

# **BESM: The Experience of developing an Earth System Model in Brazil**

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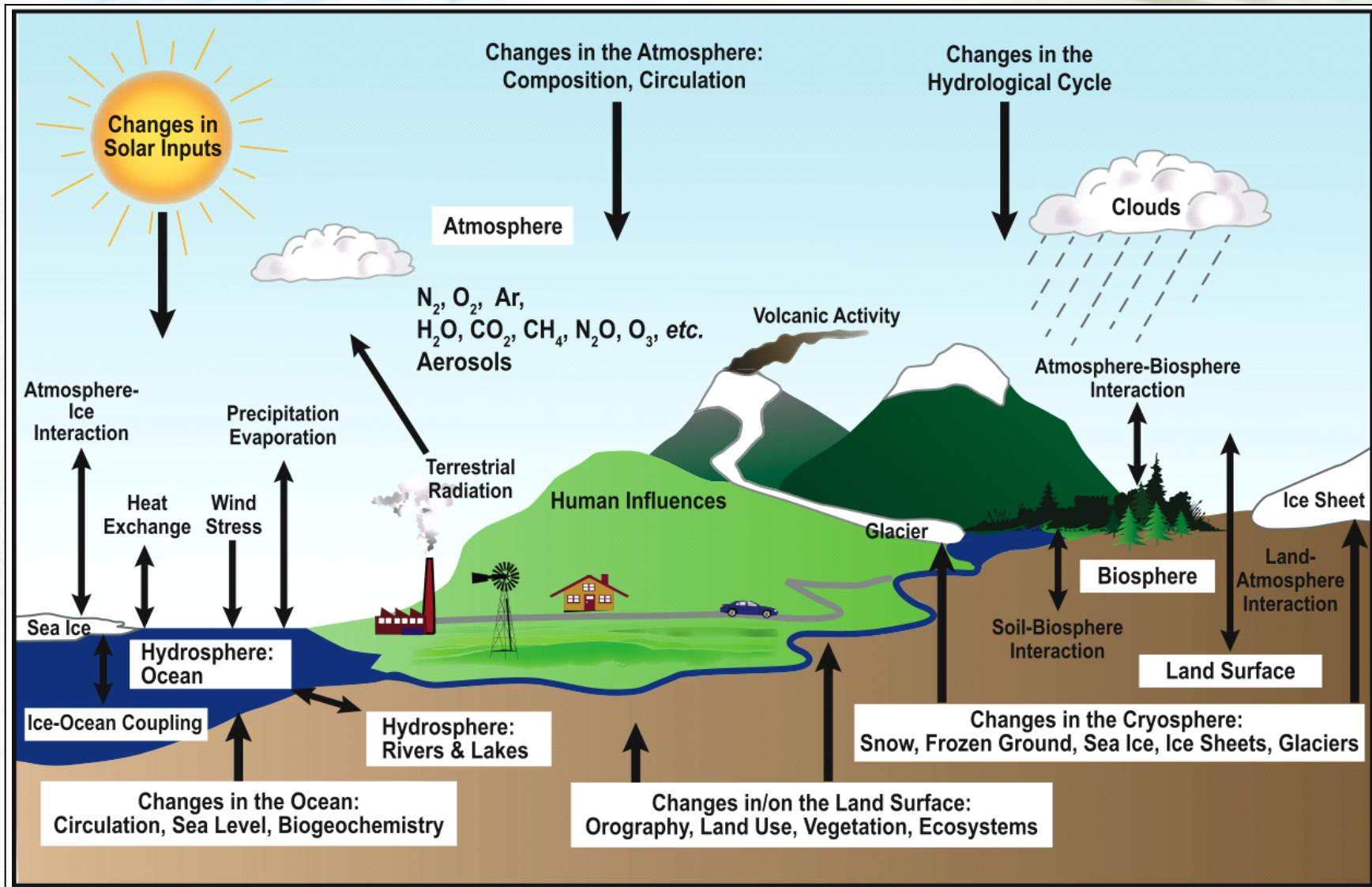
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# The Challenge:

- *To build an Earth System Model in Brazil, from state of the art component models in the nation and abroad:*
  1. **To incorporate expert knowledge** about ocean-ice-atmosphere-biosphere interactions of relevance to Brazil;
  2. **To provide the scientific foundations of global climate change scenarios for mitigation and adaptation policies to climate change in Brazil;**
  3. **To contribute to form a new generation of modeling-capable earth system scientists** in the nation.

# The Global Climate System



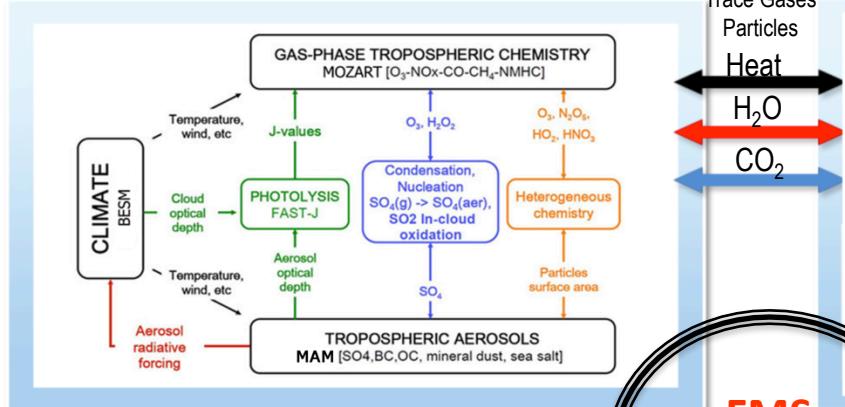


# BESM

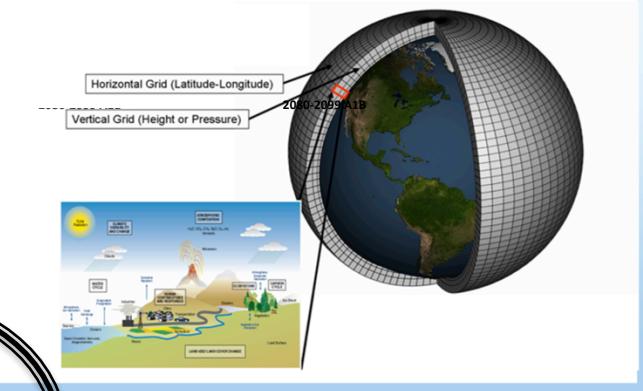
Brazilian Earth System Model

# Component Models

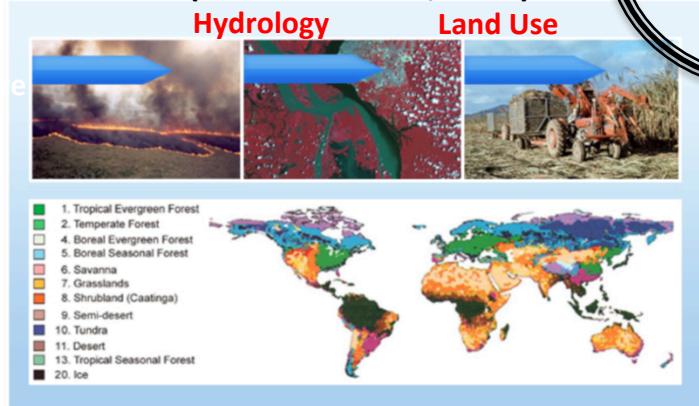
## ATMOS CHEMISTRY (MOZART- NCAR)



## ATMOSPHERE (INPE/CPTEC)

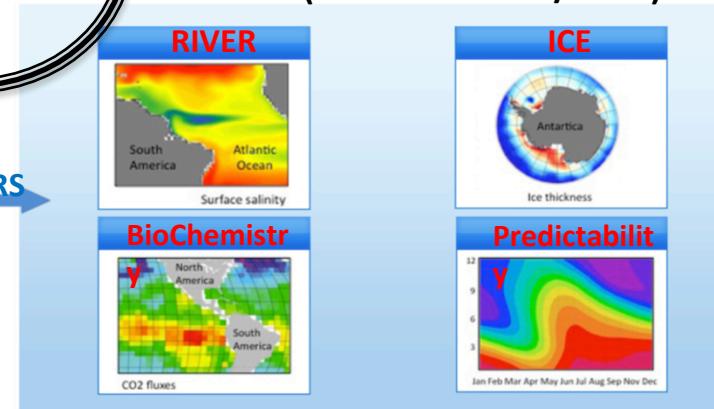


## LAND (INLAND – INPE/CCST)

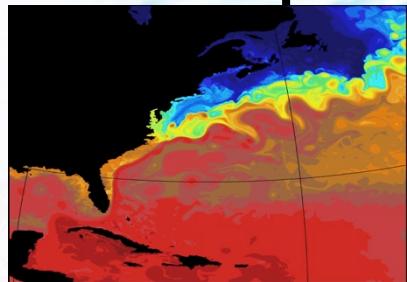


FMS  
COUPLER

## OCEAN (MOM5 – NOAA/GFDL)



# *Competing demands of resolution, complexity, uncertainty, and long integrations in Climate System Modelling:*

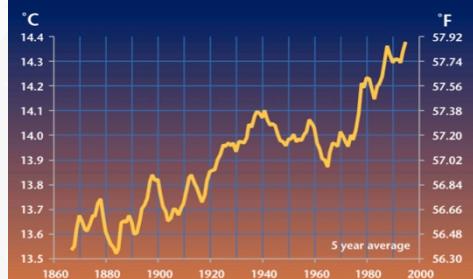


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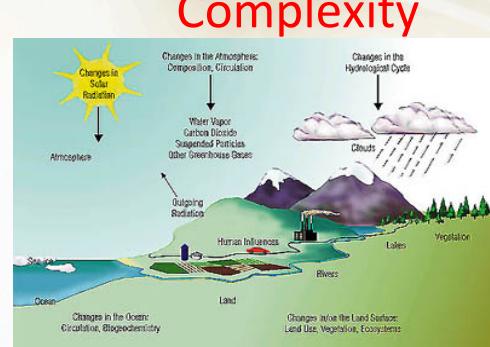
Resolution

Human,  
Computing  
Resources

Long simulations

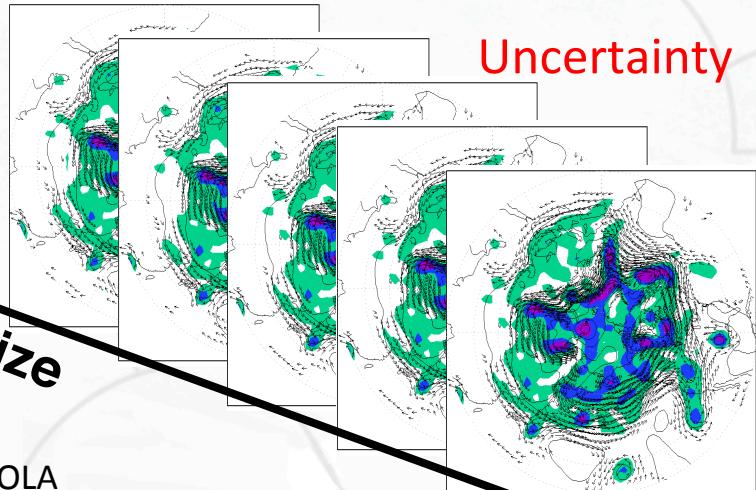


Duration and/or Ensemble size



Complexity

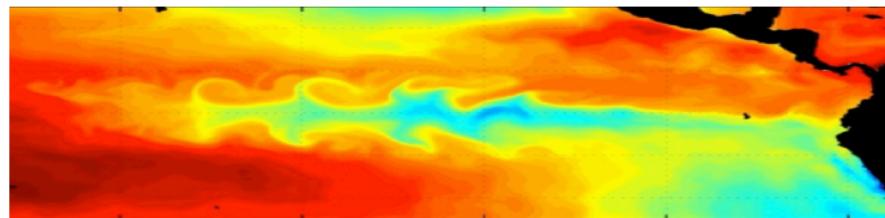
Uncertainty



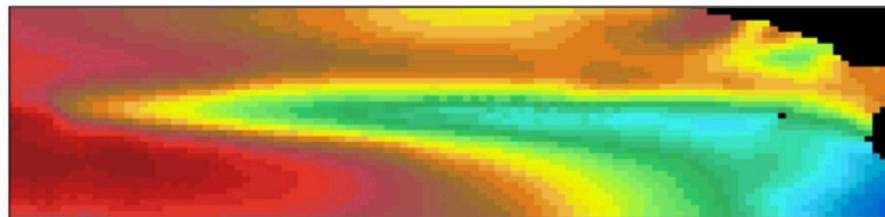
Courtesy: J. Shukla, IGES/COLA

# High Resolution Ocean Modeling

BESM/MOM4p1

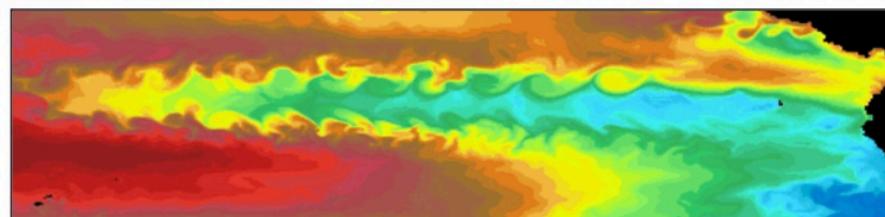


BESM  $1/4^\circ$

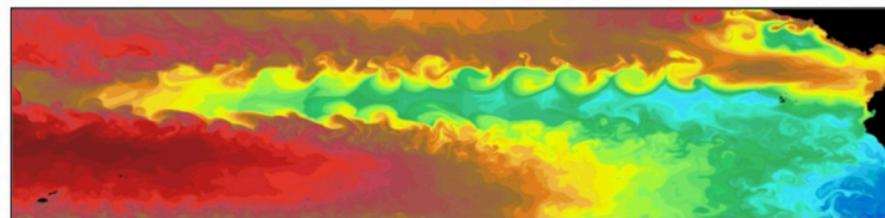


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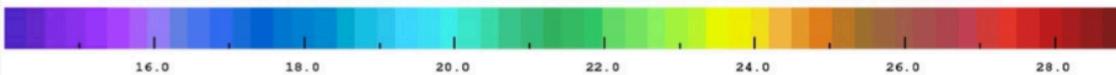
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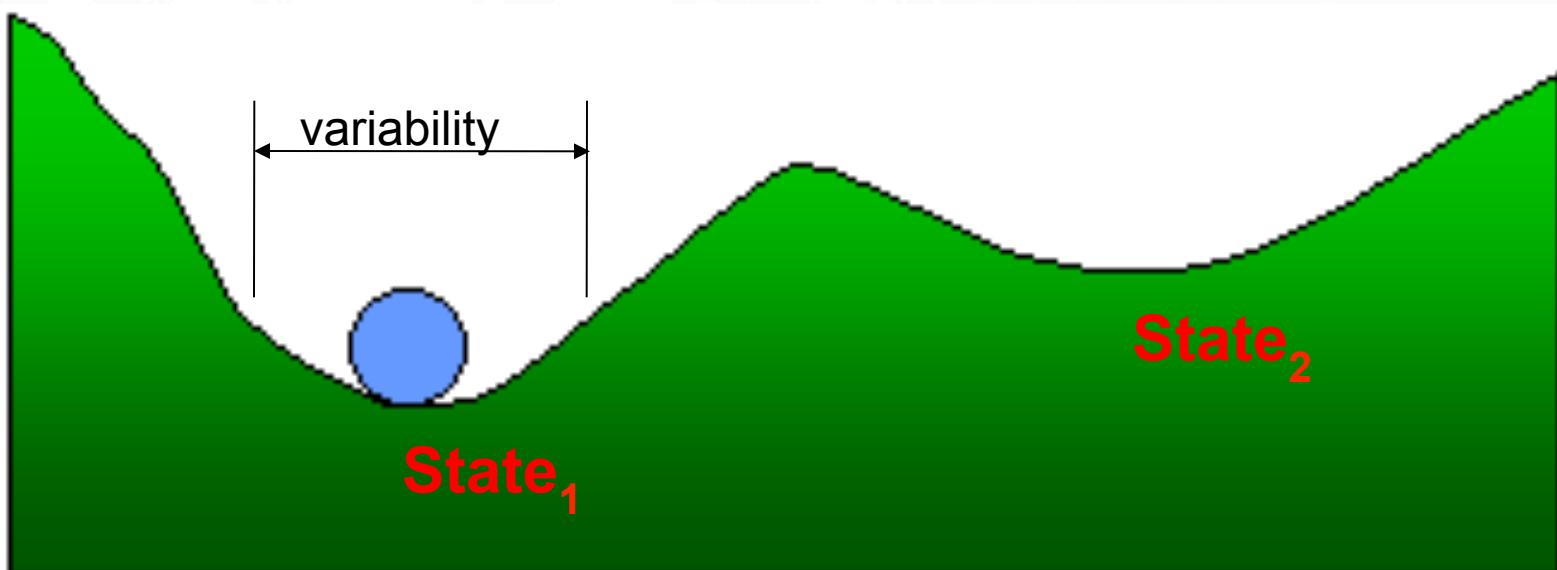
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# Climate Variability x Change



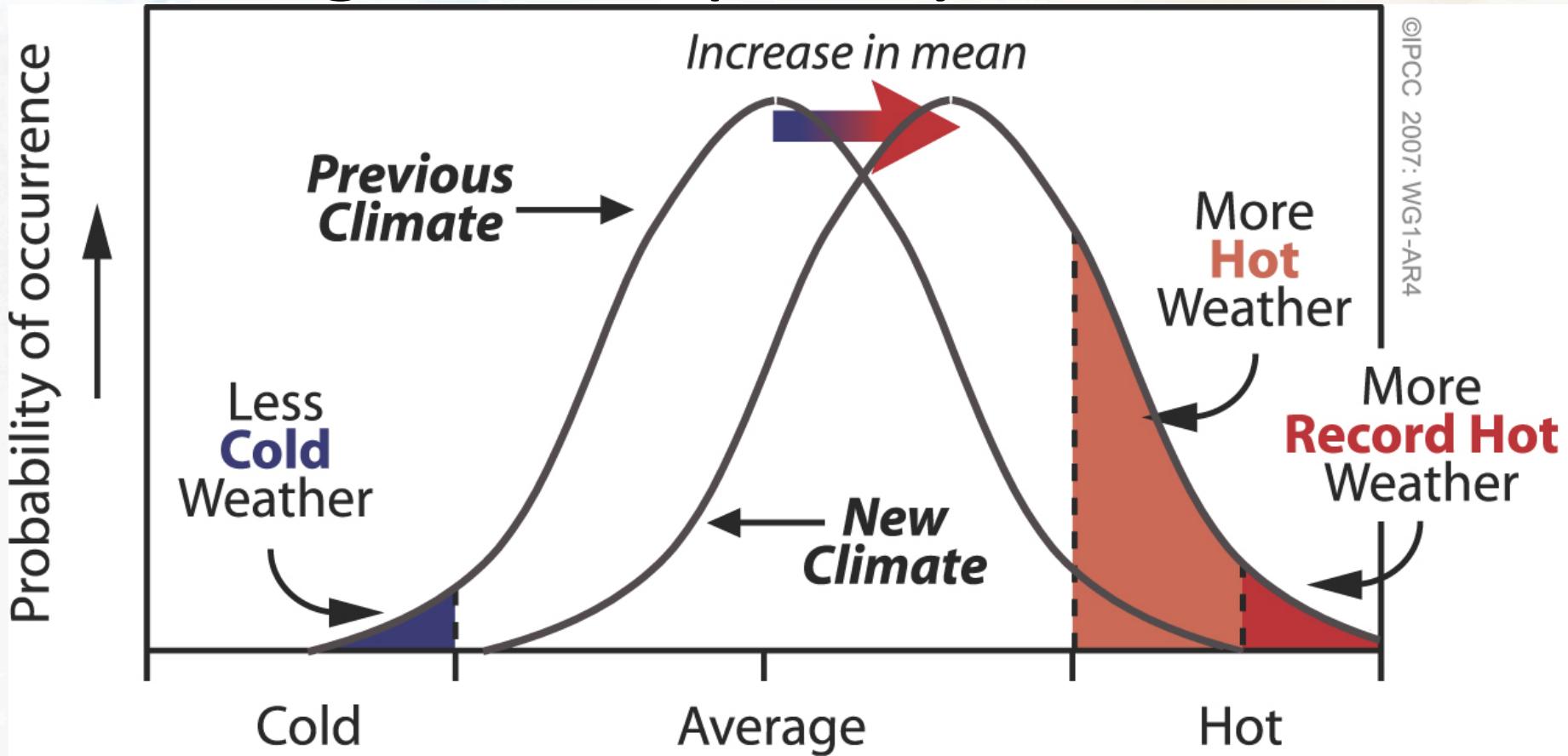
$$T_1 < T_2$$



**BESM**

Brazilian Earth System Model

# Change of Frequency of Extremes



# 2015: The Warmest Year on Record

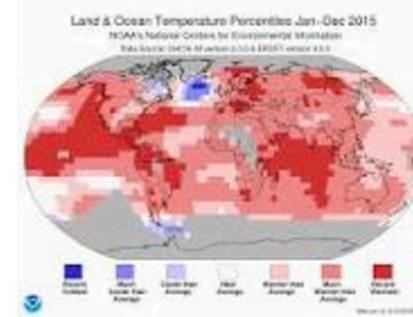
## 2015

Sixteen Warmest Years (1880–2015)

