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Új regionális klímaprojekciók a Kárpát-medencére

New regional climate projections for the Carpathian Basin

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Final event of the project entitled Long-term socio-economic forecasting for Hungary

OUTLINE

- 1. Motivation**
- 2. Estimation of future climate change**
- 3. RCMGiS project**

Motivation

- Climate dynamics research since 2004
- Adaptation in Hungary: based either on the principle for preparing for *any* possibility or on the scenario kept *intuitively* the most likely
- Not sustainable (expensive, wrong ways)
- For targeted and sustainable adaptation *credible* information is needed
- High-quality meteorological information, objective, quantitative and comparable impact assessments, considering uncertainties



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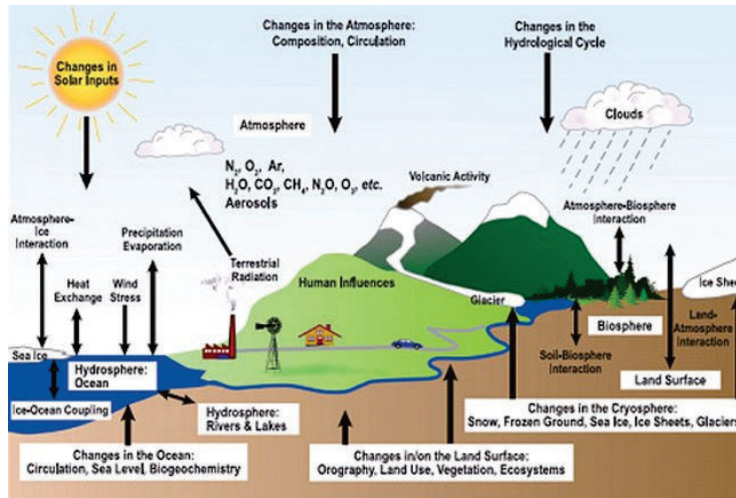
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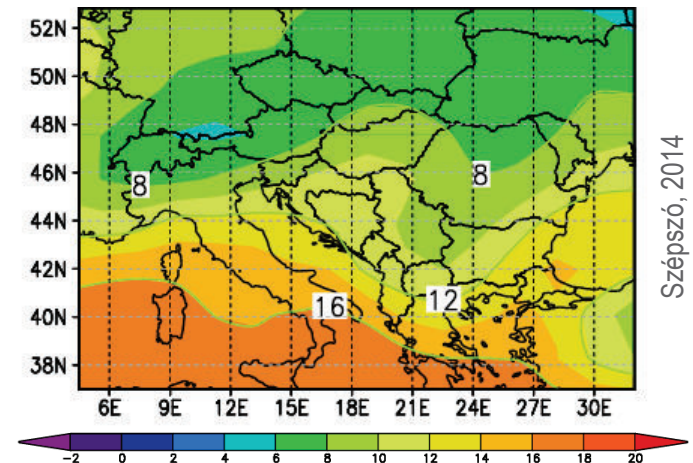
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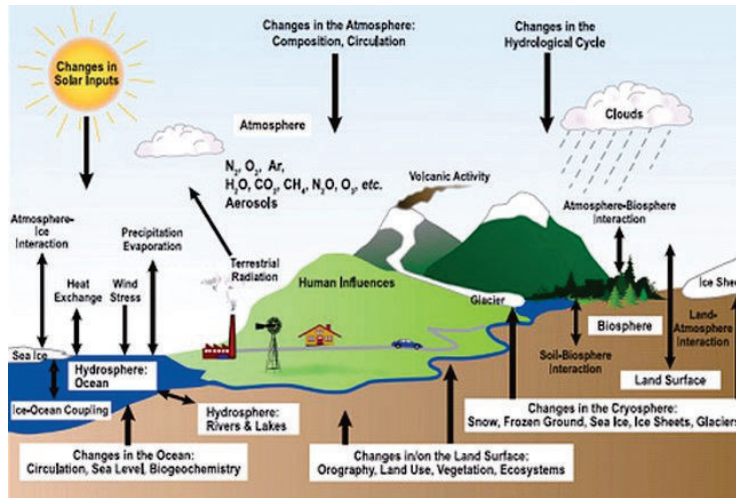
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Global model, 200 km



