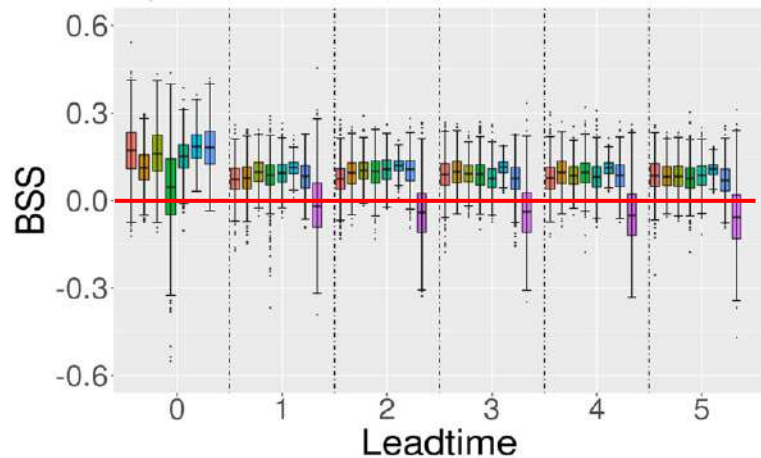


summer

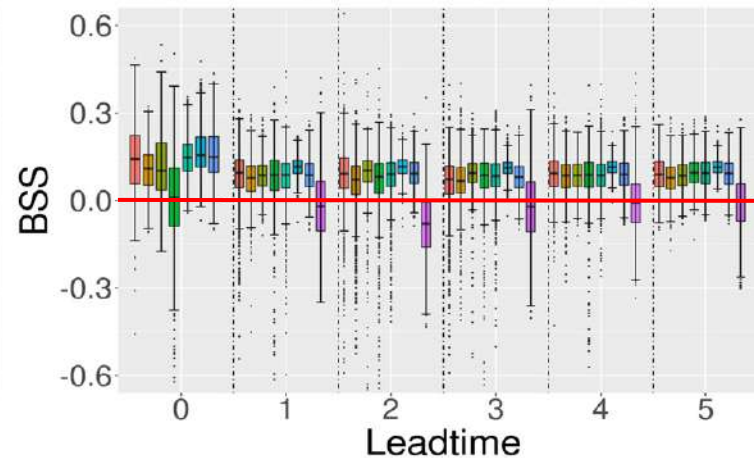
(b) Temperature (May 1st)



(c) Precipitation (November 1st)



(d) Precipitation (May 1st)



Brier skill score (BSS) of **winter** and **summer temperature and precipitation anomaly** forecasts, for all models and lead times.

Brier score (BS)

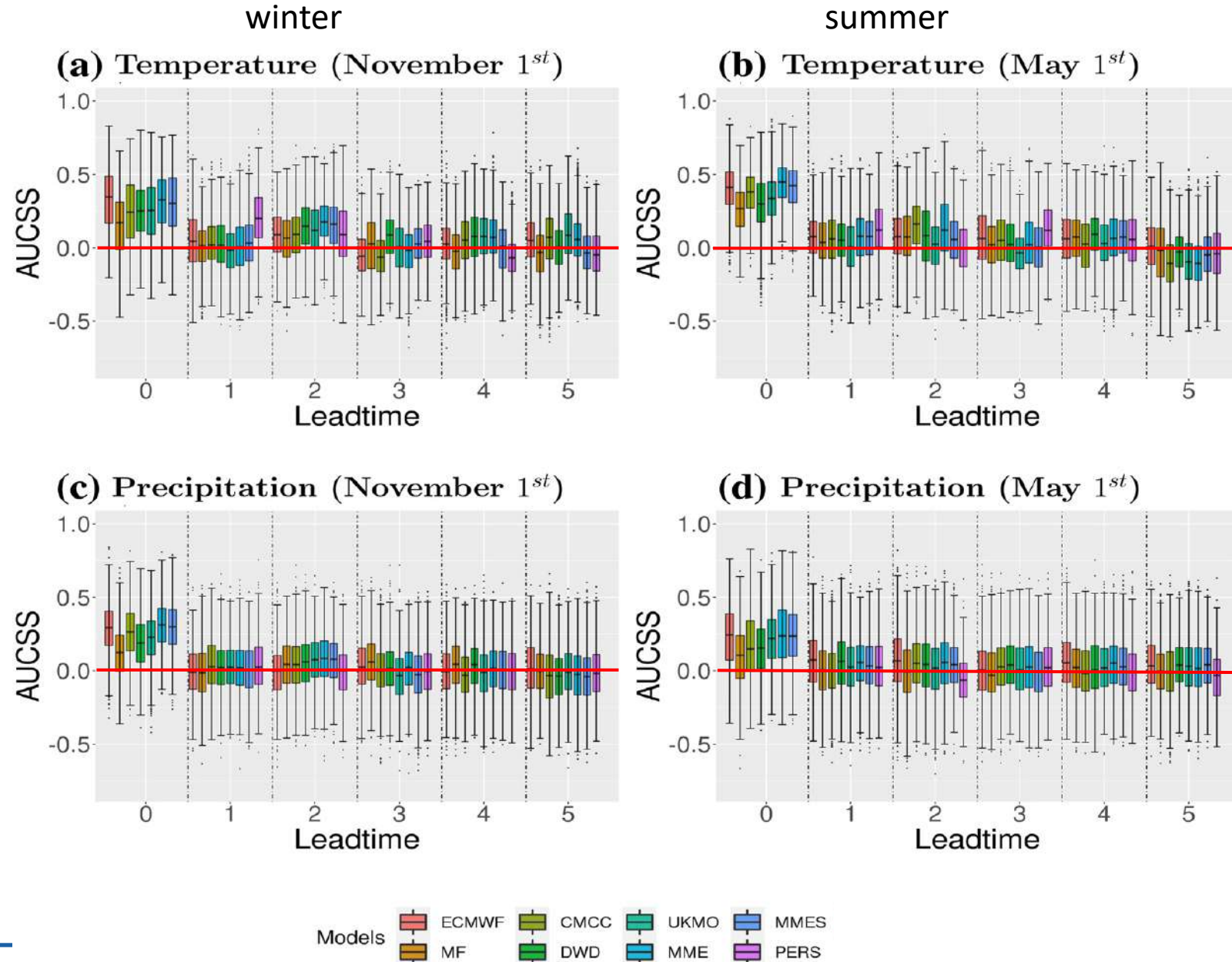
$$BS = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{t=1}^N (f_t - o_t)^2$$

f_t is the probability of the forecast, o_t the actual outcome of the event at instance t (0 if it does not happen and 1 if it does happen) and N is the number of forecasting instances

$$BSS = 1 - \frac{BS_{fcst}}{BS_{clim}}$$

Boxplots summarise the statistics of the distribution of the **BSS** over the **Mediterranean domain**.

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ROC curve skill score (Area under the curve skill score, AUCSS) of winter and summer, temperature and precipitation anomaly forecast for all models and lead times, averaged over the three terciles.

	Predicted	
	Hit event	False alarm
Observed	Missed event	Correct negative

Boxplots summarise the statistics of the distribution of the **AUCSS** over the **Mediterranean domain**.