**Rank 1 =  
Warmest Period  
of Record:  
1880–2015**

	Year	Anomaly °C
1	2015	0.90
2	2014	0.74
3	2010	0.70
4	2013	0.66

12 more rows, 1 more column



[Global Analysis - Annual 2015 | National Centers for ...](https://www.ncdc.noaa.gov/sotc/global/201513)  
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# Hydrologic Extremes: Impacts on Health & Economy



# Maiores represas do Cantareira viram córrego



21 October 2014

Cantareira Water  
Reservoir: 3,0 %

# DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY

- (i) full use of CPTEC's experience and sub-models
- (ii) collaboration with advanced climate change centers abroad: GFDL, NCAR,
  - Take CPTEC Global Coupled Ocean-Atmosphere Model as the structuring building-block
  - Use GFDL/FMS coupler to add components:
    - Dynamic vegetation with carbon cycle;
    - Continental hydrology-ocean coupling;
    - Ocean carbon cycle;
    - Sea ice;

# One Model: From Weather Forecasting to Global Climate Change Scenarios

Extreme Events Hit Brazil



**T126L42**

**T213L64**  
1 month

**T666L96**  
30min 5 days

NWP DERF

General Use

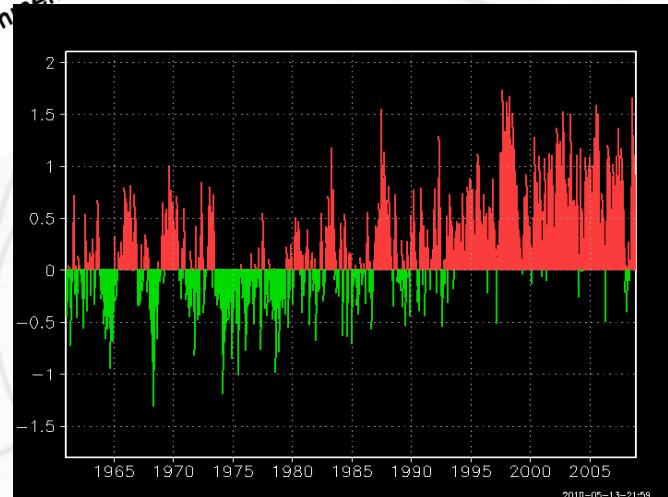
Agriculture  
Planning  
Water Resources  
Energy

**Seasonal Climate**  
Industry (clothing, beverages, ice creams)  
Agriculture, Water Resources, Energy

**T062L28**

1 year

**Climate Change**  
Surface Temperature Trend in Brazil  
Government, Public Policies, Strategic Planning





BESM

## Brazilian Earth System Model

# Time Line

The diagram illustrates the timeline of the Brazilian Earth System Model (BESM) development from 1994 to 2016. The timeline is represented by a horizontal axis with major ticks for each year. Above the axis, colored arrows indicate the evolution of the model components: a blue arrow for the atmosphere, a red arrow for the ocean, and a green arrow for the land surface. The diagram is divided into several sections by vertical dashed lines:

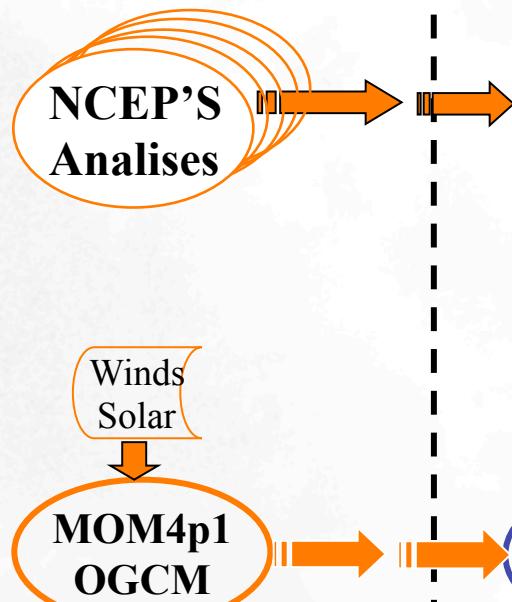
- 1994:** COLA AGCM
- 1996:** COLA -MOM2
- 1998:** Rosati GFDL
- 1999:** CCA- MOM2
- 2002:** NZK, CCA MOM2 Paper
- 2003:** COLA- CPTEC
- 2006:** COLA- FMS- MOM3
- 2008:** BESM2.3 – FMS- MOM4p0
- 2009:** Amazon Paper
- 2011:** 1 IBSA SS GCM Brazil
- 2012:** SACZ Paper
- 2013:** SS GCM INPE
- 2014:** BESM2.5 FMS- MOM4p1
- 2015:** 2 IBSA SS GCM Brazil
- 2016:** IITM-ICTP SS ESM India
- 2015:** Balaji GFDL
- 2016:** Canutto NASA
- 2015:** BESM2.6 FMS- MOM5
- 2016:** EUC paper ICE paper

A large red arrow at the bottom right points towards the year 2016, indicating the direction of ongoing development.

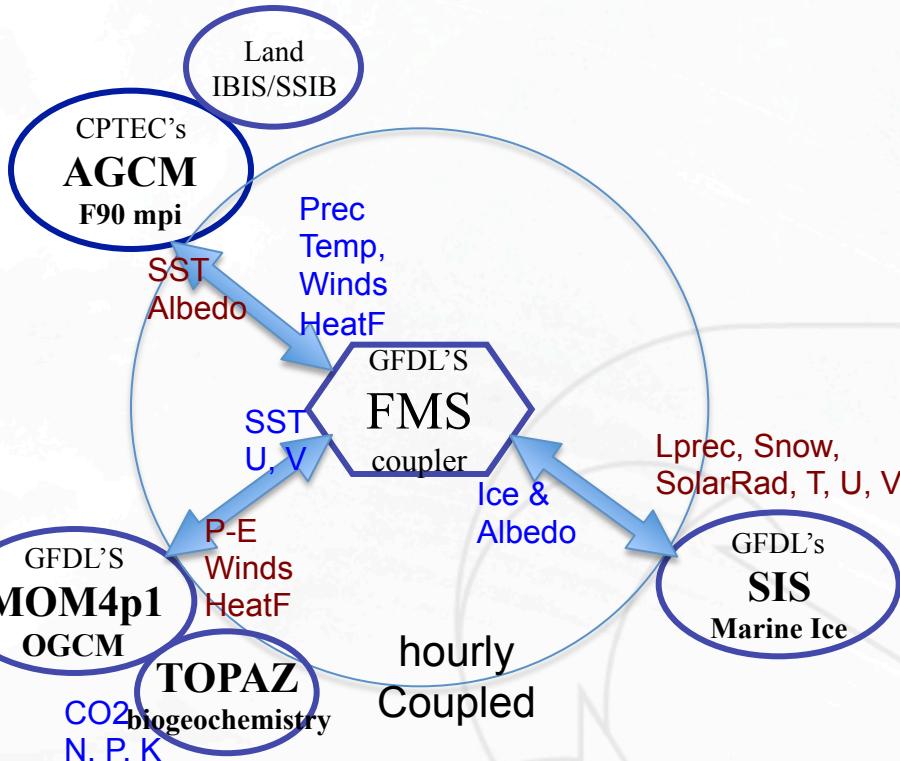
Courtesy: Paulo Nobre (2016)

# BESM Climate Forecast System

## Initialization



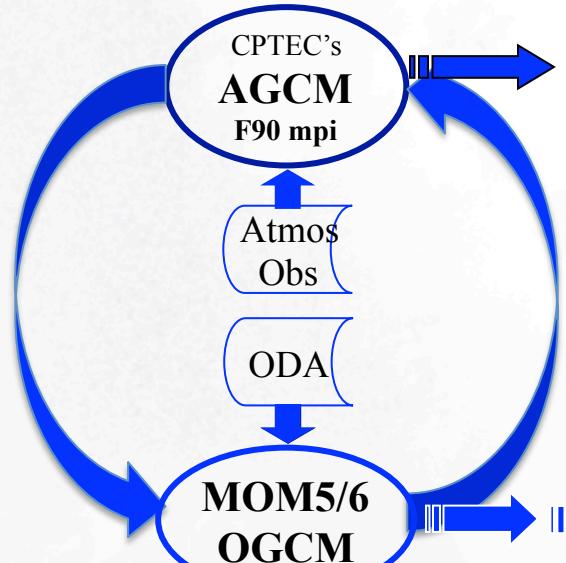
## Coupled Forecast



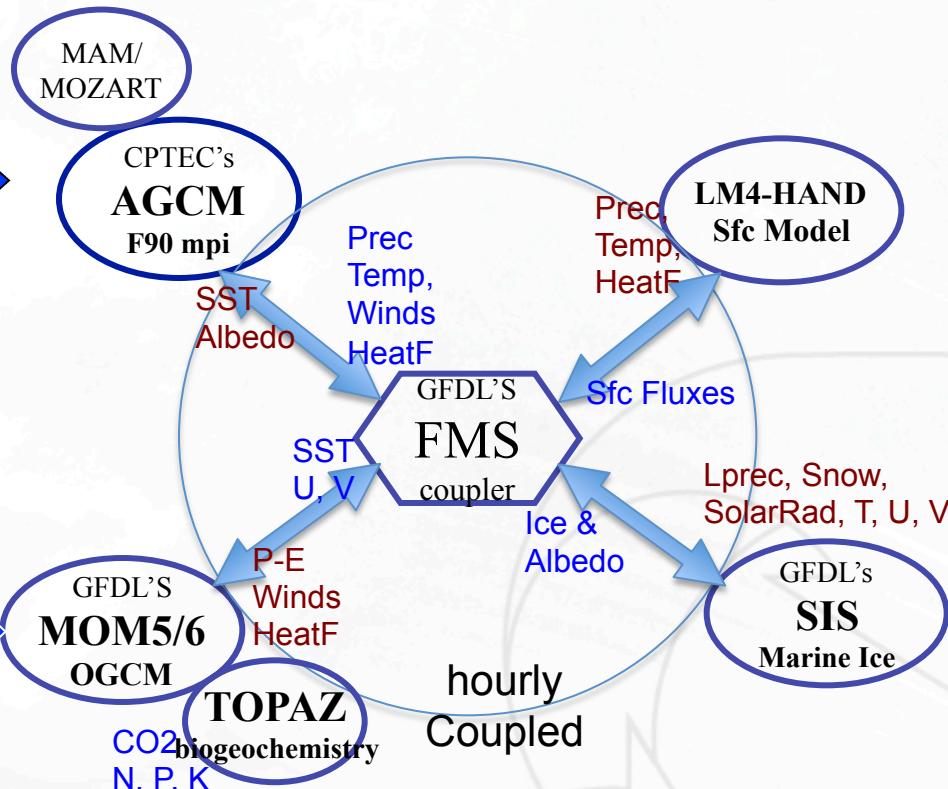
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# BESM Climate Forecast System goal

## Coupled Initialization



## Coupled Forecast



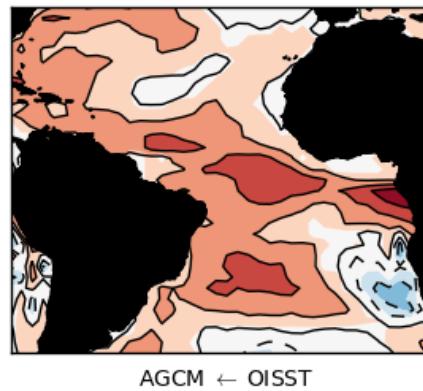
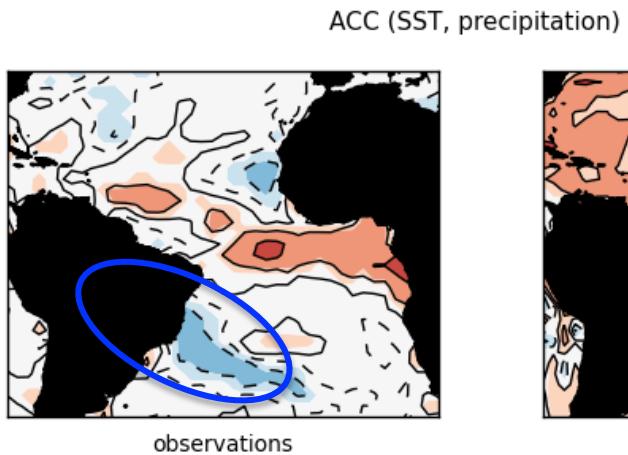
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# Lessons Learned

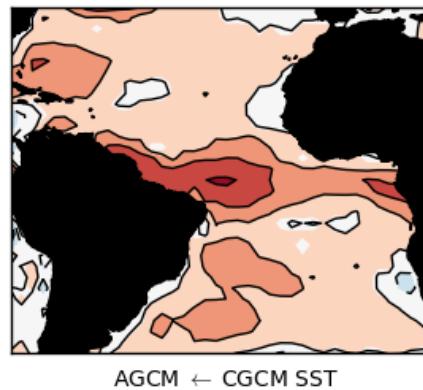
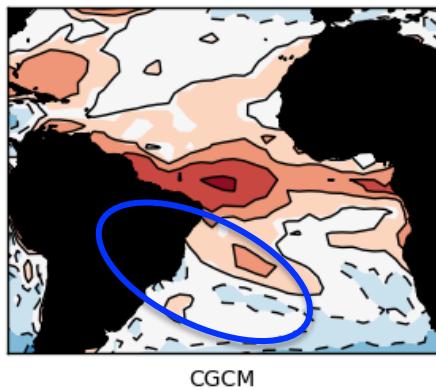
Using BESM for Hypothesis Testing

# Enhanced Predictability Rainfall over Cold Waters

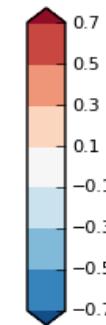
OBSERVATIONS



BESM-OA2.3

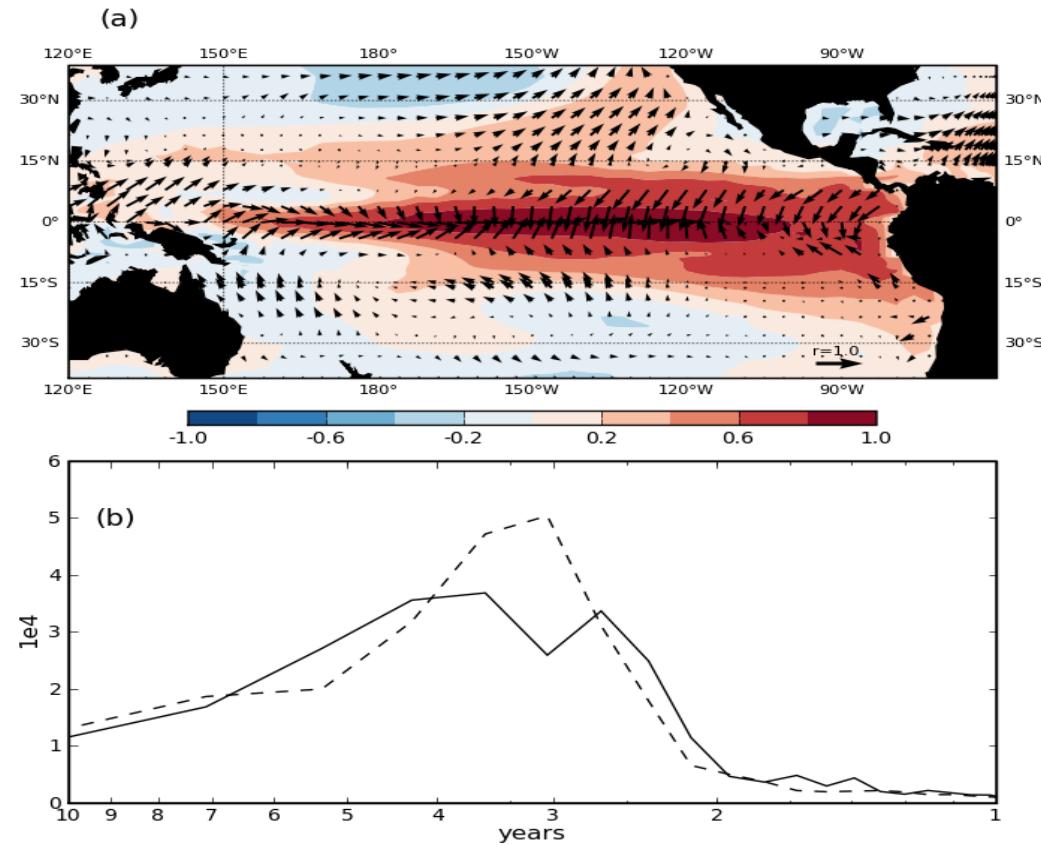
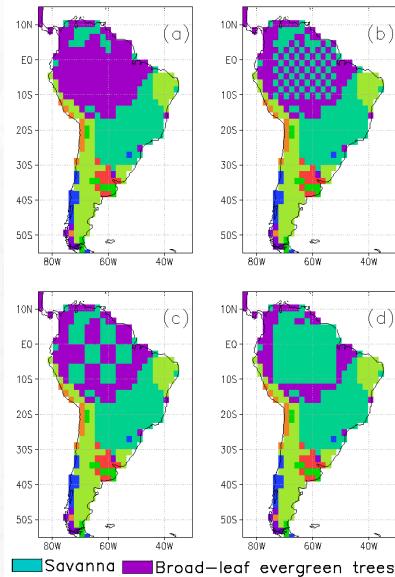


AGCM, Obs SST



AGCM, BESM SST

# Amazon Deforestation: Increased El Niño Conditions



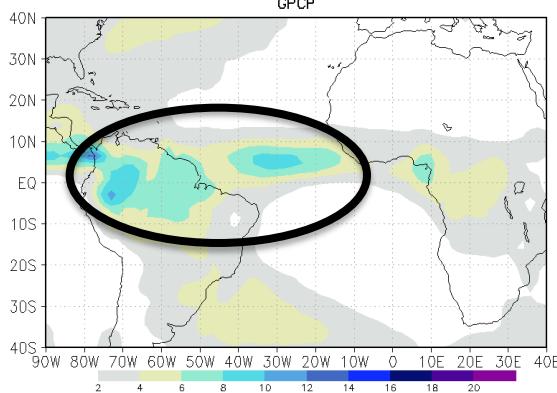


**BESM**

Brazil Earth System Model

Precipitacao (mm/day): 2005–2008

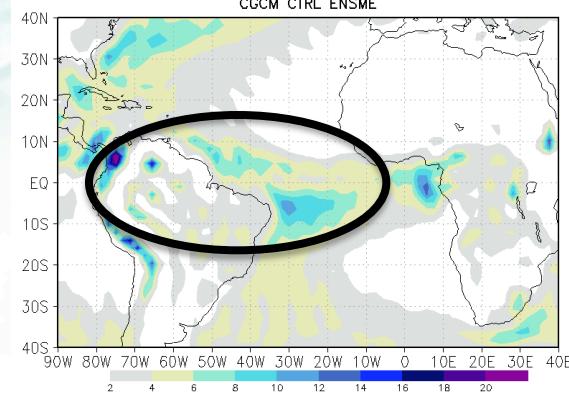
GPCP



## BESM AMAZON RAINFALL

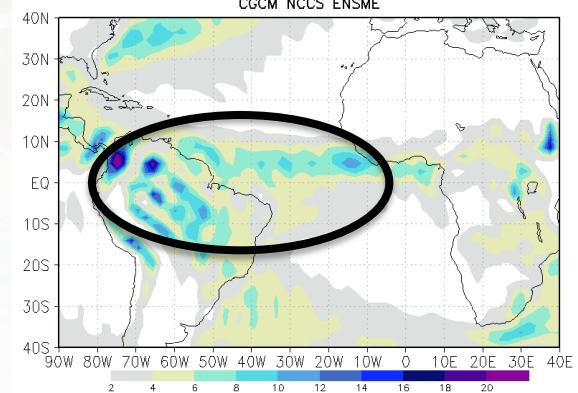
**BESM 2.3**

Precipitacao (mm/day): 2005–2008  
CGCM CTRL ENSME



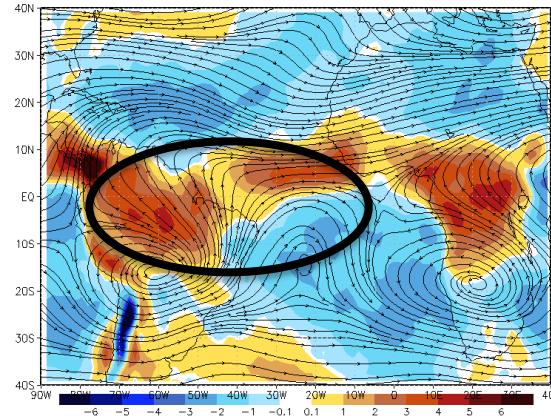
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Precipitacao (mm/day): 2005–2008  
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## ERA interim REANALYSIS