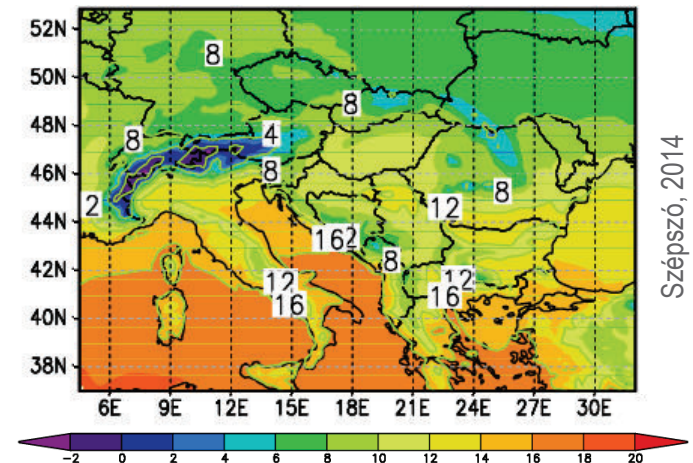
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Regional model, 25 km

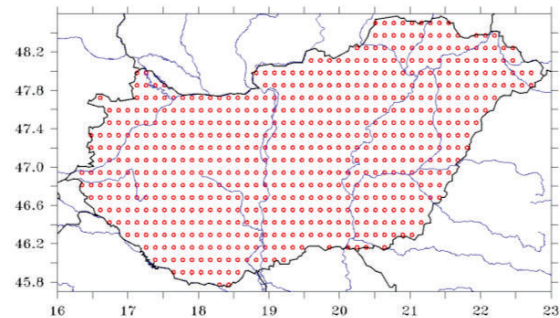


NAGiS prototype

- Climate projections for 2 targets:
 1. 2021–2050: „short-term” planning
 2. 2071–2100: long-term strategy, robustness & significance
- Impact studies based on meteorological data (for Hungary):

- Hydrology: ground water, drinking water
- Natural ecosystems
- Agriculture, forestry

Model	ALADIN	RegCM
LBC	ARPEGE	ECHAM
Resolution	10 km	
Scenario	SRES A1B	



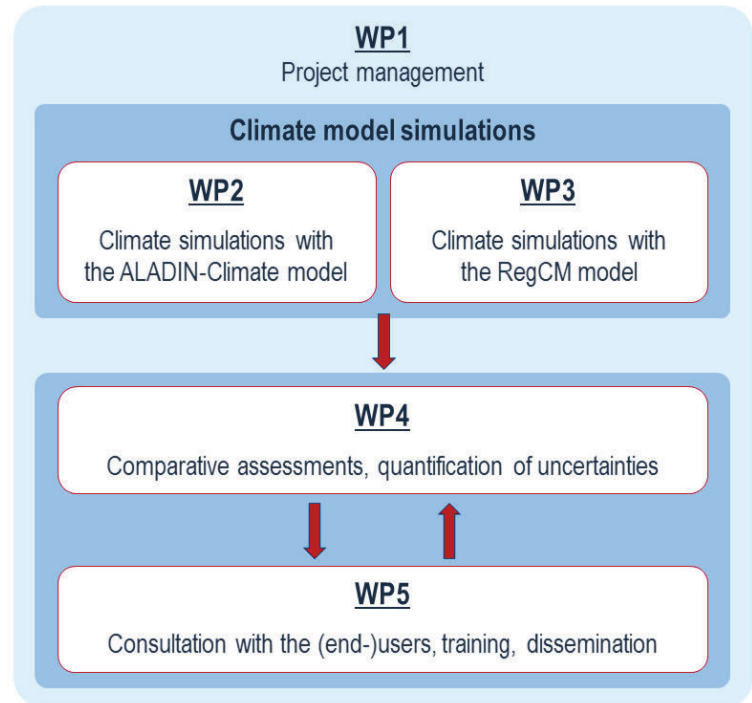
Improvement of climate scenarios

- Title: New climate scenarios based on radiative forcing change over the Carpathian Basin
- Consortium:
 - Hungarian Meteorological Service (coordinator)
 - ELTE Department of Meteorology (partner)
- Duration: 15 December 2014 – 31 December 2015
- Financial background: EEA Grants
- Web page: rcmter.met.hu