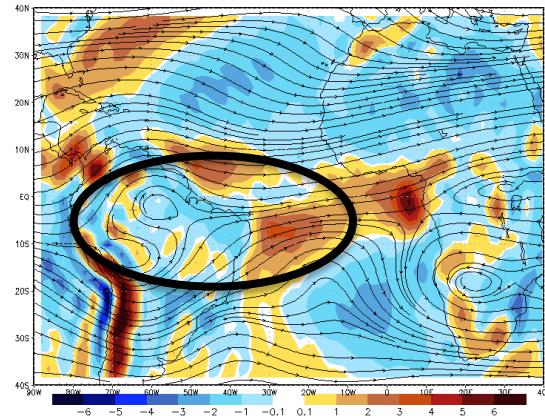
Divergencia do Vento a 200hPa ( $10^{-6}$  s $^{-1}$ ): 2005–2008  
ERA interim



## BESM UPPER LEVEL FLOW

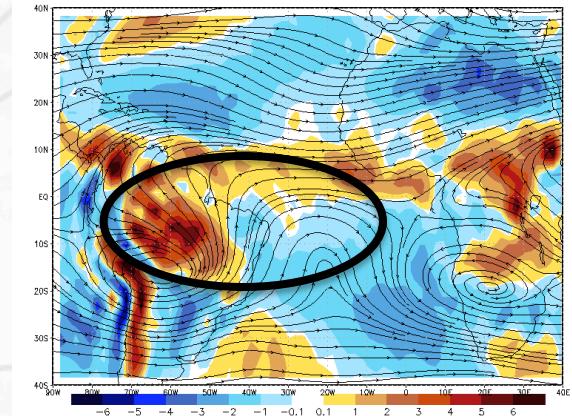
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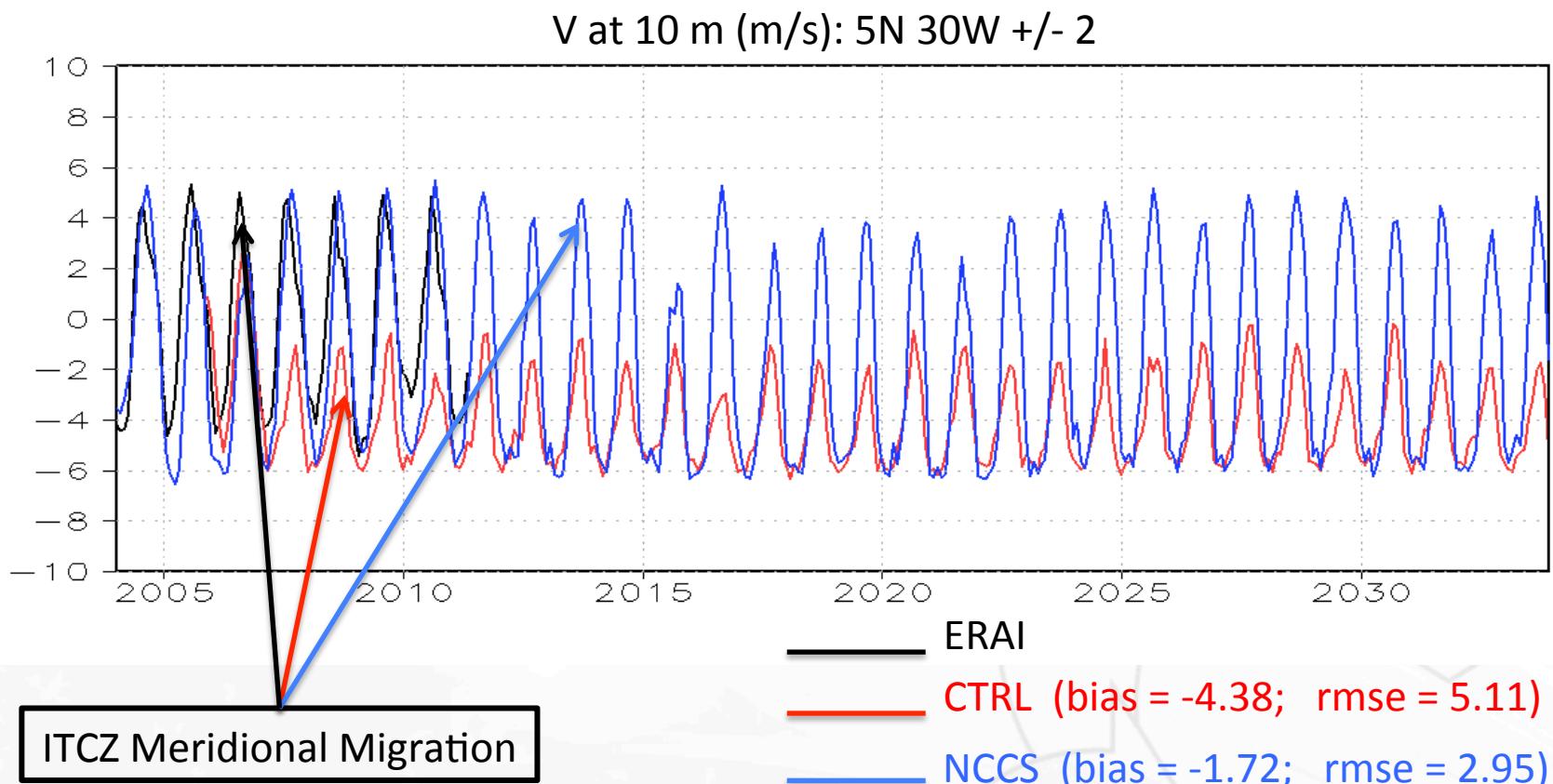


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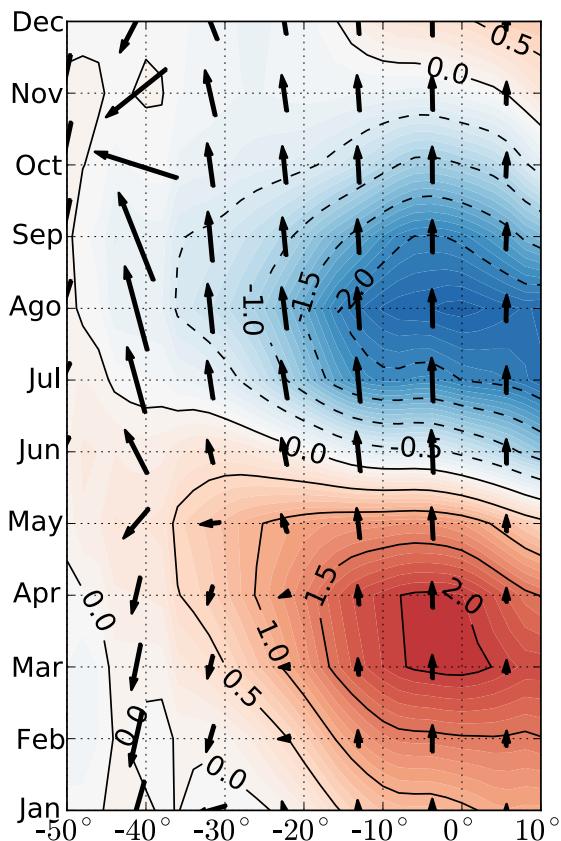
# Atlantic ITCZ simulations



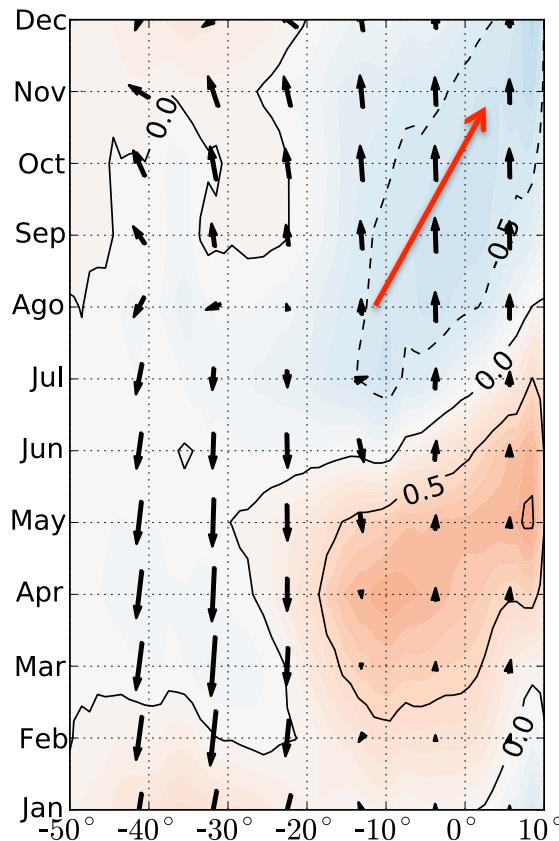
# Tropical ATL SST-tau hovmoller

Increased wind stress, sst warming and cooling

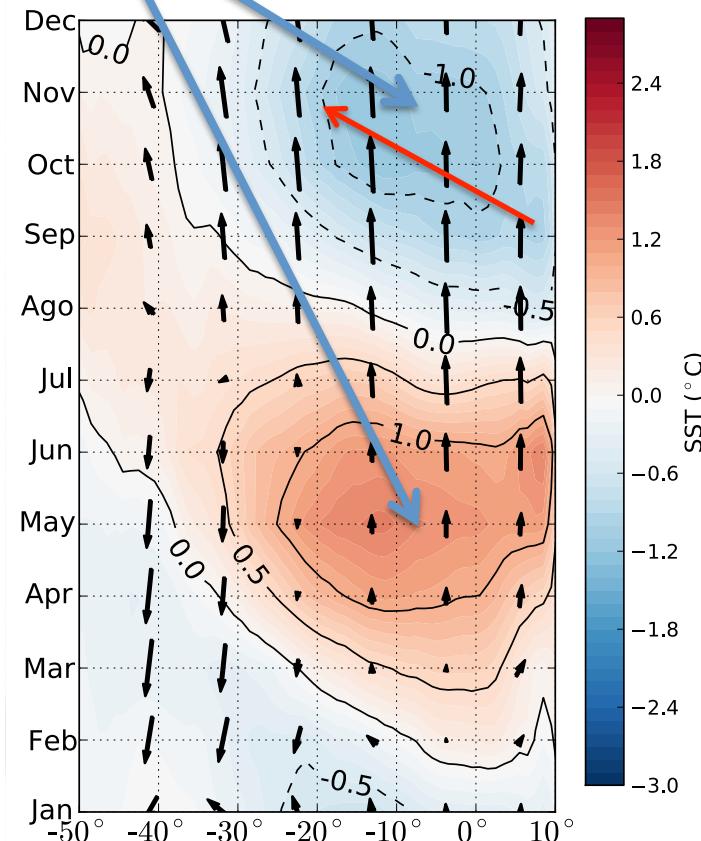
(a) OBS



(b) BESM 2.3.0



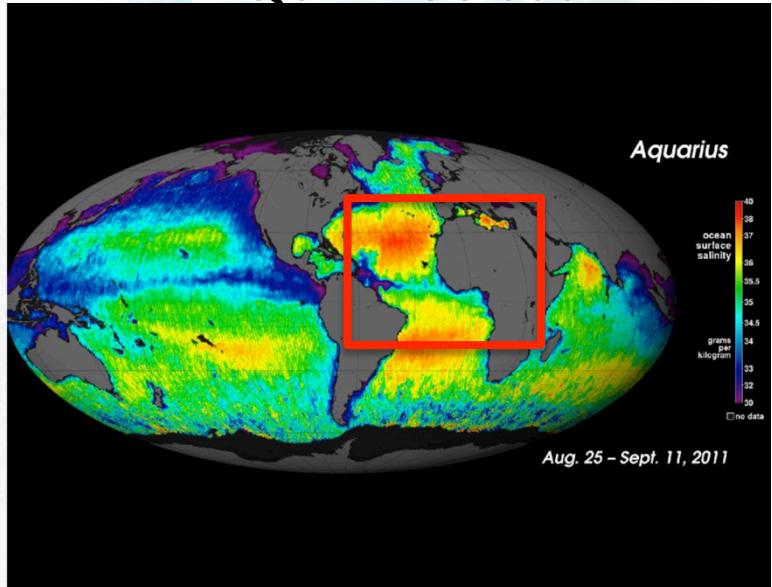
(c) BESM 2.3.1



Wrong cooling/warming  
propagation

Better sst annual cycle  
Still has a phase shift

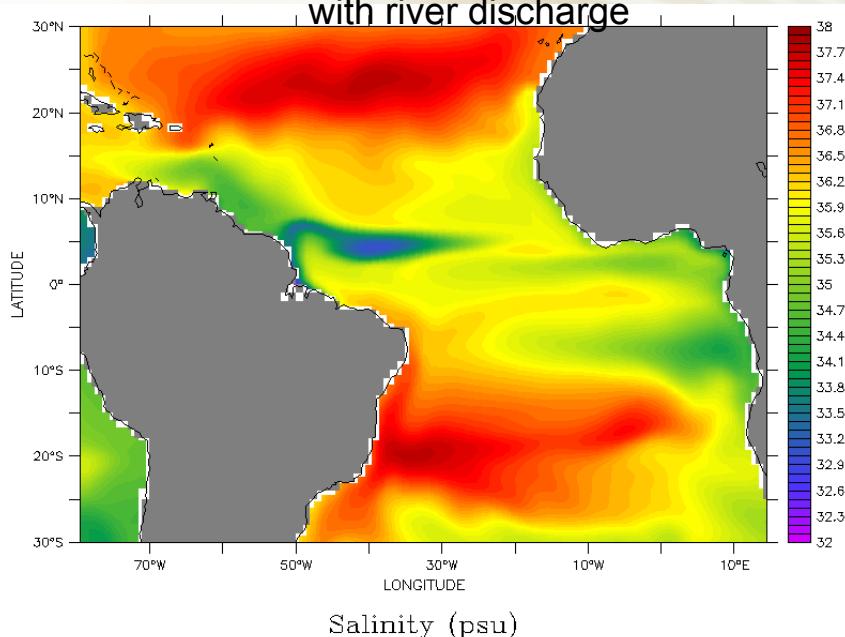
## AQUARIUS SSS



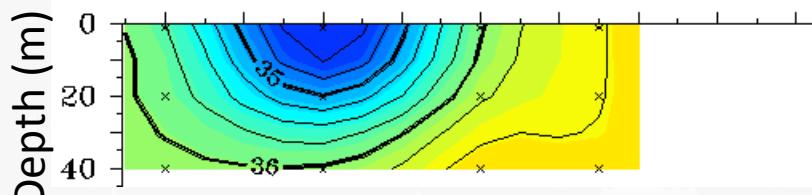
# River discharge effects on Salinity

MOM4p1

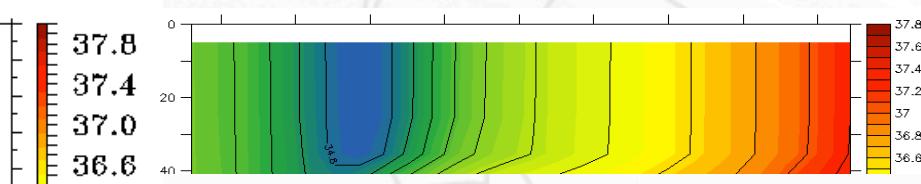
with river discharge



## PIRATA DATASET

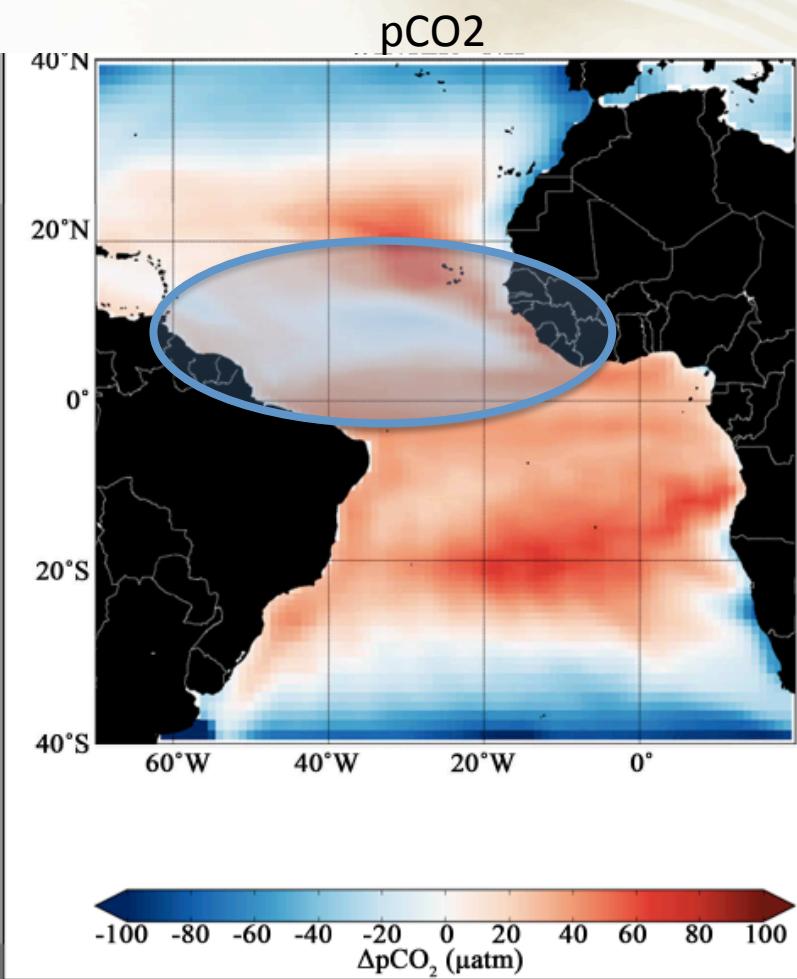
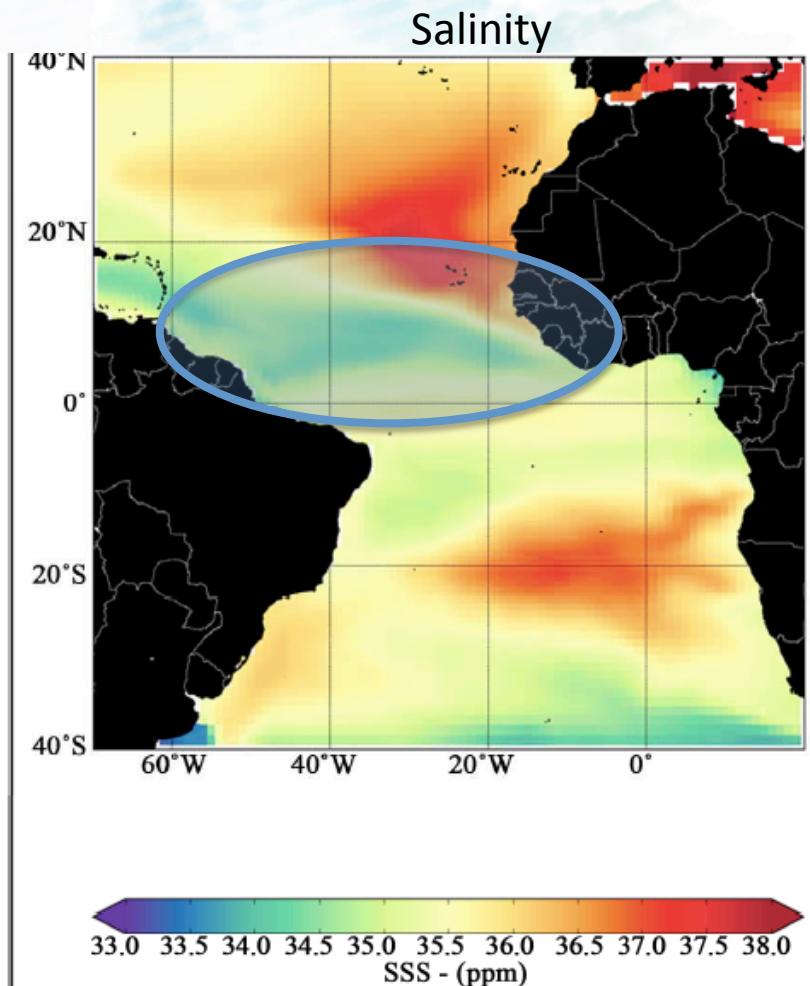


## MOM4p1 SIMULATION



Source: P. Nobre (personal comm.)