Main objectives

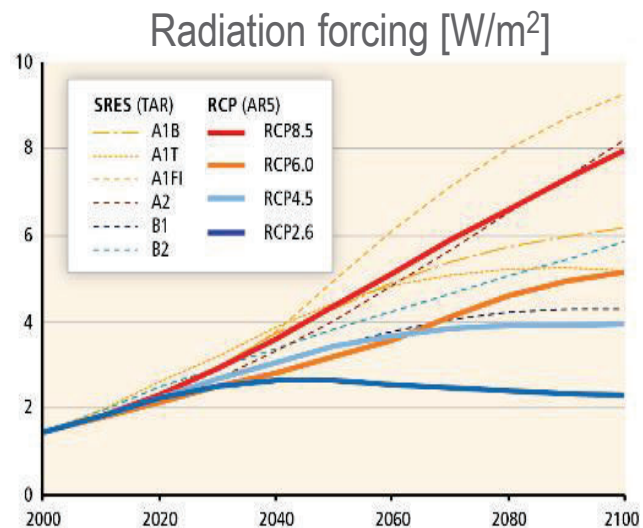
1. Development of climate model data providing future climate information for NAGiS
2. Quantification of climate projection uncertainties
3. Provision of climate model data for impact assessments
4. Training and support of the users to apply projection results and uncertainty information



Model simulations

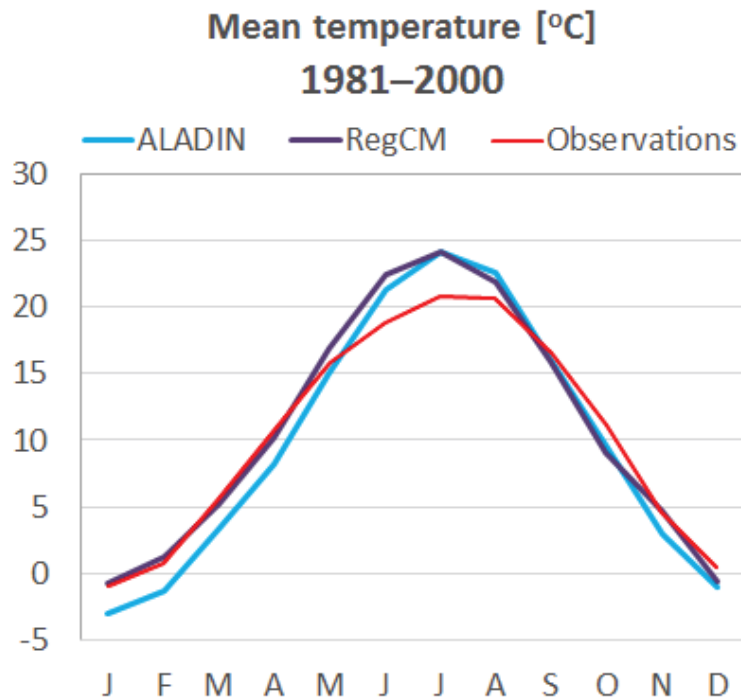
- 2 regional climate models
- Core simulations:
 1. Sensitivity studies
(domain size, parameterization)
 2. Re-analysis and GCM-driven validation runs
(homogenized and gridded reference data)
 3. Climate change projections
- New model versions, forcing fields, emission scenarios, domains
- Uncertainties:
scenario (temperature) and
model uncertainties (precipitation)

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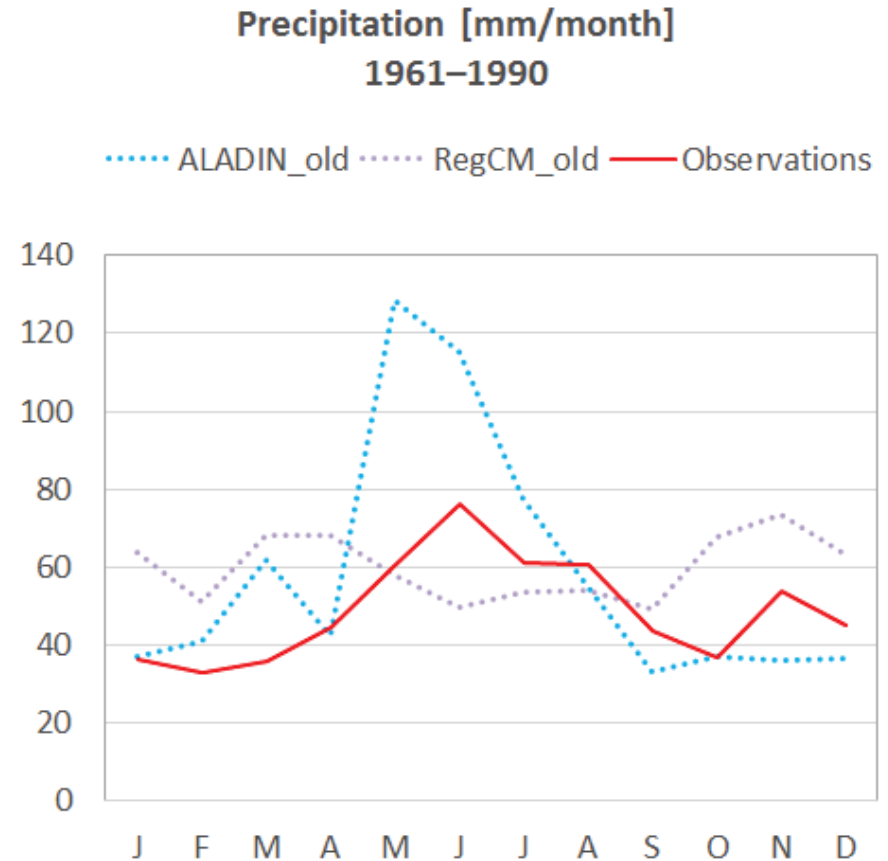
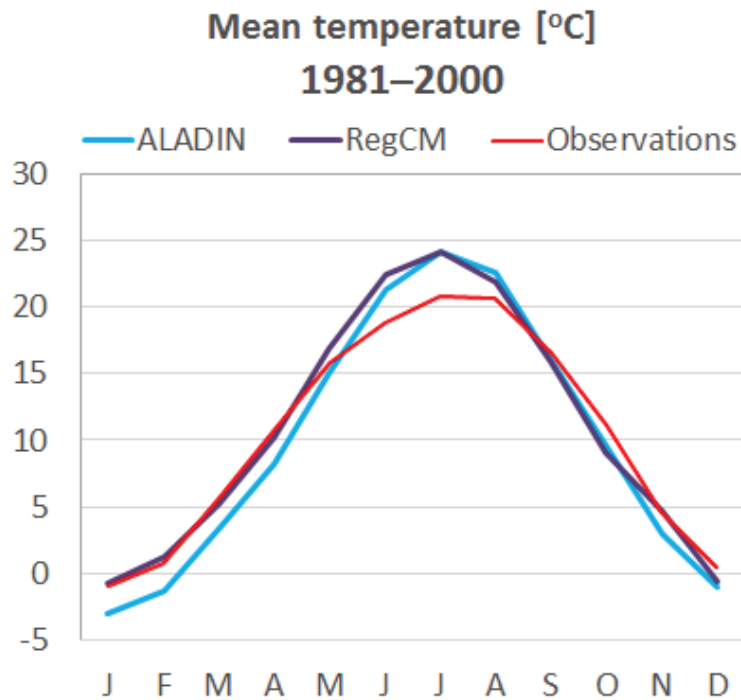
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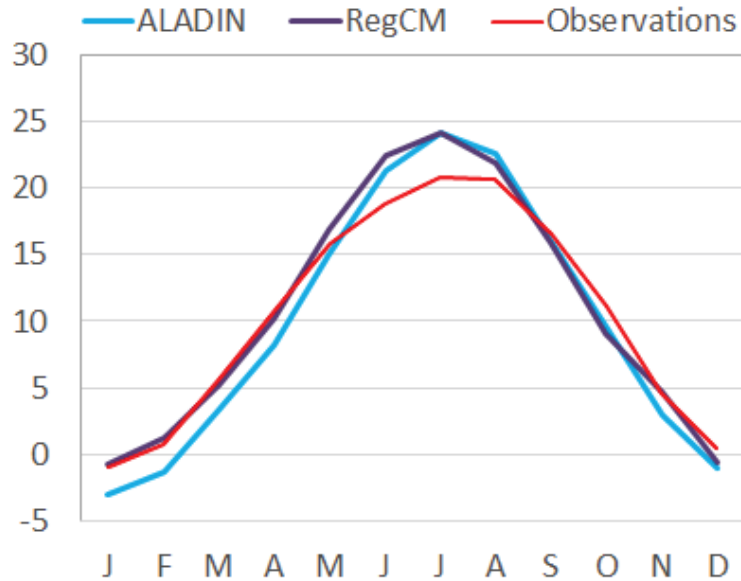
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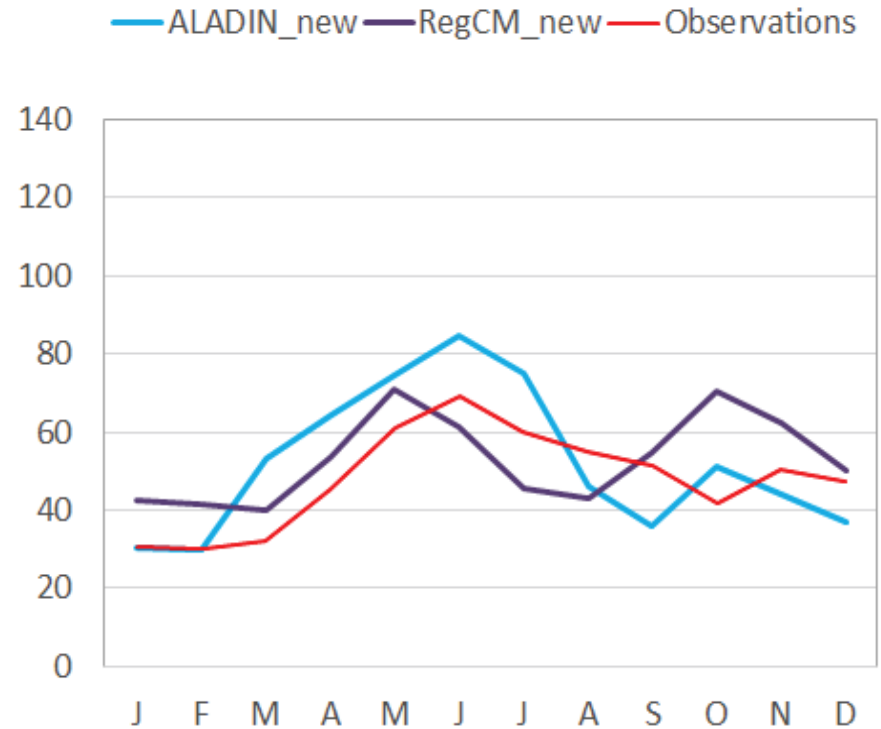
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Mean temperature [°C]
1981–2000