# Ocean Carbon Cycle

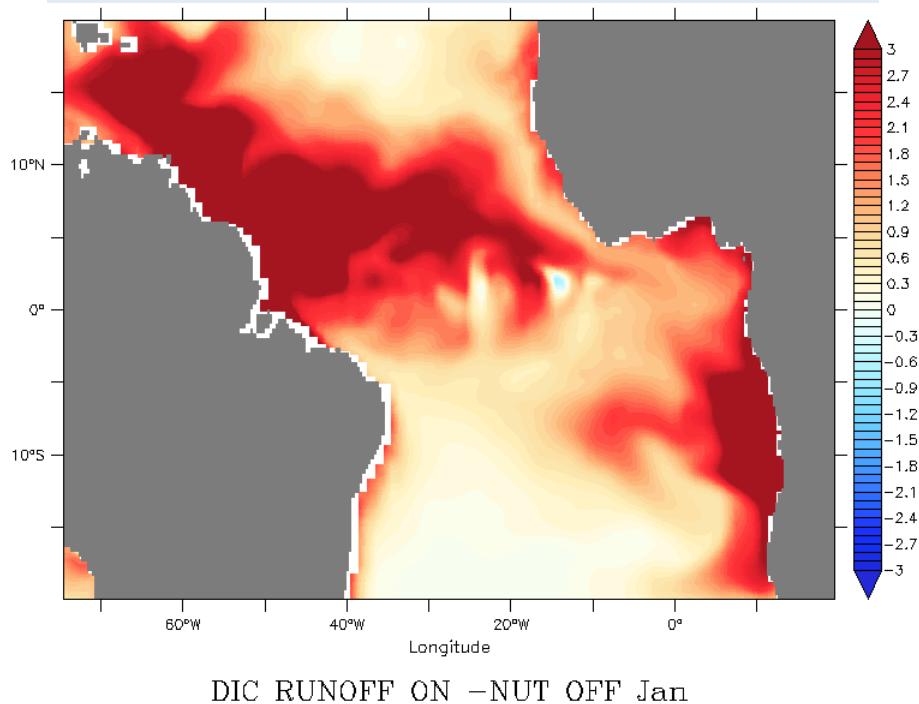




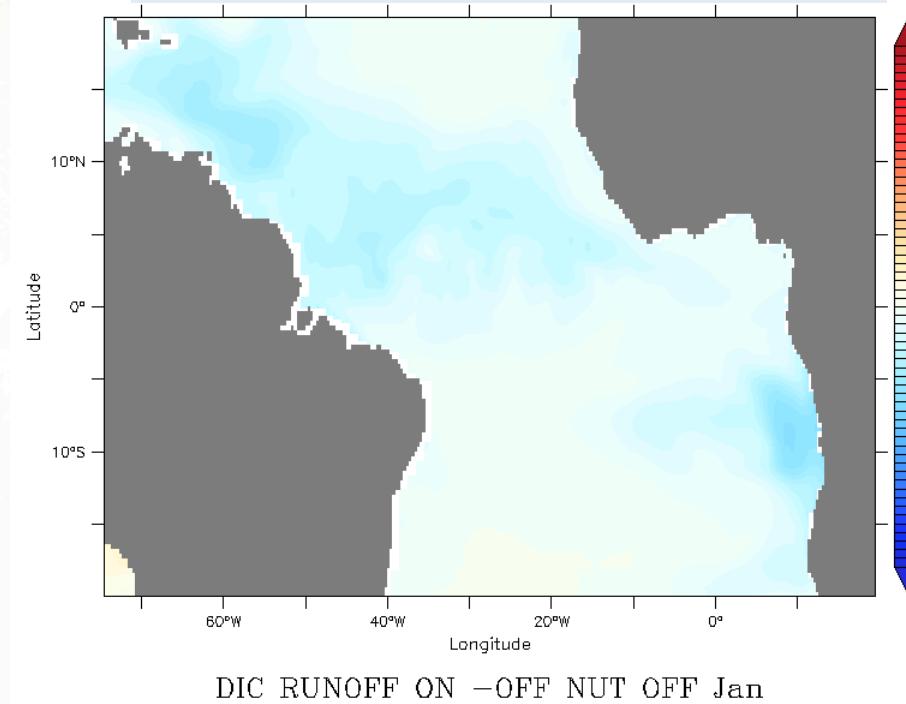
# THE MARINE BIOGEOCHEMICAL COMPONENT IN THE BRAZILIAN EARTH SYSTEM MODEL (BESM)

Tracers of Ocean Phytoplankton with Allometric Zooplankton (TOPAZ)

The effect of removal of the nutrients transported by the rivers on DIC

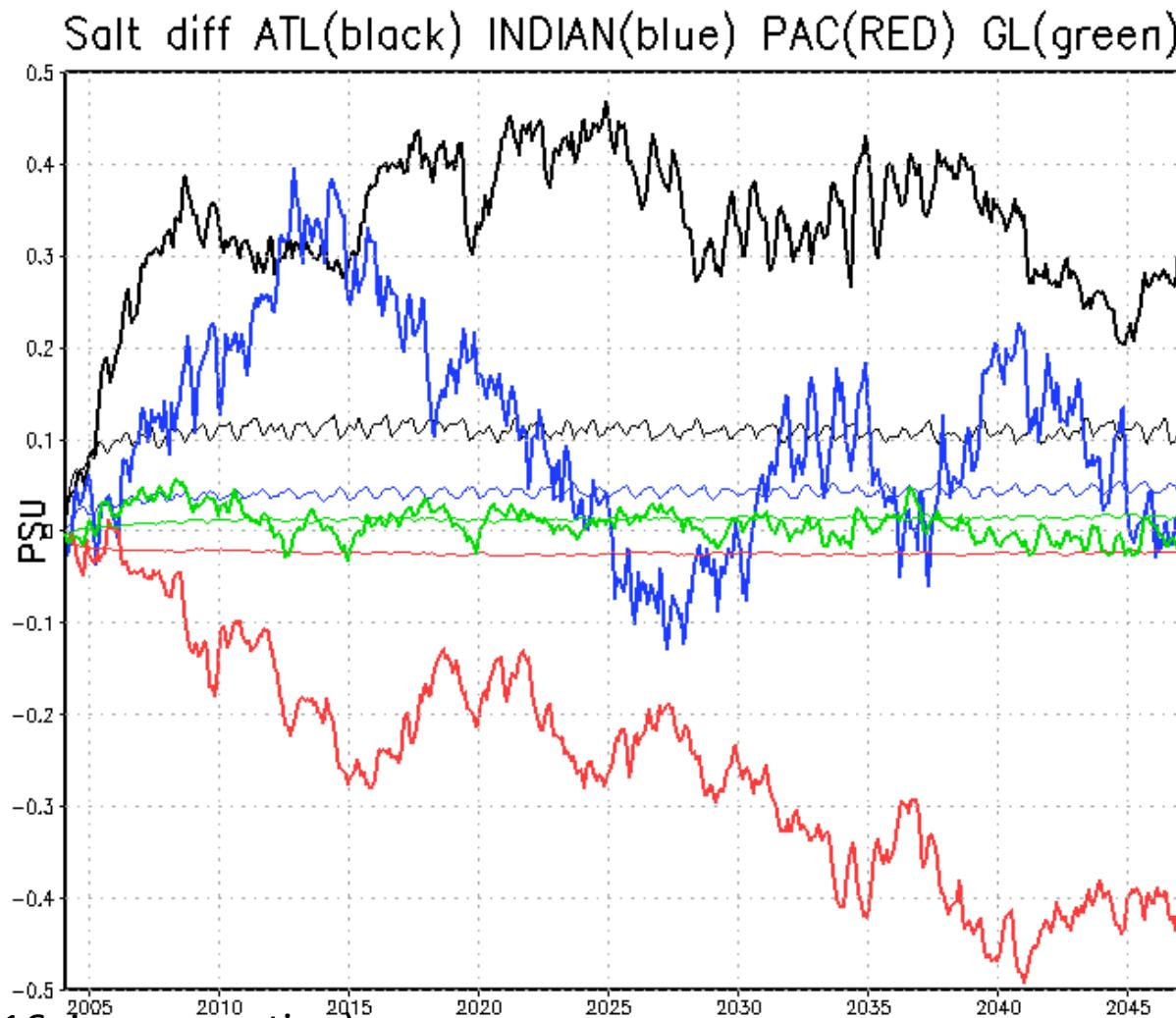


The effect of the river discharges and nutrients removal on DIC



The nutrients carried by the river discharges have an impact on the Dissolved Inorganic Carbon (DIC) concentration, with the removal of the nutrients are a decrease of DIC. However with the removal of the river discharge and nutrients there is an increase of DIC due to the increase of alkalinity, as a consequence of the increase of salinity. This has consequences on the carbon flux between ocean and atmosphere.

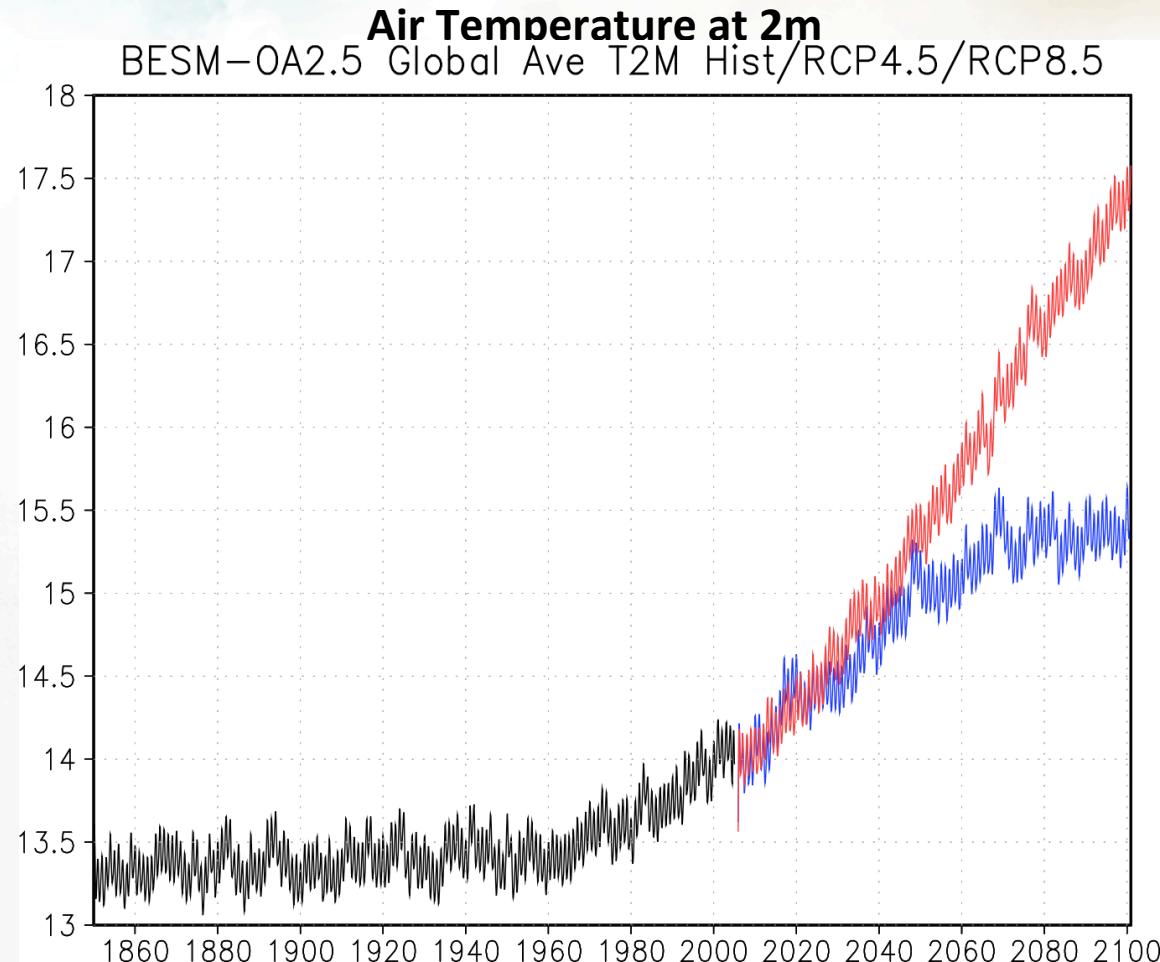
# River Discharge Induced Coupled Oscillations



# Climate Change Results

The efforts to get into CMIP5

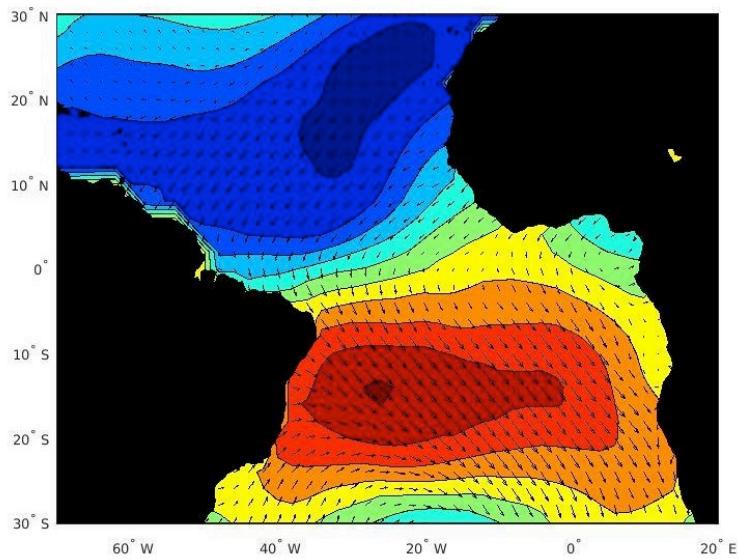
# BESM2.5 CMIP5 Runs 1850-2100



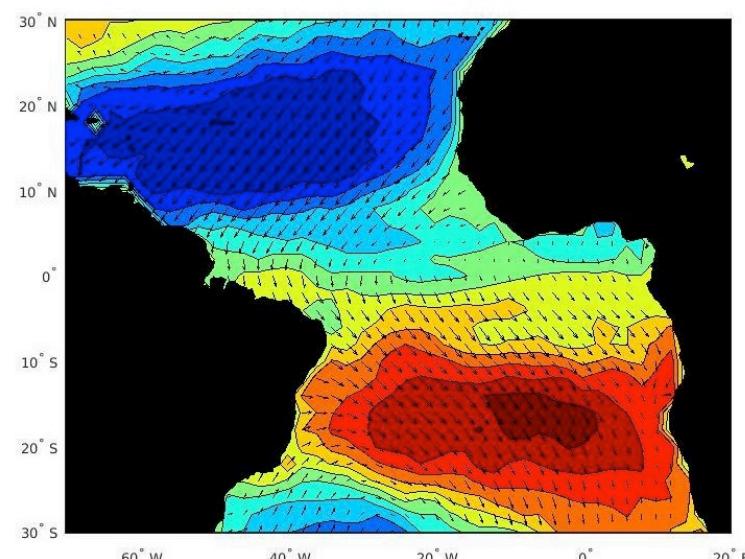
# Atlantic Meridional Mode

SST, Taux, Tauy Joint EOF1

ERSSTv4 (9.3%)



BESM2.5 historical run (11.4%)



Courtesy: S. Veiga, INPE/PGMET



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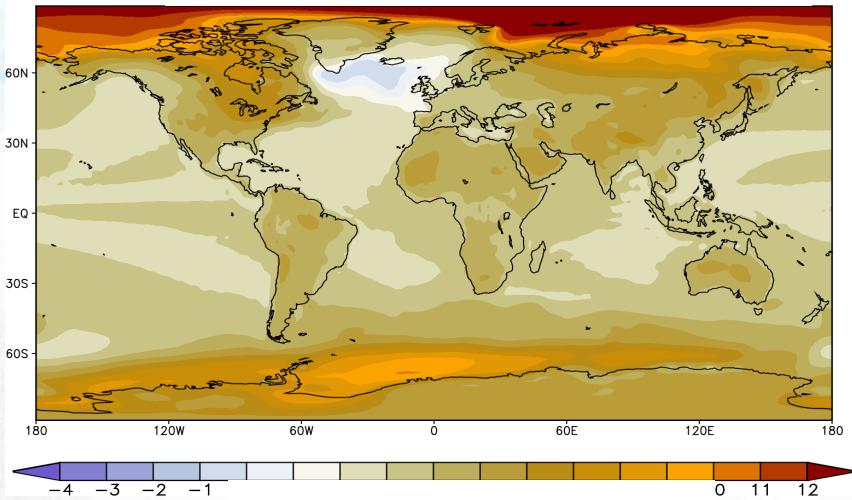
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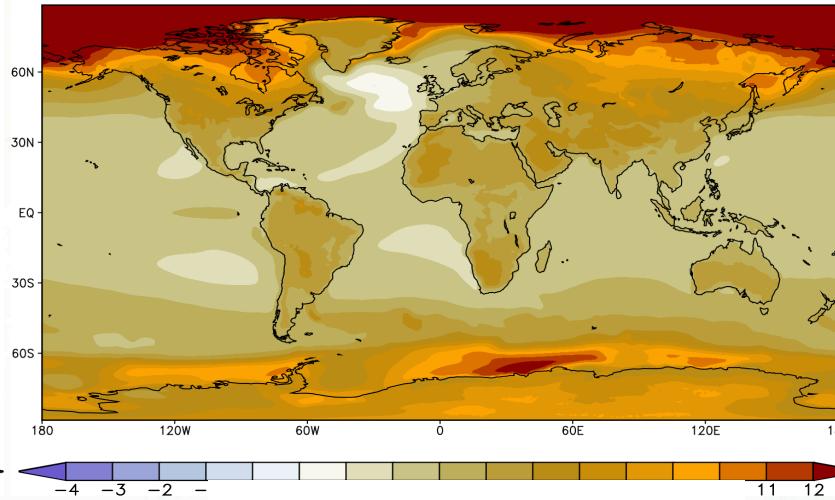
# Air Temperature Change