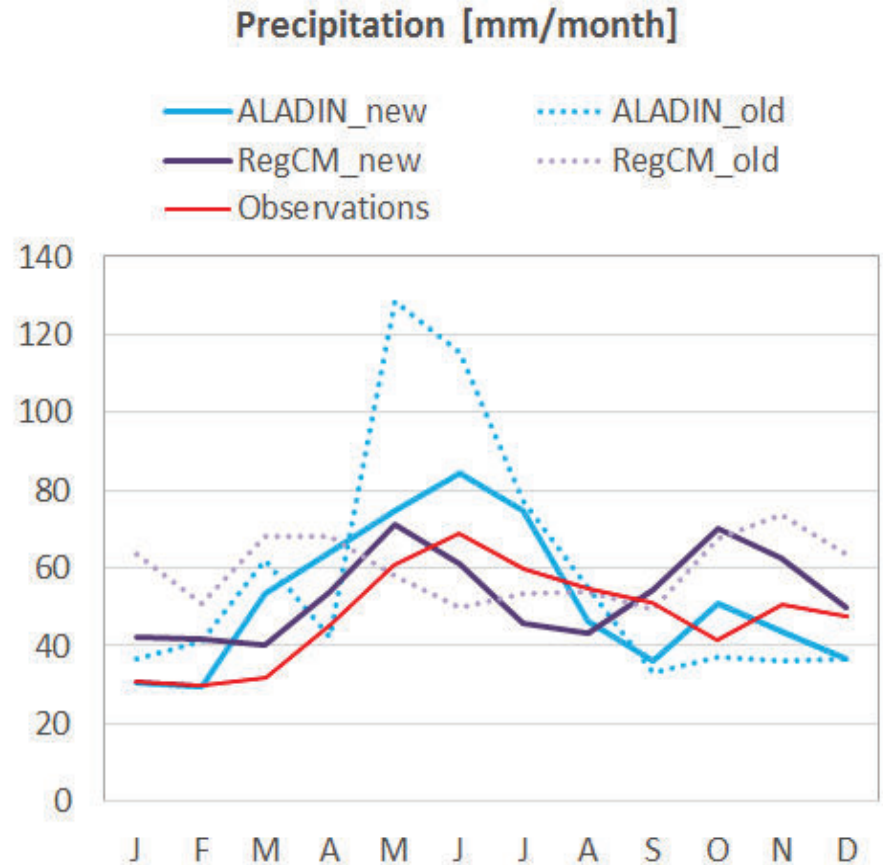
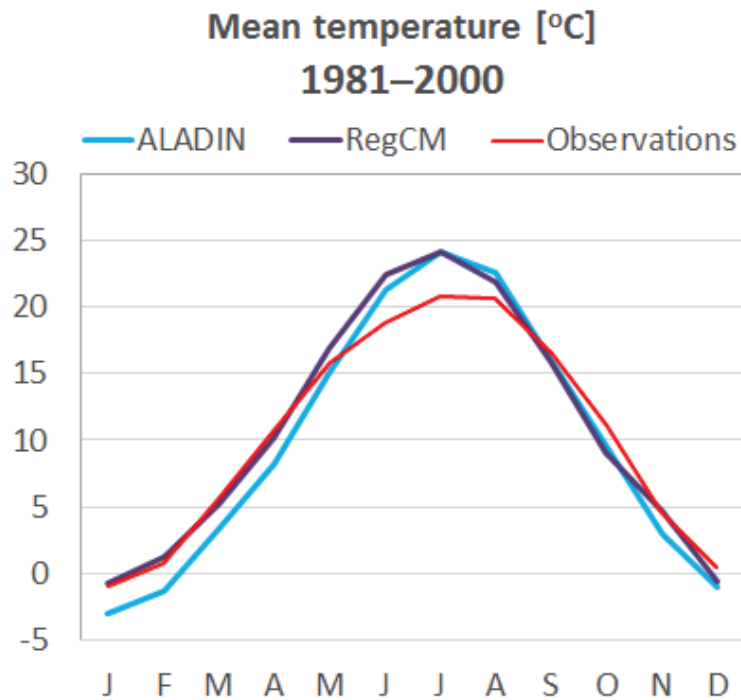