## Abrupt4xCO<sub>2</sub> - piControl

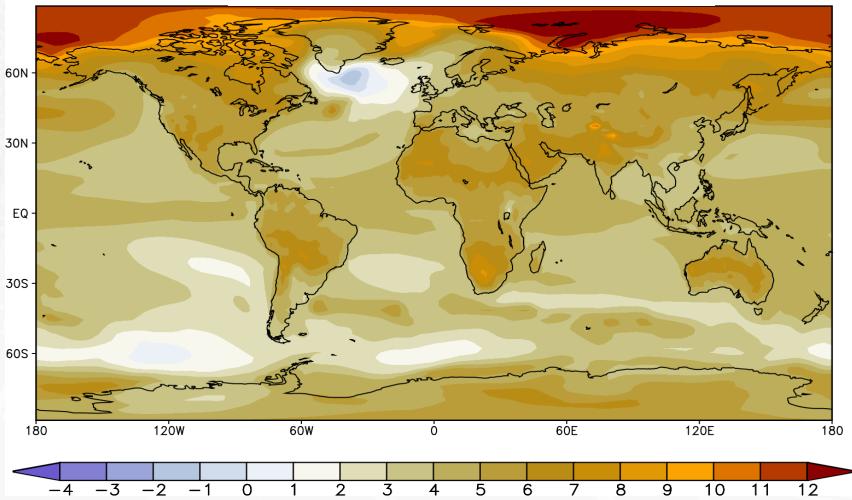
INPE/BESM 2.5



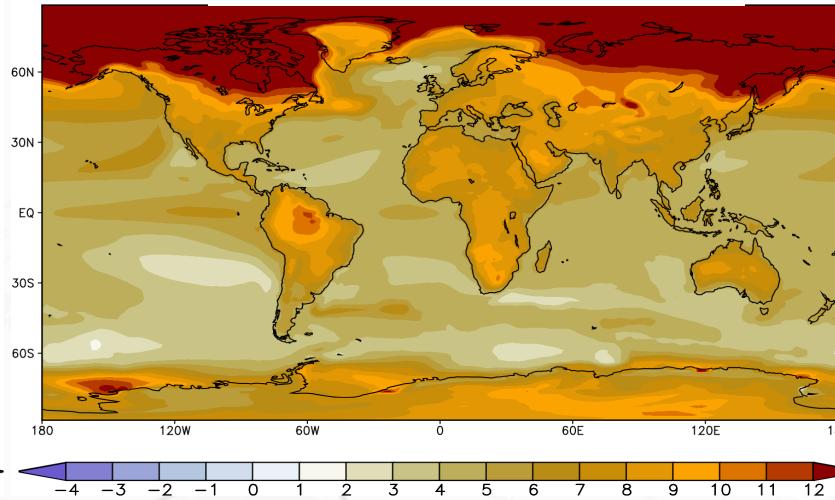
NCAR/CCSM 4



GFDL/CM 2.1

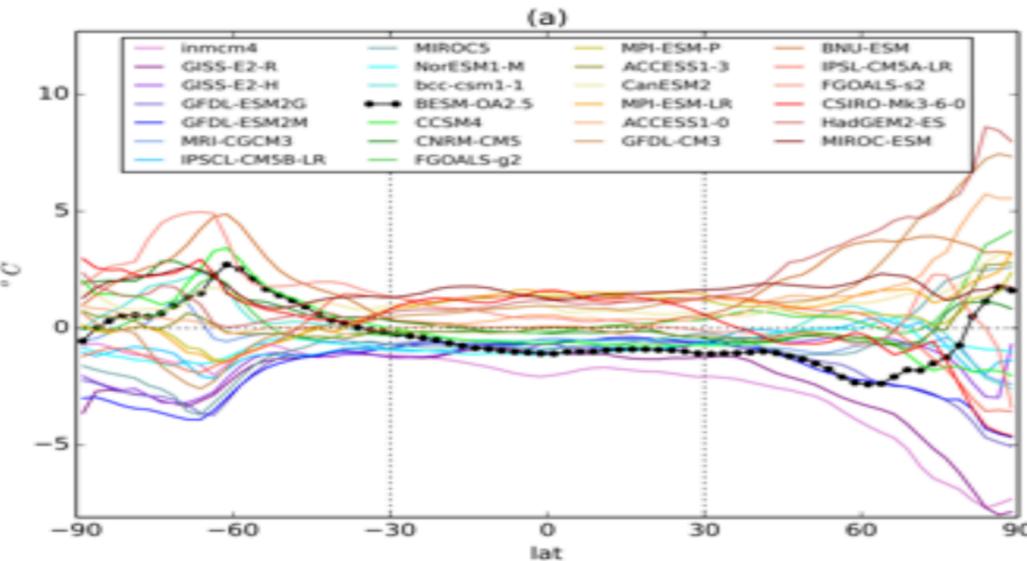


MOHC/HadGEM2-ES

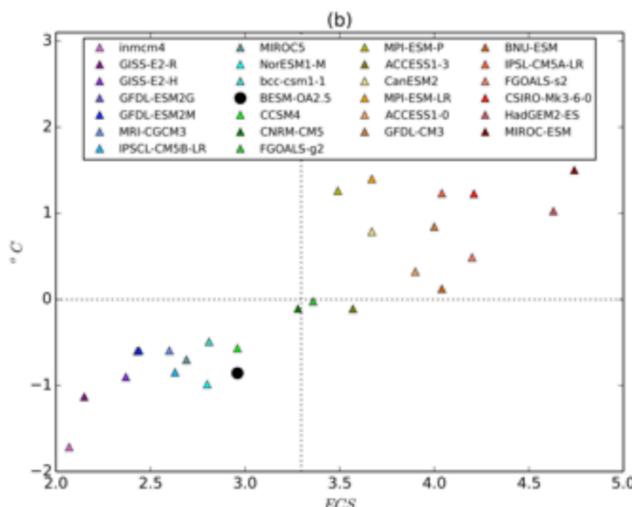


Source: Capistrano et al (2015) in preparation

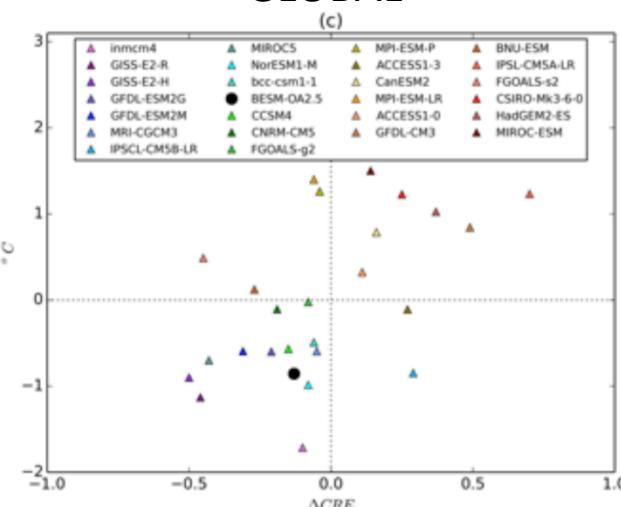
# BESM – CMIP5 Cloud Feedback



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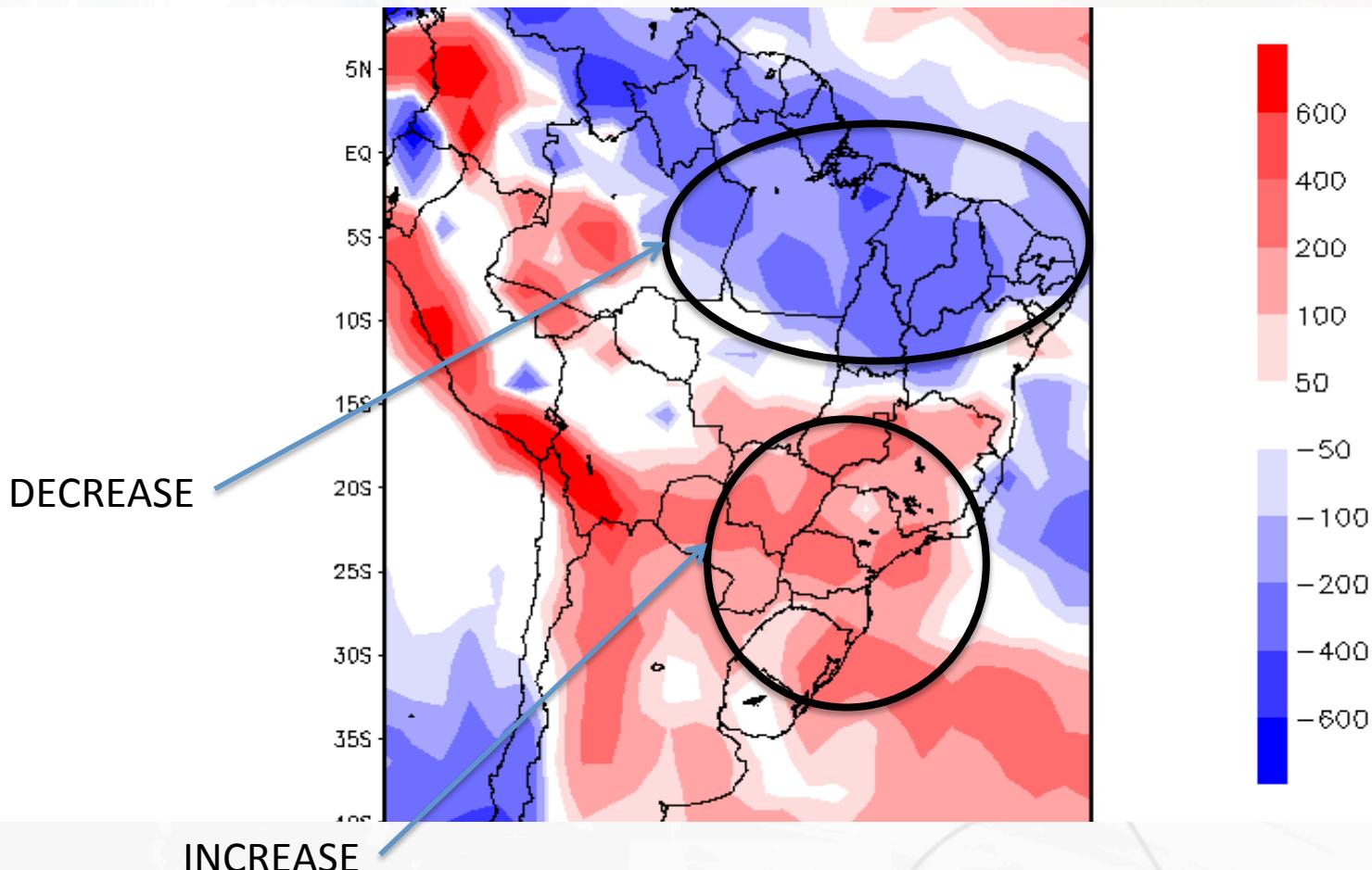


GLOBAL



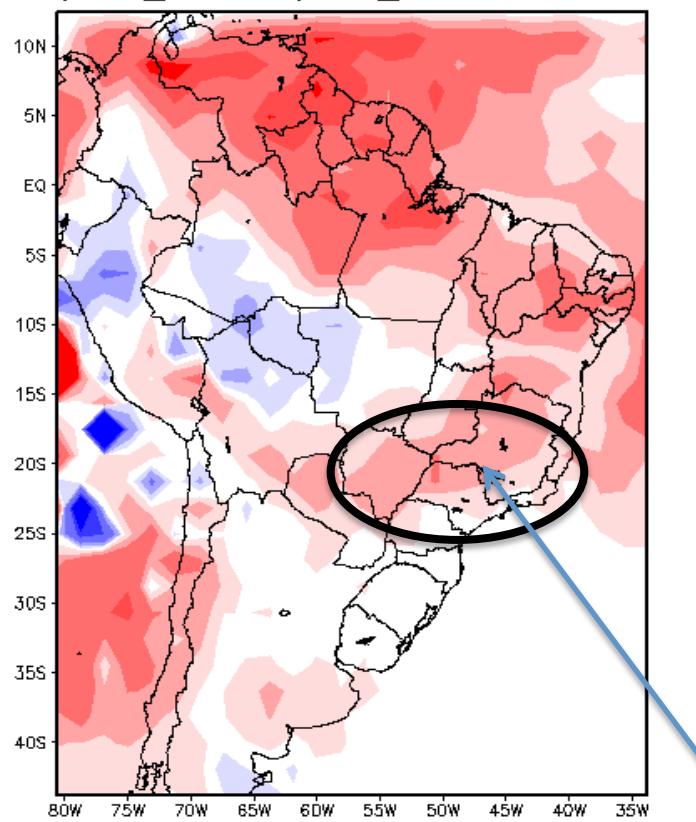
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Annual Mean Precipitation Variation

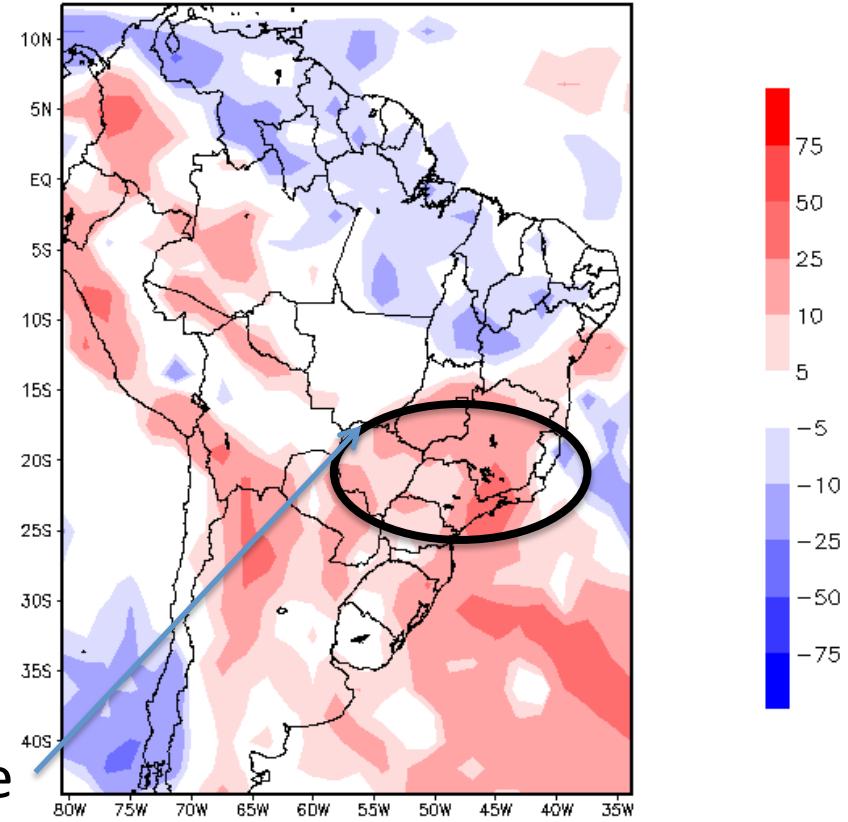


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Consecutive Dry Days

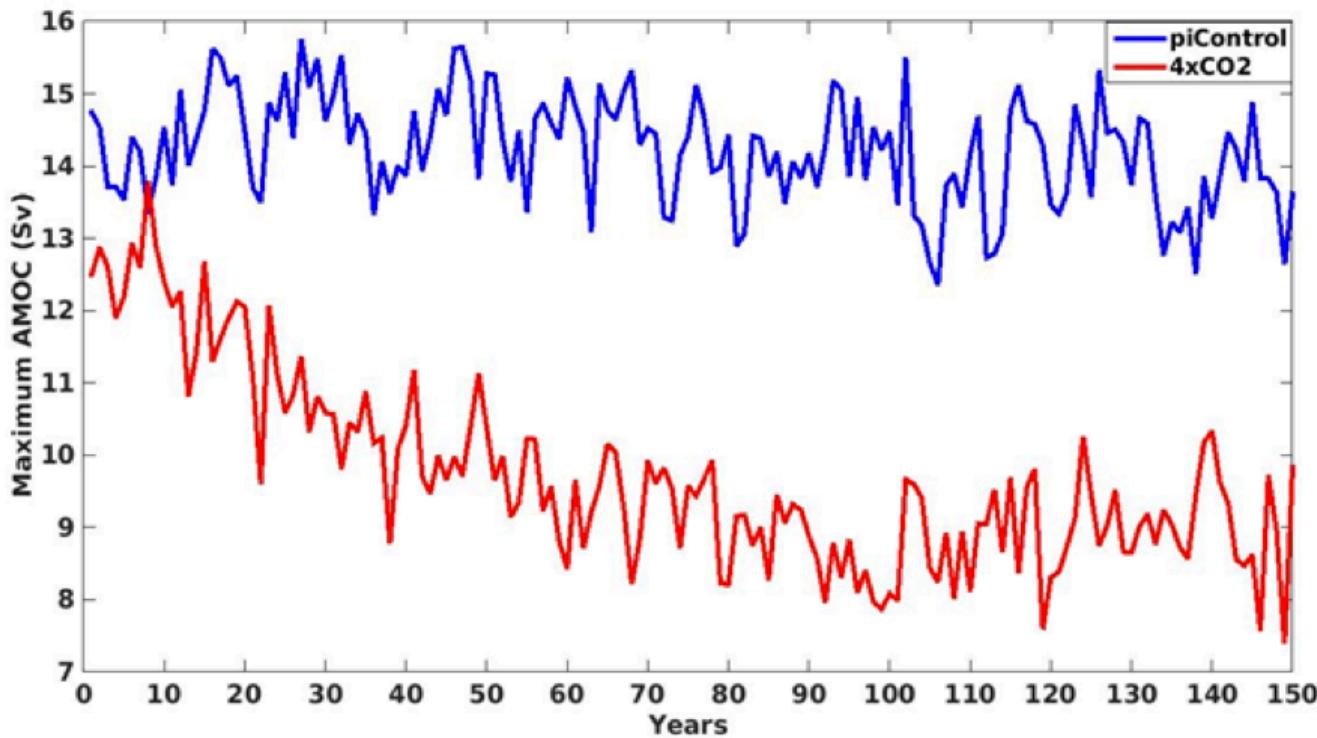


Extreme Precipitation Days

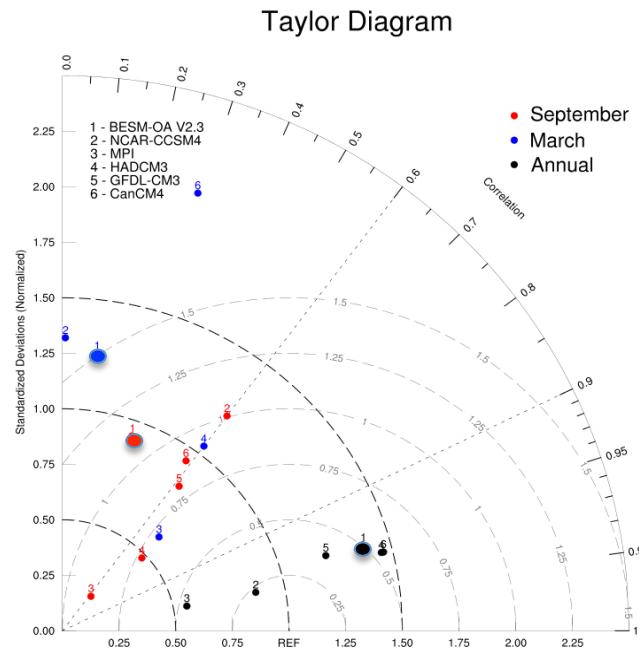
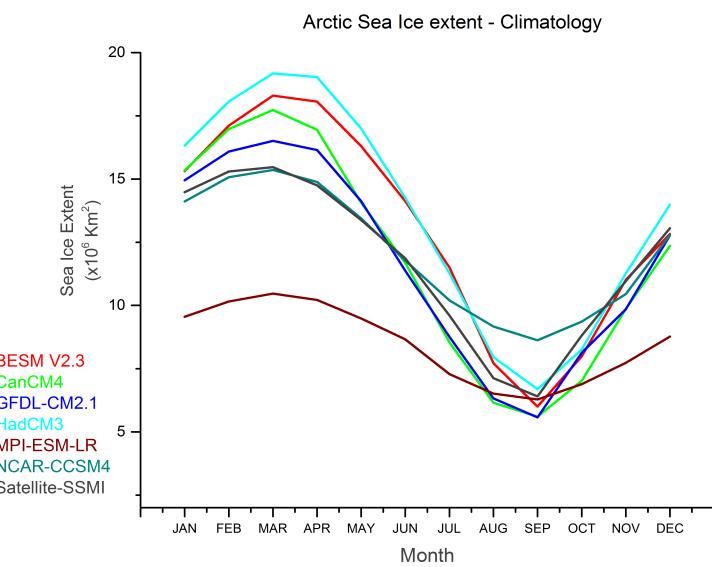


Increase

# BESM's AMOC Strength 4xCO<sub>2</sub> Simulation



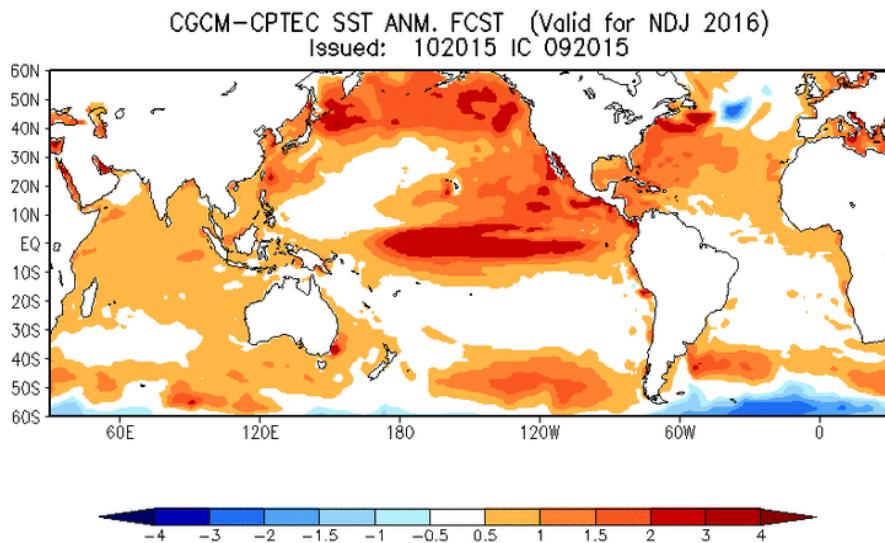
# Arctic Ice in CMIP5 Models



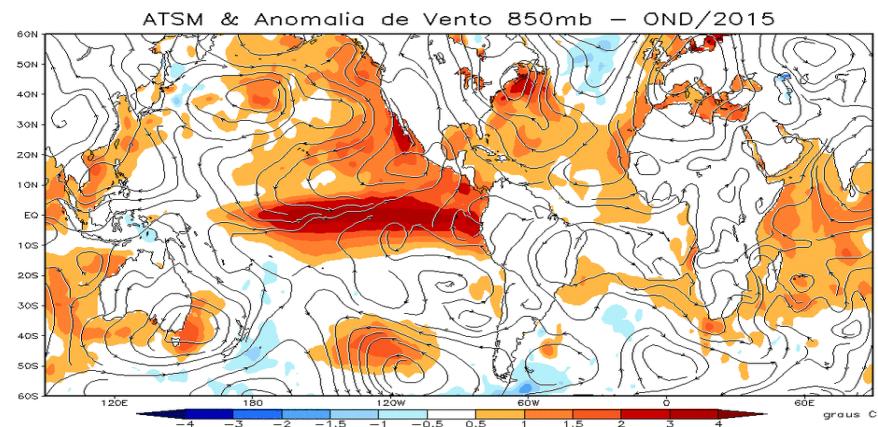
# Seasonal Climate Predictions

BESM as part of operational seasonal  
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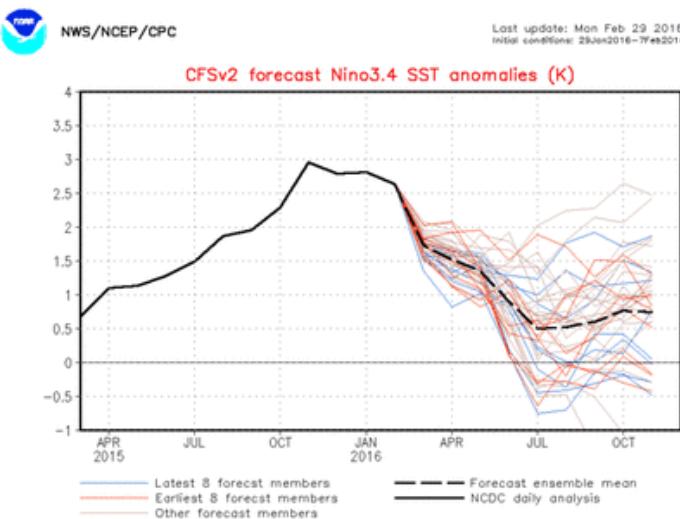
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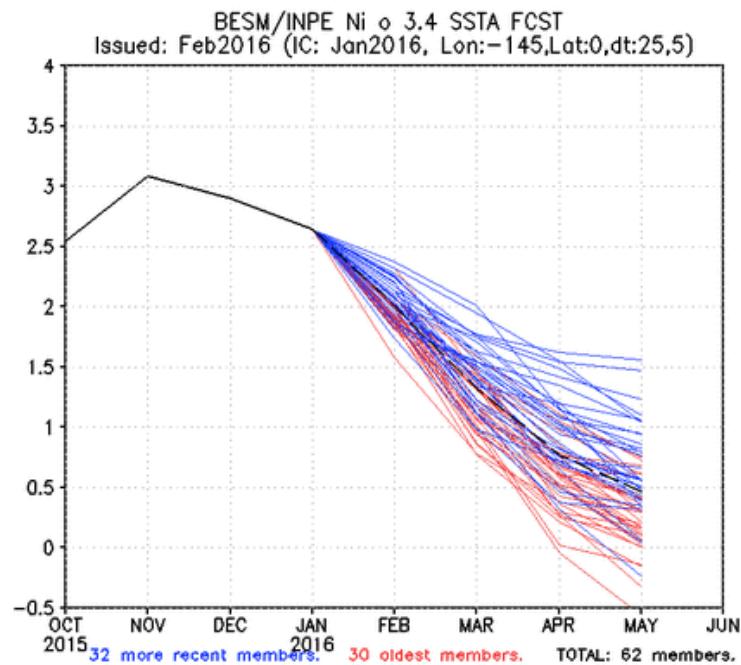
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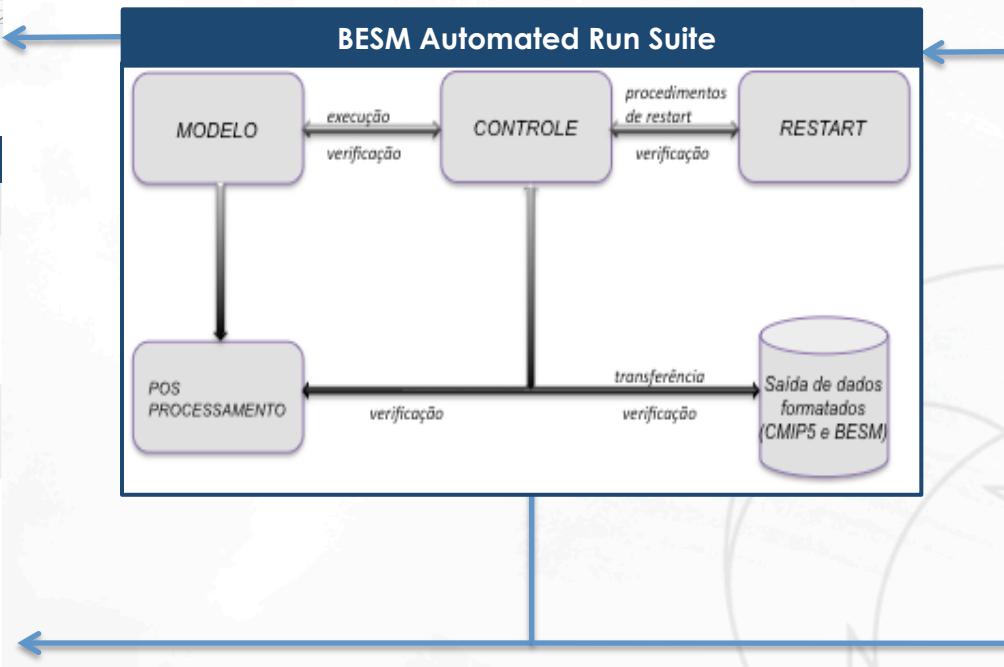
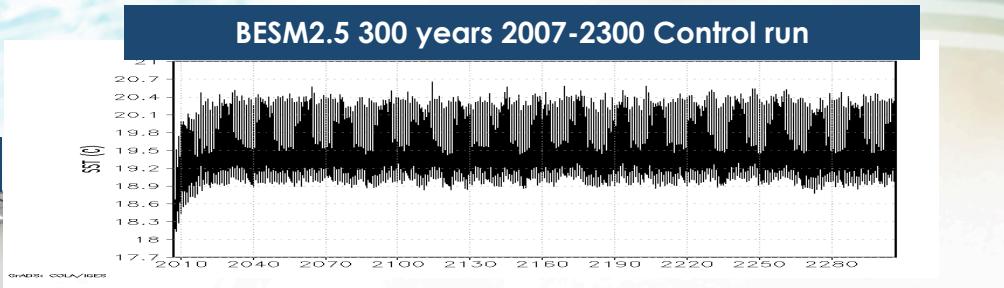
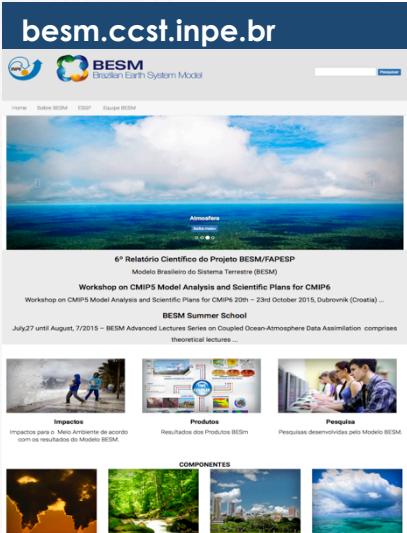


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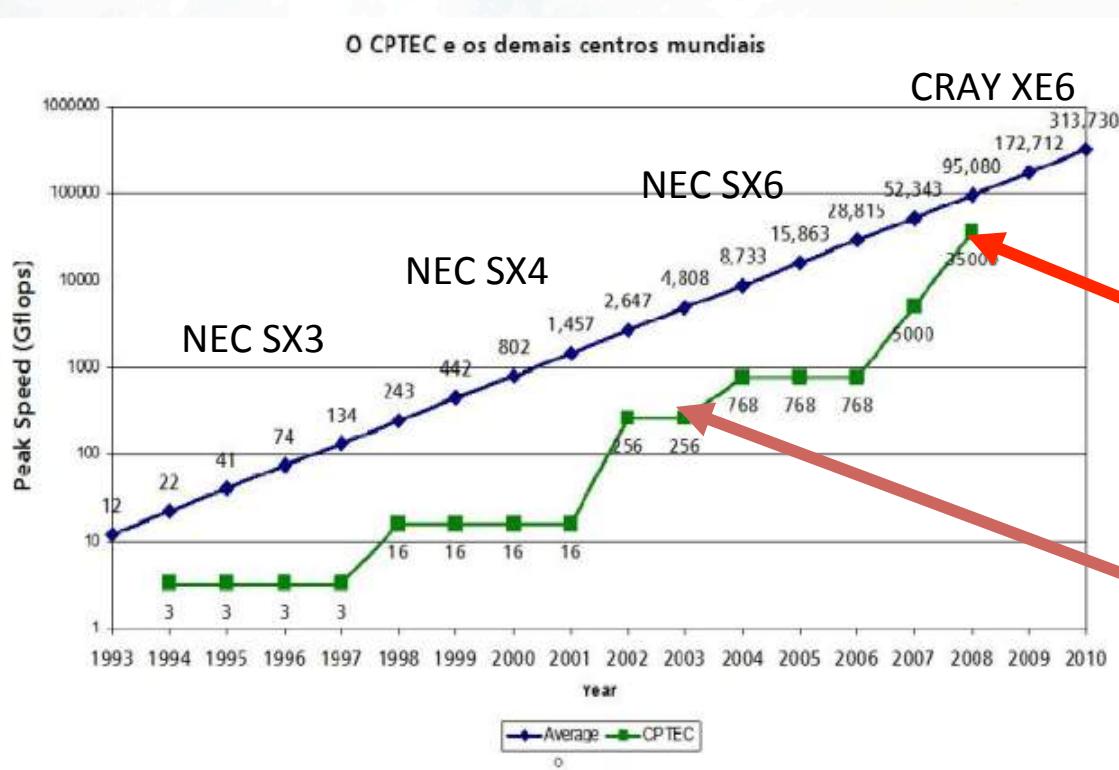


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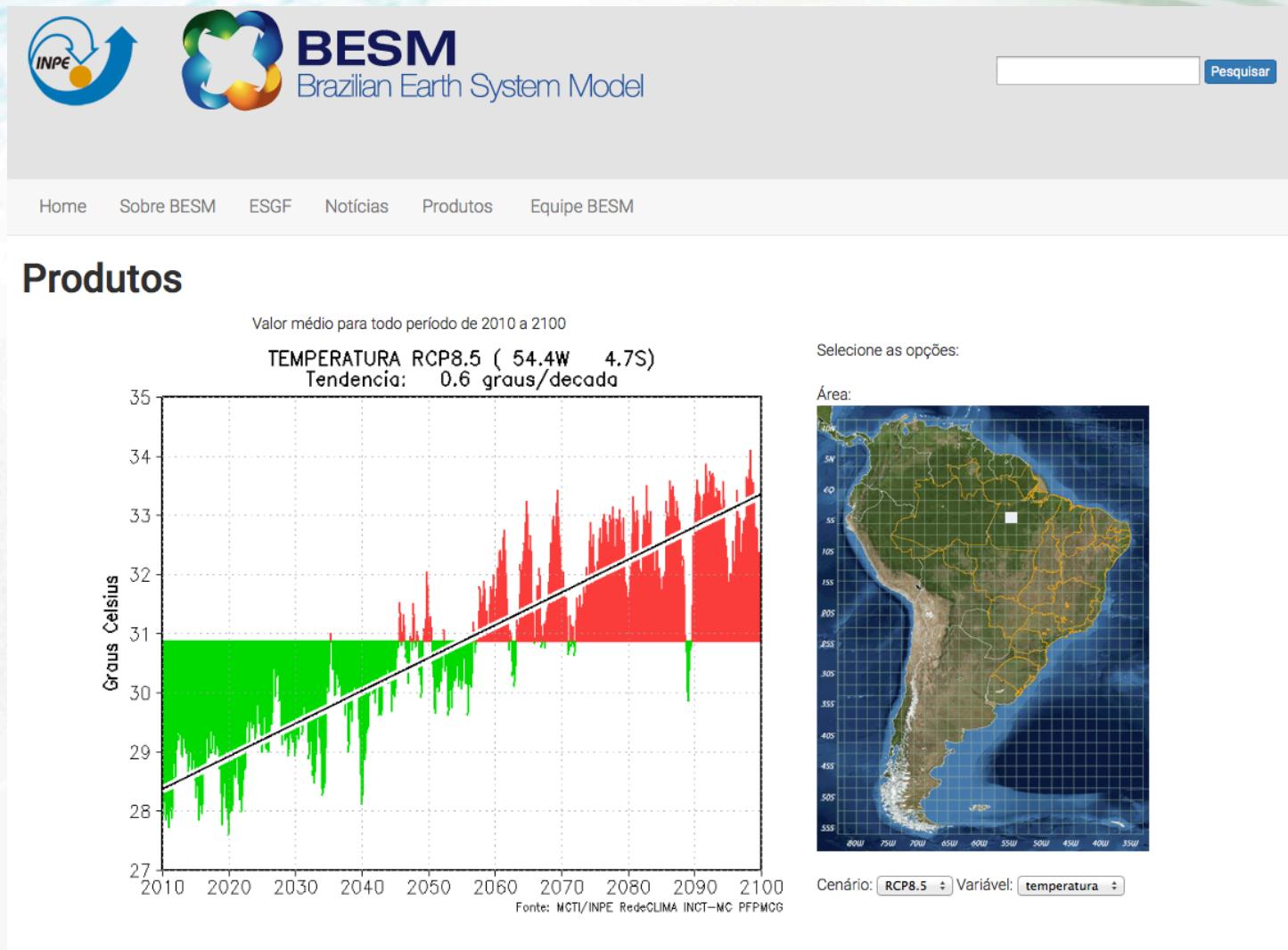


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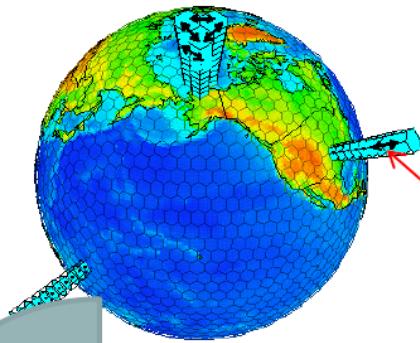
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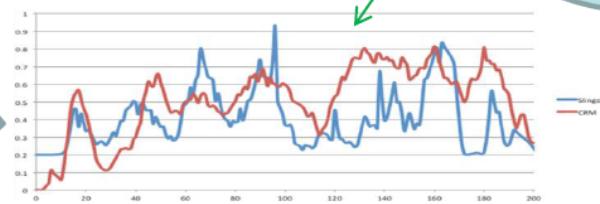
There will be always Much to be done

Components	BESM2.3	BESM 2.5
Dynamics	Eulerian Reduced Grid	Semi-Lagrangian Reduced Grid
Short Wave	CLIRAD (Tarasova et al. 2007)	CLIRAD (Tarasova et al 2007)
Long Wave	HASHVARDHAN (1987)	HASHVARDHAN (1987)
PBL	MELLOR YAMADA 2.0 (1982)	HOSTLAG BOVILLE (1992)
Surface	SSiB (1991)	IBIS 2.6 (1996), Kubota(2012)
Deep Convection	RAS	GRELL & DEVENYI (2002)
Shallow Convection	TIEDKE (1983)	TIEDKE (1983)
Large Scale Precip	Large Scale condensation	Ferrier (Ferrier <i>et al.</i> , 2002)
Gravity Wave	ALPERT (1988)	ALPERT (1988)

<b>Physical Parameterization</b>	<b>BESM-OA2.5</b>	<b>BAM</b>
Shortwave radiation	Clirad (Tarasova <i>et al.</i> , 2006; Chou and Suarez, 1999)	RRTMG (Rapid radiative transfer model for GCMs, Iacono <i>et al.</i> , 2008)
long-wave radiation	Harshvardhan (Harshvardhan and Corsetti, 1984; Harshvardhan <i>et al.</i> , 1987)	RRTMG (Iacono <i>et al.</i> , 2008)
Cloud microphysics	Ferrier (Ferrier <i>et al.</i> , 2002)	Morrison (Morrison <i>et al.</i> , 2005)
Land surface model	SSib (Xue <i>et al.</i> , 1991)	Ibis (Foley <i>et al.</i> , 1996)

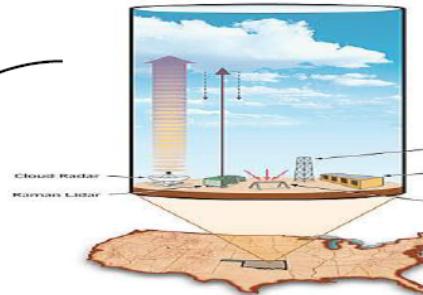


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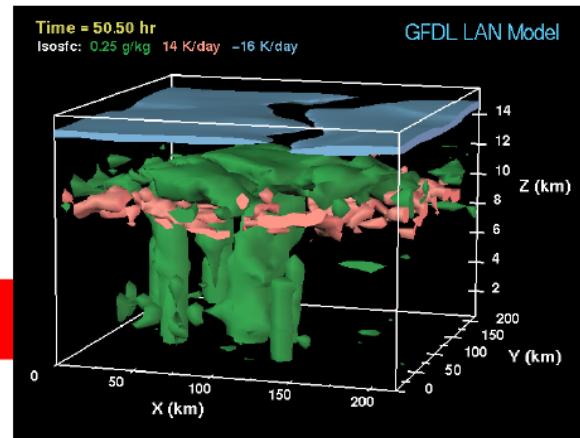


COMPARISON AGCM-CRM

New/or  
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using LES  
or CRM



OBSERVATIONS FROM  
BOMEX, TOGA, LBA,  
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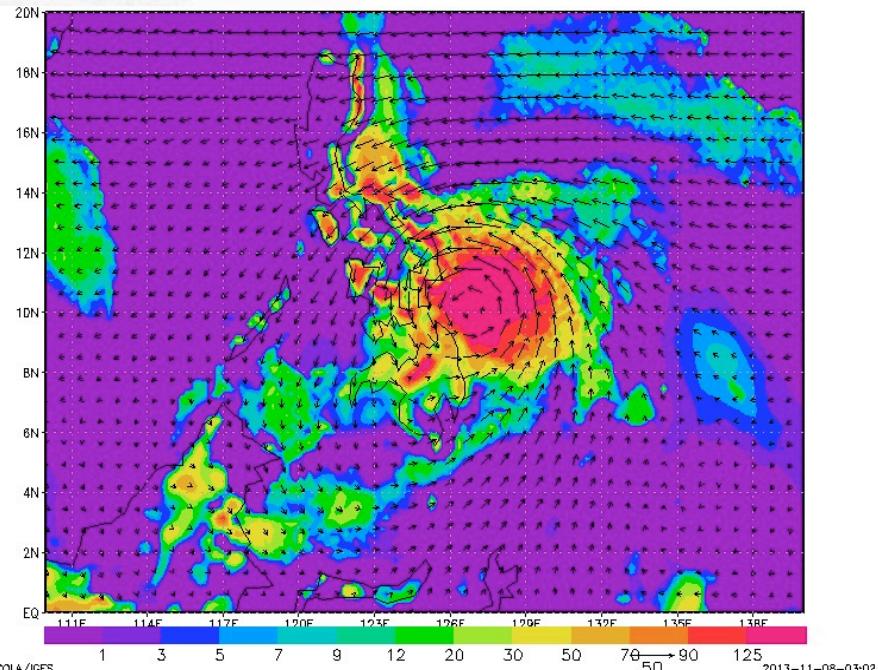
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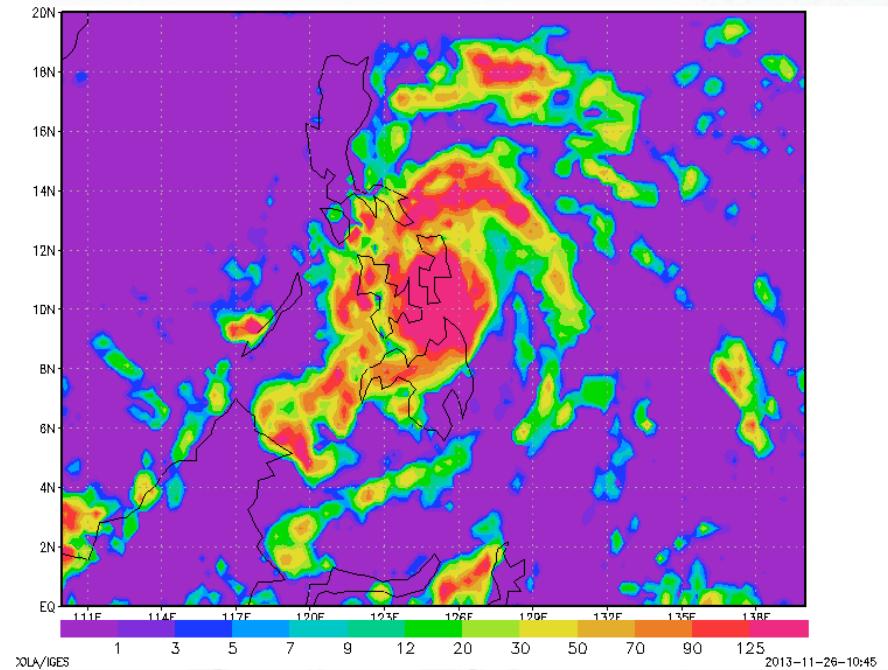
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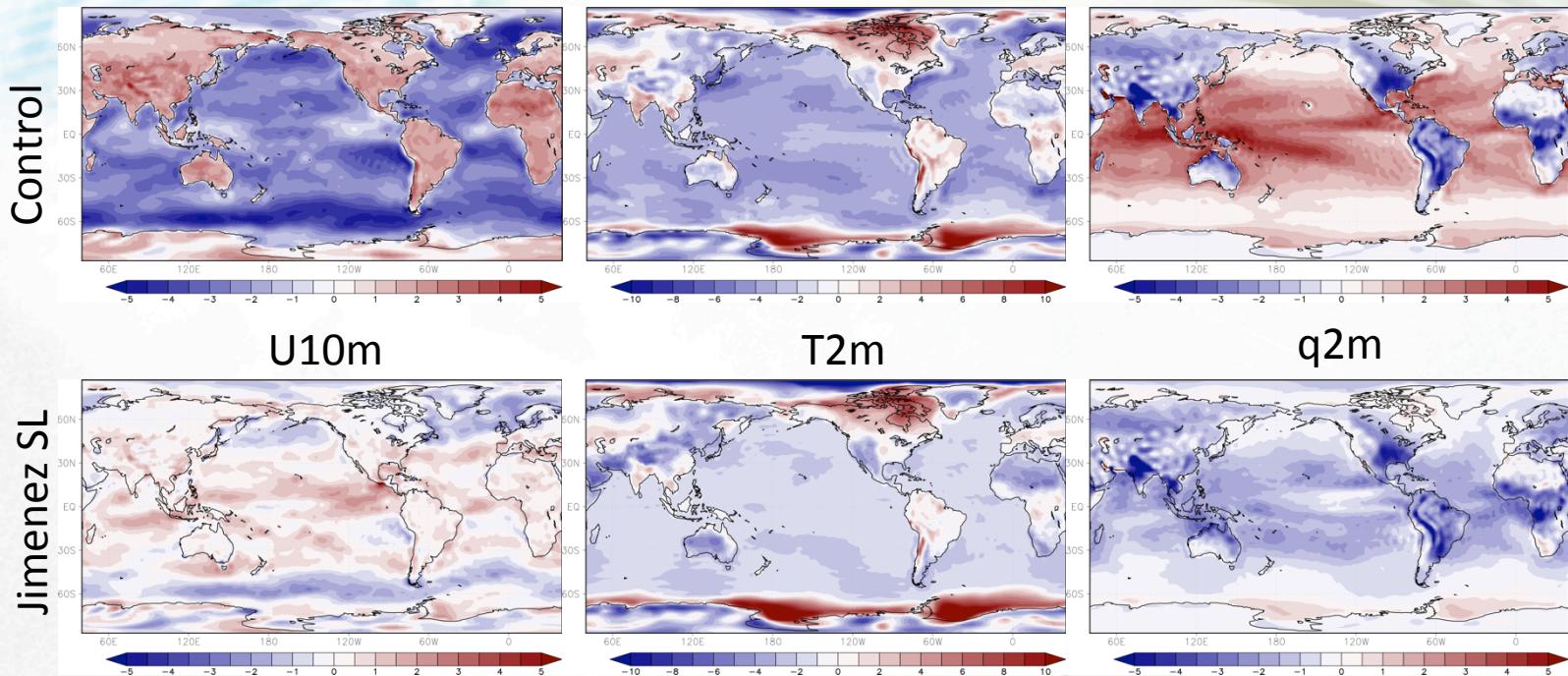
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# PBL PARAMETERIZATION



Normalized root-mean-square-error (NRMSE).

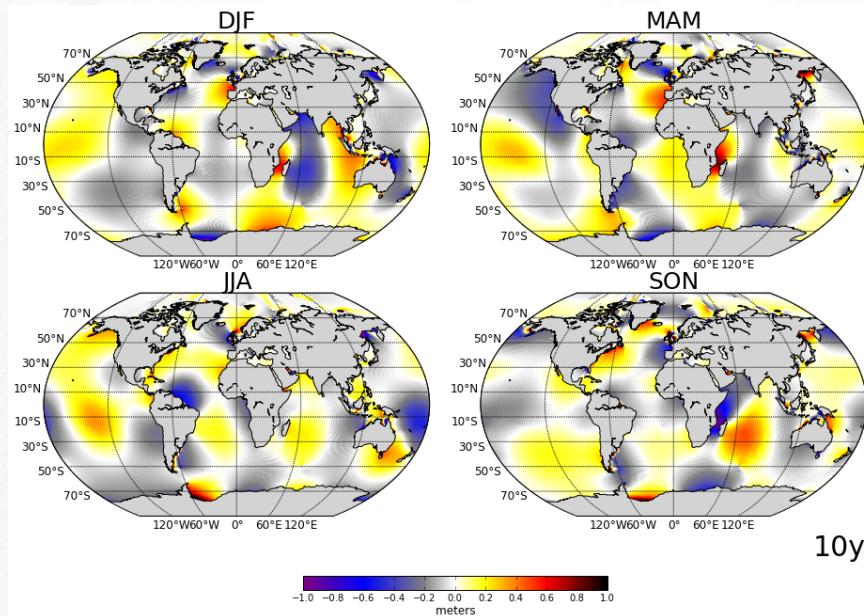
	<b>u10m</b>	<b>T2m</b>	<b>q2m</b>
Control	7.90	0.30	2.88
Jimenez SL	1.19	0.17	4.30

NRMSE over the ocean.

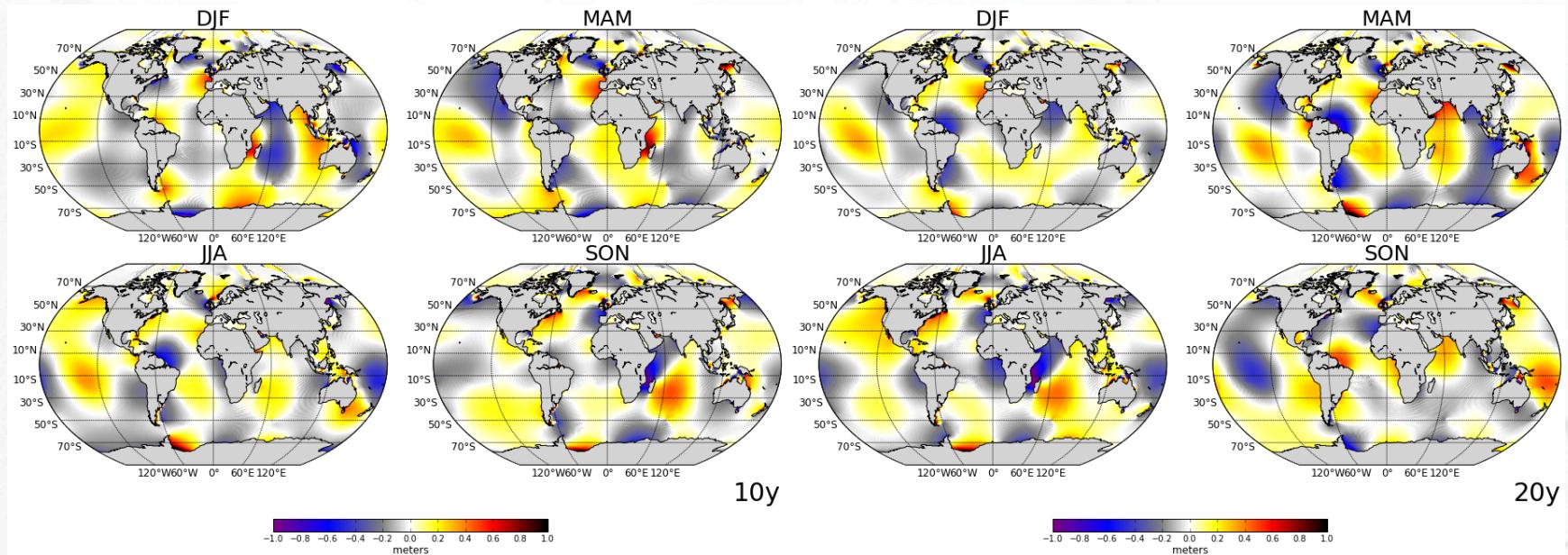
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# MOM5 Tidal Phase Impact

10 Years



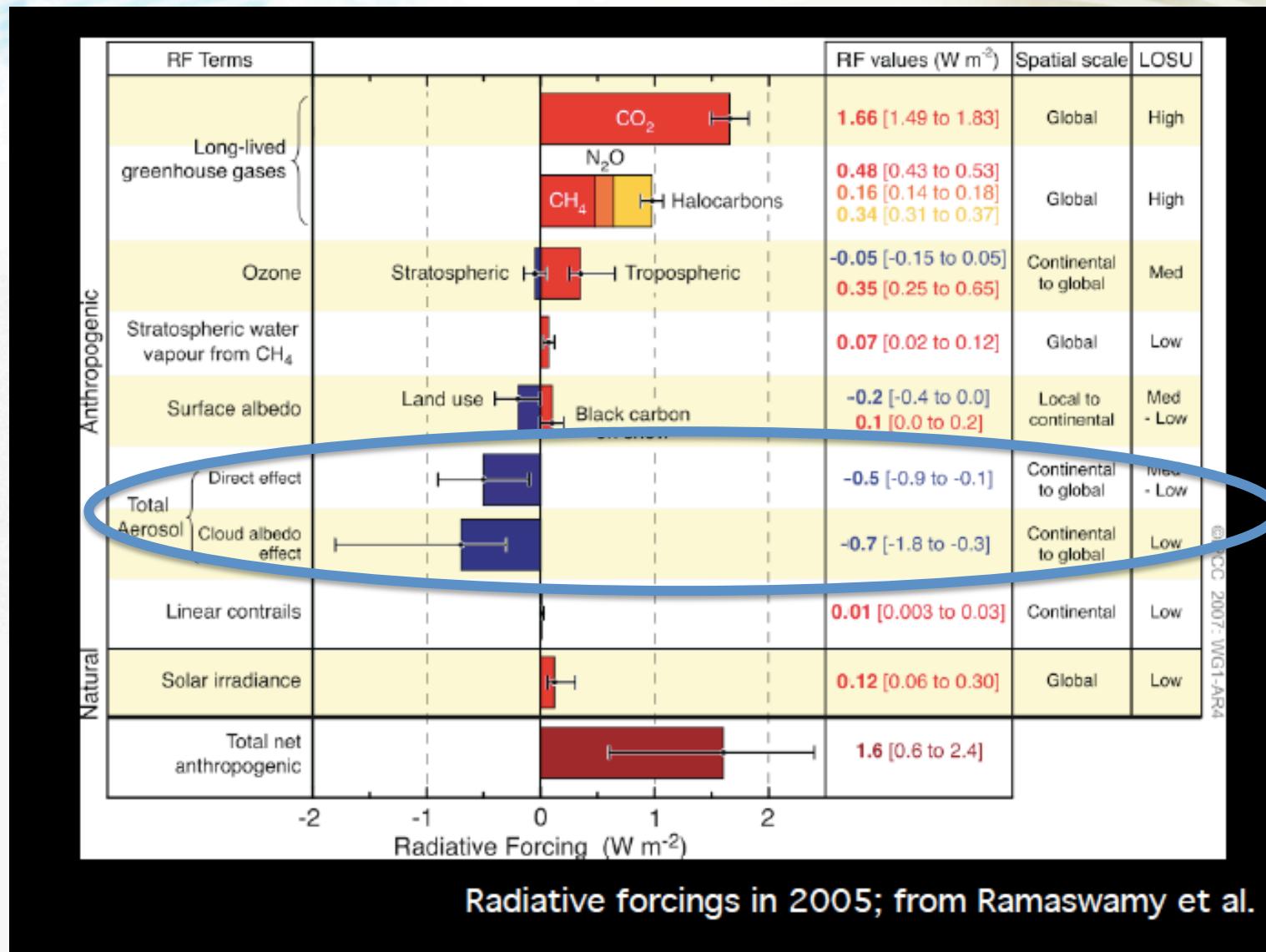
20 Years



Sea level seasonal differences between default configuration , DFT (just amplitudes) and T8 (amplitude plus phase) after 10 and 20 years of simulation

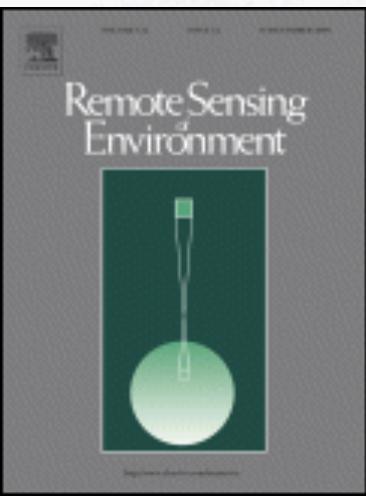
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# Radiative Forcing



# Using the superficial drainage as topographical reference

## The HAND Algorithm



HAND, a new terrain descriptor using SRTM-DEM: Mapping terra-firme rainforest environments in Amazonia

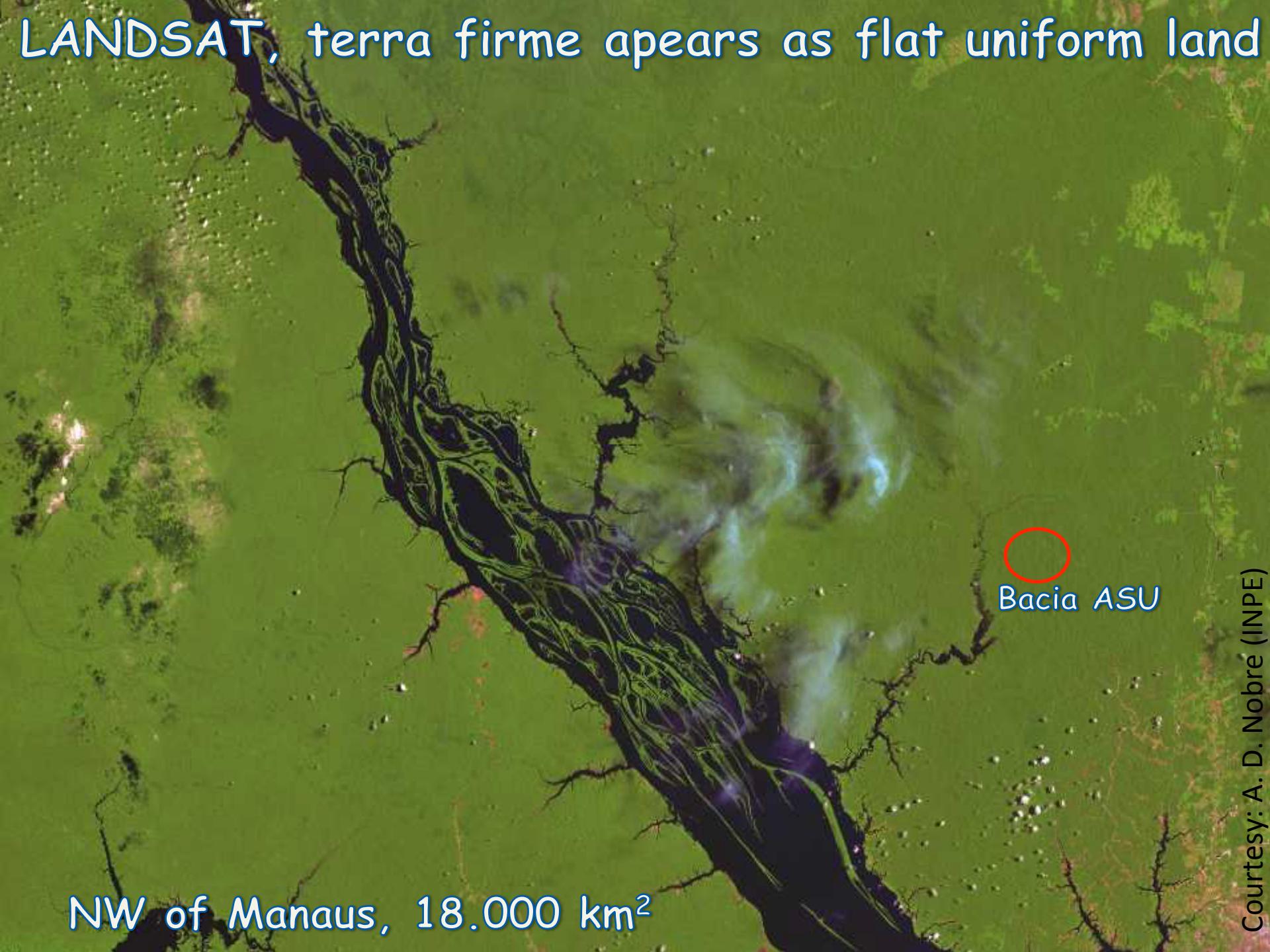
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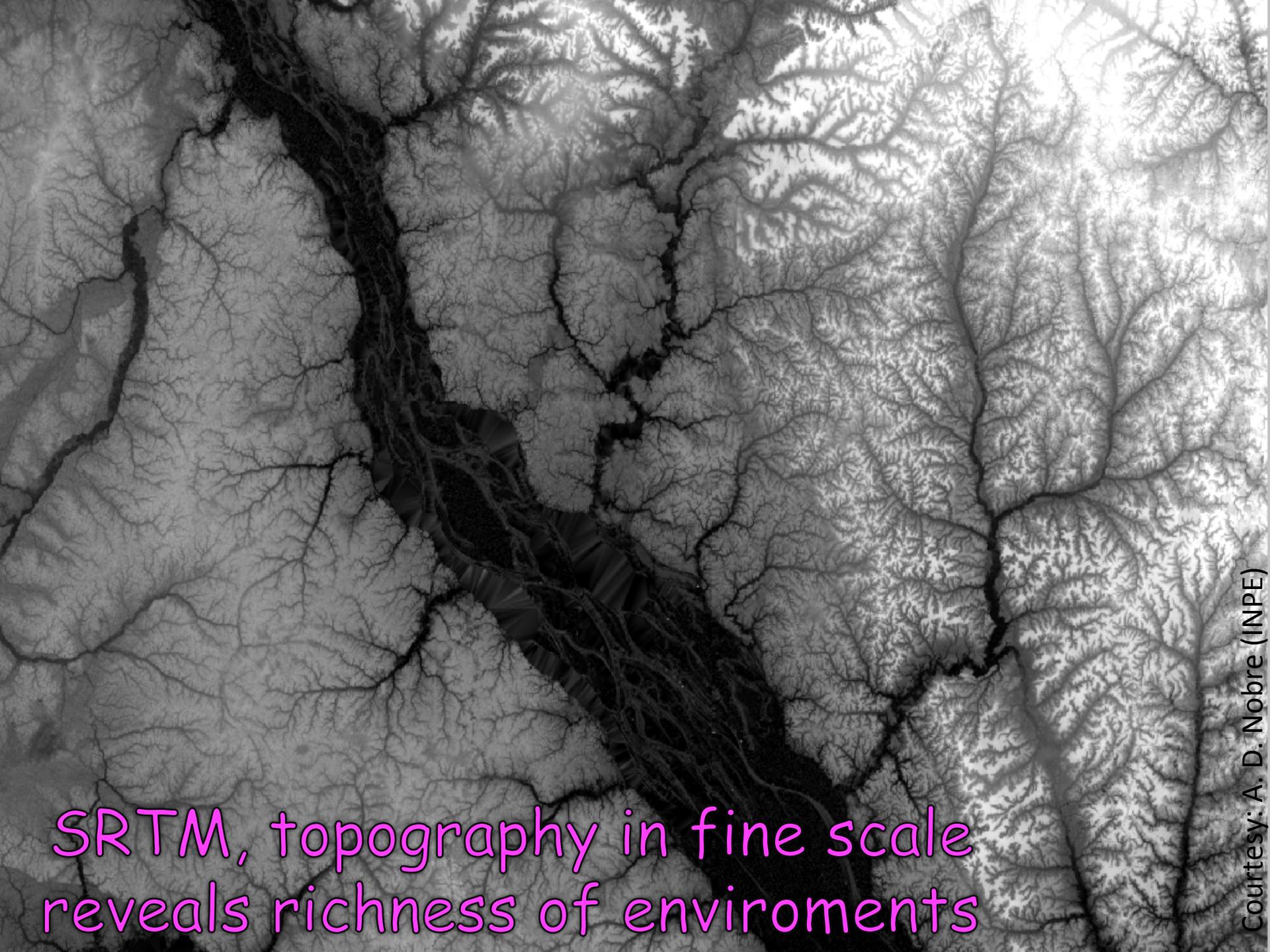
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LANDSAT, terra firme appears as flat uniform land

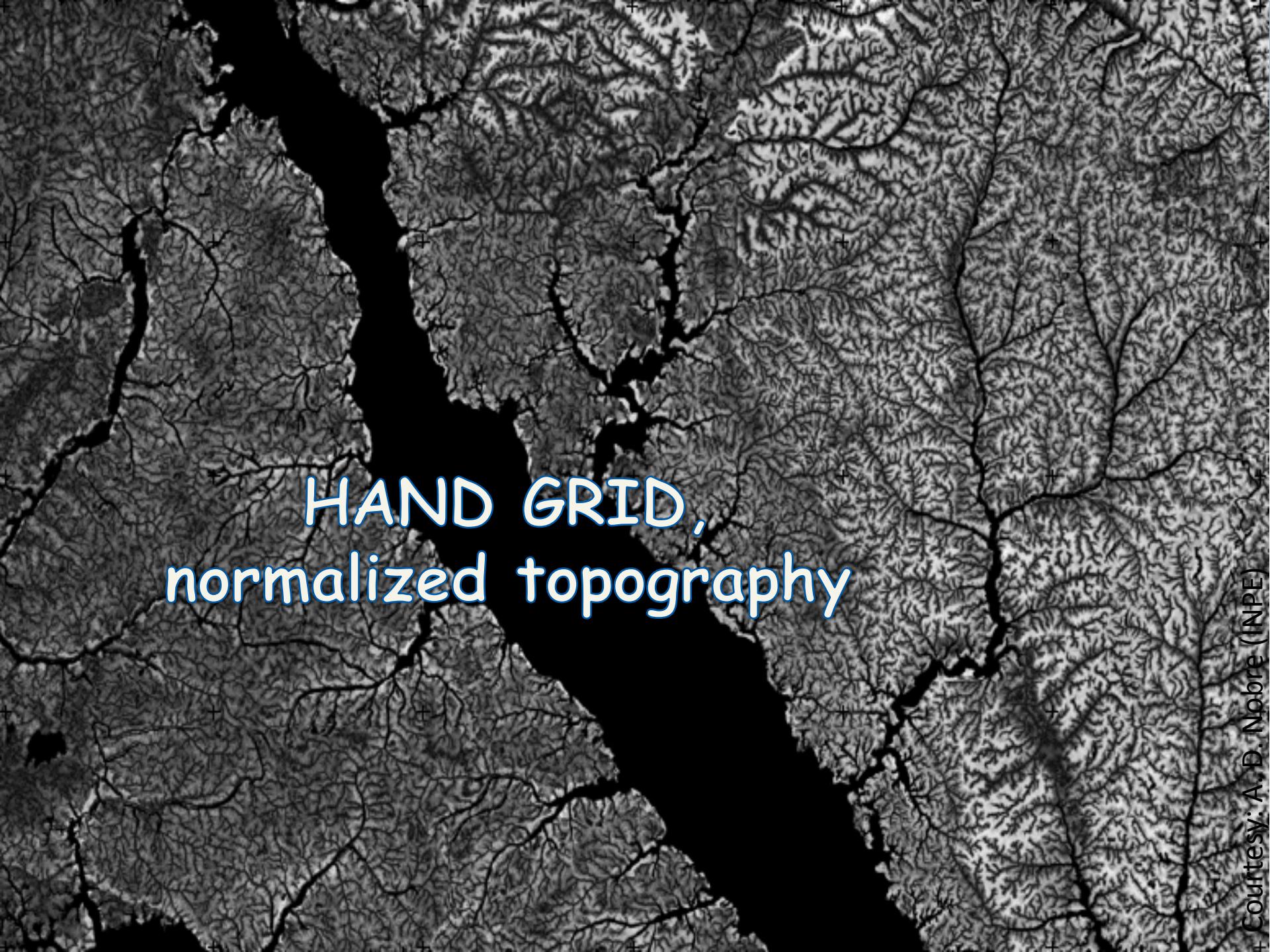


NW of Manaus, 18.000 km<sup>2</sup>

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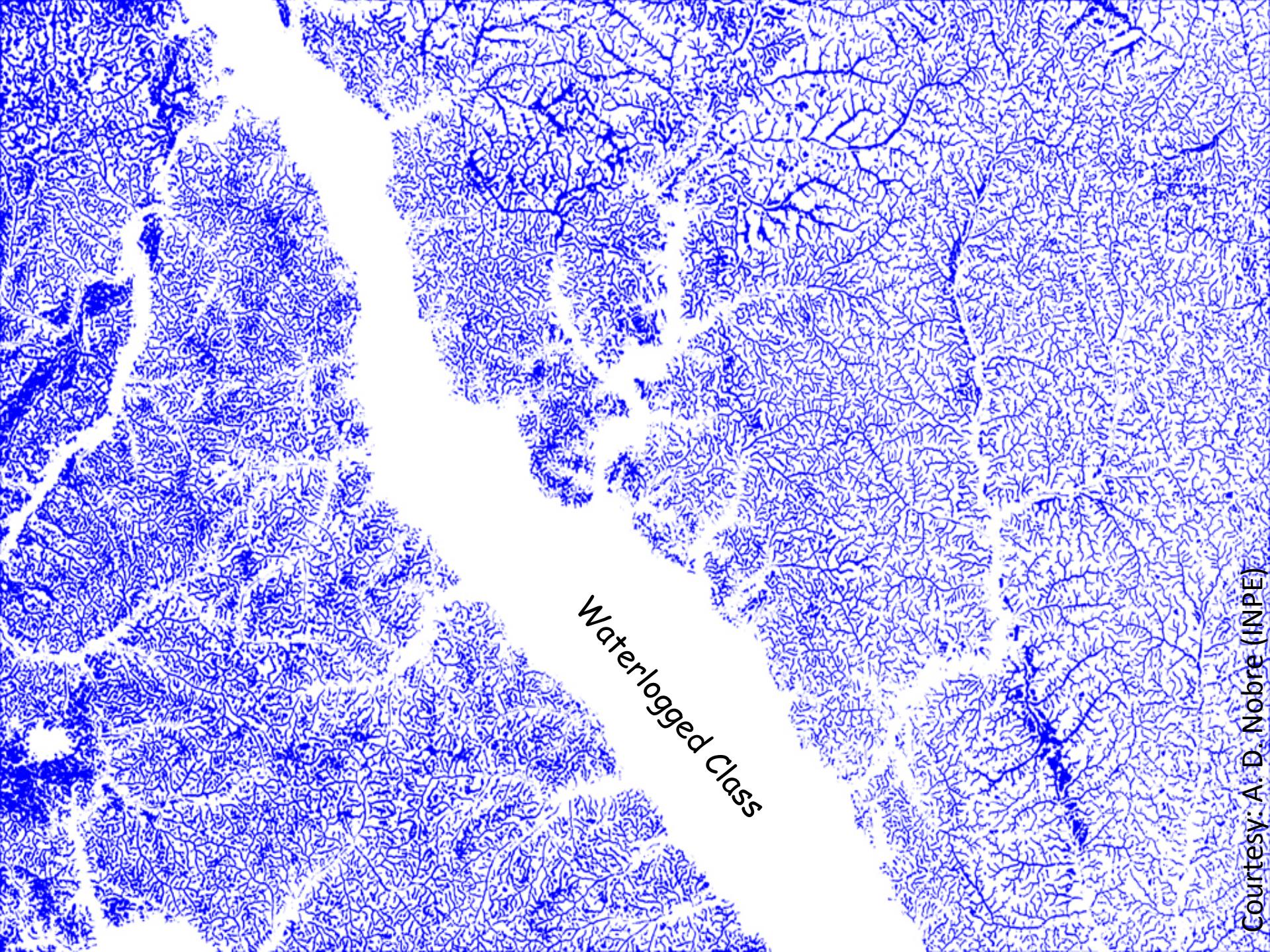


SRTM, topography in fine scale  
reveals richness of environments

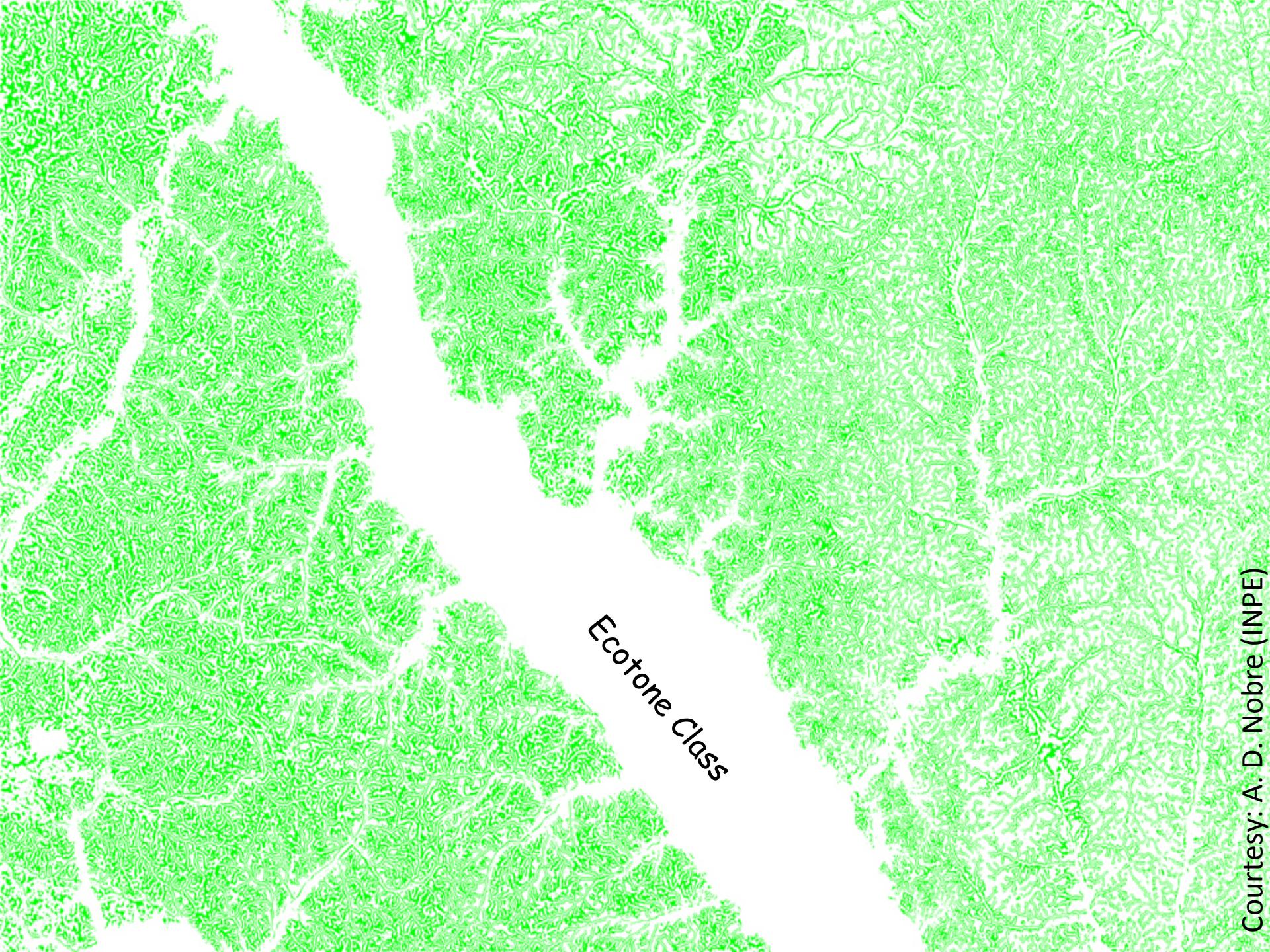


A grayscale image of a brain scan, likely a diffusion tensor imaging (DTI) or similar functional MRI (fMRI) scan. The image shows a complex network of white matter tracts appearing as bright, branching structures against a darker gray background. A large, irregularly shaped central region is predominantly white, representing the cerebrospinal fluid (CSF) or a specific functional region. The overall pattern is highly symmetrical and organized.

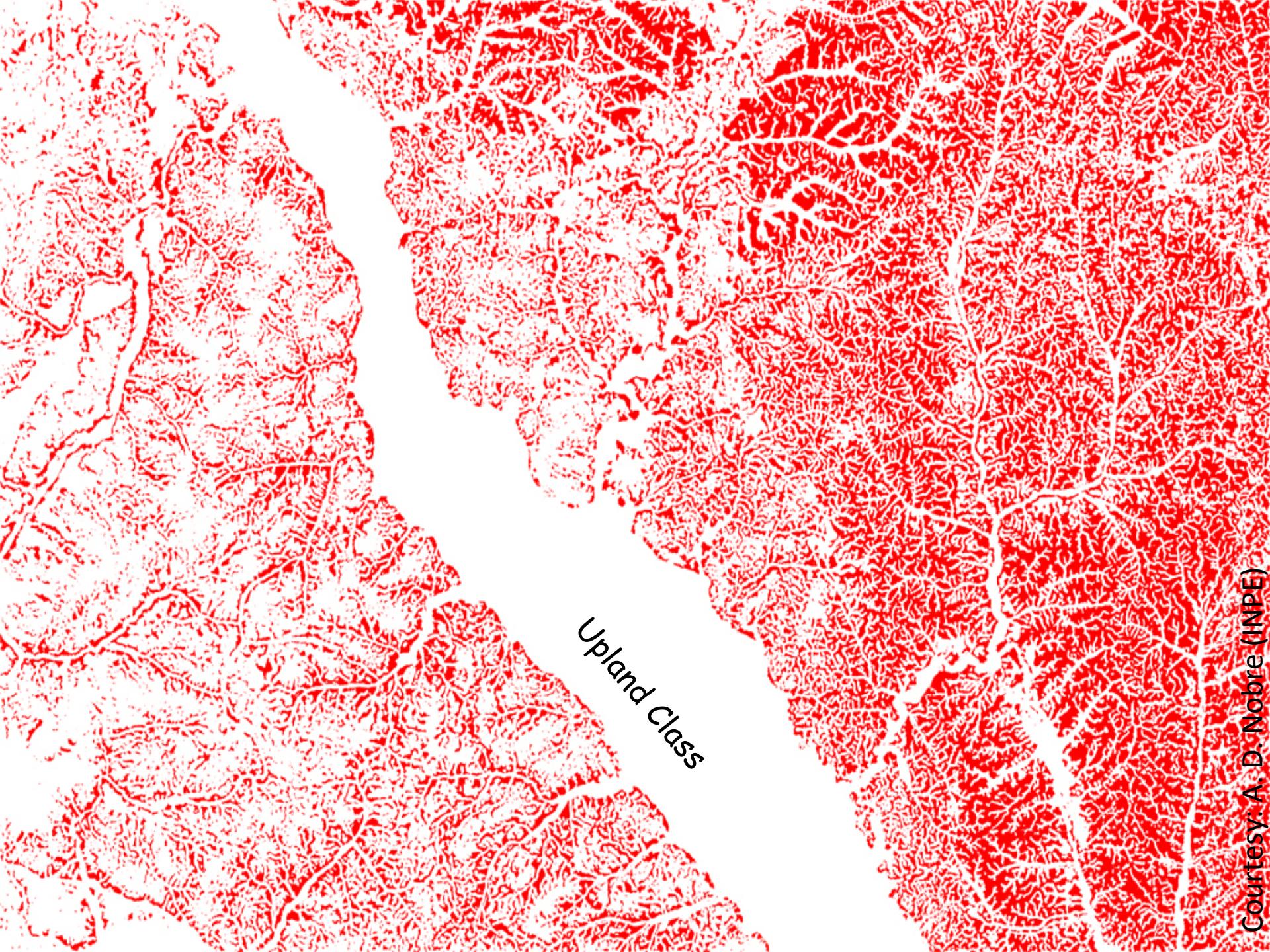
HAND GRID,  
normalized topography



Waterlogged Class



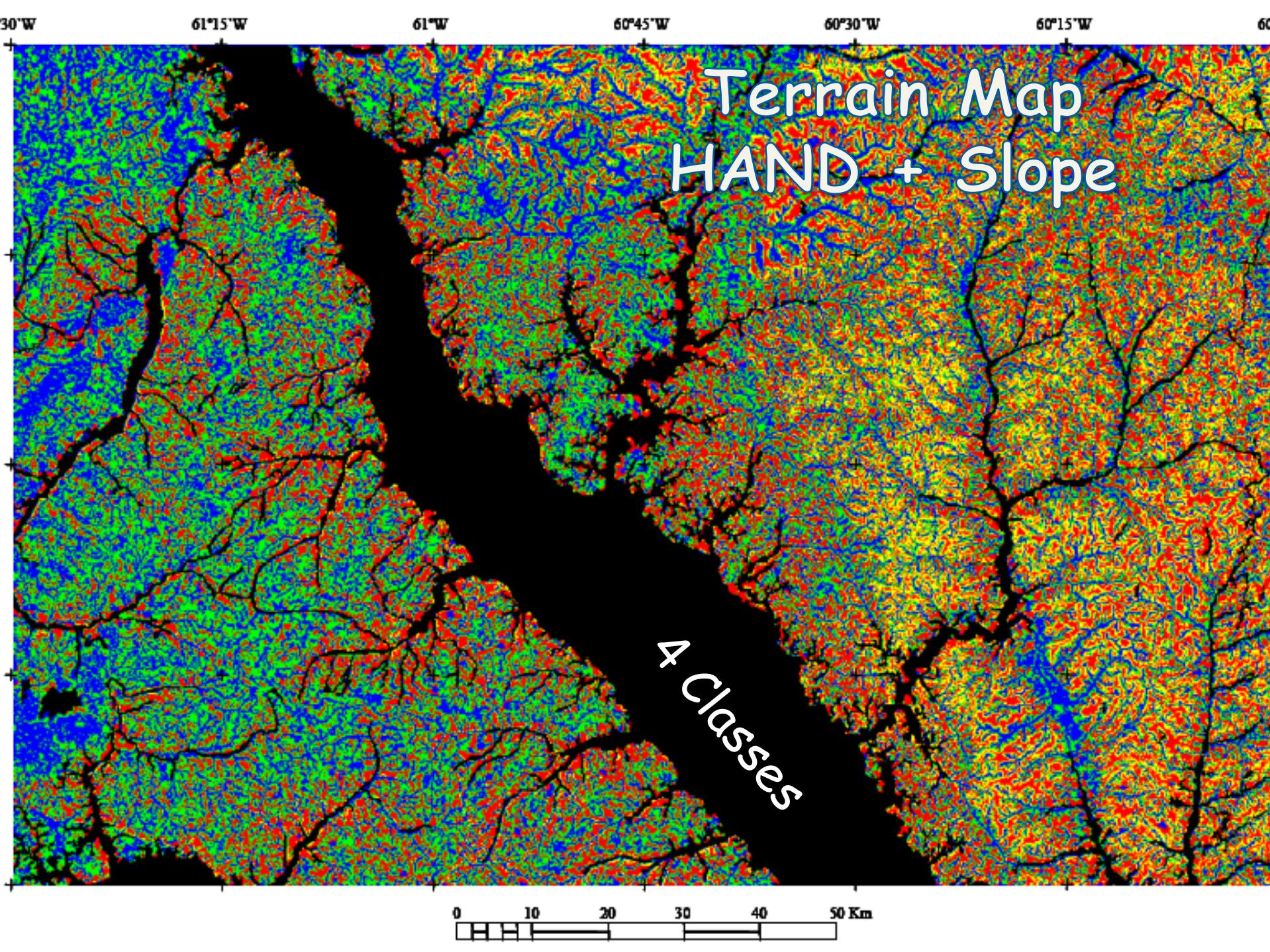
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Upland Class

# HAND Terrain Map

3 Classes



The HAND allows the remote quantification of areas in each type terrain, with unprecedented precision

Table 1. Breakdown of areas for the four-class HAND (Terra-firme = Total area – floodland)

Class	Area km <sup>2</sup>	% of Area	% Area Terra-Firme	% Area Terra-Firme, grouped
Floodland (mask)	3386.4	18.3		
Waterlogged	3886.2	20.9	25.6	Lowland
Ecotone	4986.8	26.9	32.9	58.5
Slope	1689.0	9.1	11.1	Upland
Plateau	4605.1	24.8	30.4	41.5
TOTAL	18553.3	100	100	100

# BESM PROJECT Production

<b>Published Papers on Journals</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>Manuscripts in Preparation</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>Ph.D. Dissertations Completed</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>M.Sc. Thesis underway</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Ph.D. Dissertations underway</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Lectures and Conferences</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>Interviews and Divulgation Articles</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>Seminars</b>	<b>50</b>
<b>Summer Schools</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Global Climate Change Scenarios (years)</b>	<b>10.000+</b>

# Summer Schools

## FAPESP School on Global Climate Modeling

October 2011, Ubatuba/SP.

Professors: Dr. C. A. Nobre, MCTI; Dr. P. Nobre, INPE; Dr. G. Brasseur, Max Plank Institute – Alemania; Dr. A. D. Nobre, INPE; Dr. J. Carton, University of Maryland – EUA; Dr. L. Drude, UFC; Dr. M. Coe, Woods Hole Research Center – EUA; Dr. A. V. Krusche,-USP; Dr. P. N. Vinaychandran, IISc–India; Dr. C. Gnanaseelan, IITM – India.

## FAPESP Advanced Lectures on the Physical Processes in the Brazilian Earth System Model (BESM): Cloud Microphysics

February 2014, Cachoeira Paulista, SP.

Professors: Dr. H. Morrison – NCAR, USA; Dr. S. N. Figueroa – INPE; Dra. R. I. Albrecht – INPE; Dr. G. P. Almeida –UFC.

## FAPESP Advanced Lectures on the Physical Processes in the Brazilian Earth System Model (BESM): Planetary Boundary layer and Turbulence Parameterization

March 2014, Cachoeira Paulista, SP.

Professors: Dr. S. Park, NCAR- USA; Dr. S. N. Figueroa - INPE; Dr. O. Moraes – MCTI; Dr. O. Acevedo – UFSM; Dr. F. Denardim – UFRS.

## FAPESP School on Global Climate Modeling Coupled Data Assimilation

27 July 2015, Cachoeira Paulista, SP.

Professor Dr. S. LAKSHMIVARAHAN - School of Computer Science University of Oklahoma.

## FAPESP School of cloud resolving models for development and improvement of moist physical parameterizations

November 2015, Cachoeira Paulista, SP.

Professor: Marat Khairoutdinov - at the School of Marine and Atmospheric Sciences, Stony Brook University.



2011 - Ubatuba/SP



2015 - Cachoeira Paulista/  
SP

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- **Coordination:** INPE
- **Atmosphere:**
  - INPE/CPTEC, USP, UFSM, UFCG, NCAR
- **Ocean:**
  - INPE/CPTEC, NOAA/GFDL, NASA/GISS
- **Surface:**
  - INPE/CCST, USP, UFV, UFSM, WHRC, EMBRAPA
- **Chemistry:**
  - INPE, IITM, NCAR

# What is the Brazilian contribution to the knowledge of global climate change and especially climate change in Brazil?

- A good representation of precipitation/convection in the Amazonia and SACZ regions is important to a good global climate representation. They are sources of humidity (Amazonia) and Rossby waves (SACZ).
- The majority of global models, although representing the general features of South America, presents deficiencies in this representation.

# Concluding Remarks

- BESM-OA fully coupled global model has been completed, allowing Brazil to inaugurate its participation in the **CMIP5** global climate change model intercomparison project.
- Next steps: Developing BESM into a **Full ESM**, with dynamical vegetation, continental hydrology and atmospheric chemistry, **toward CMIP6**:
  - High Resolution Earth System Scenarios
  - Climate variability and extreme events research
  - Paleoclimate Studies



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- BESM Global Climate Change Scenarios via ESGF:
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- BESM Time Series over South America:
  - <http://besm.ccst.inpe.br/produtos/>
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