Precipitation [mm/month]
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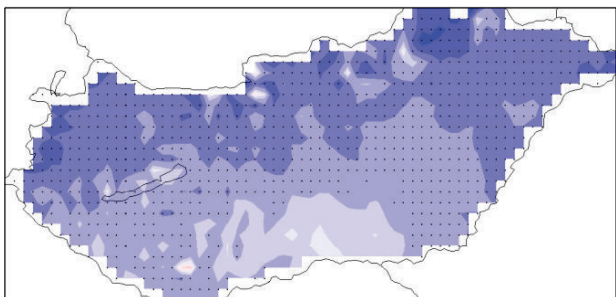


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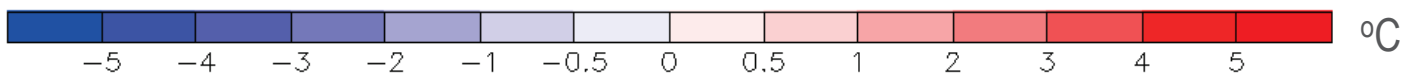
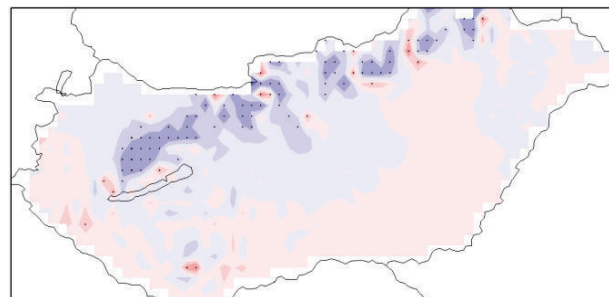
Validation for 1981–2000

Winter temperature

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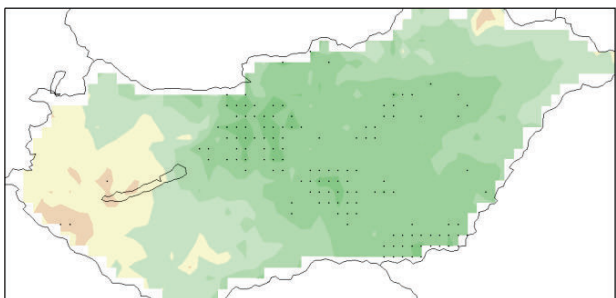


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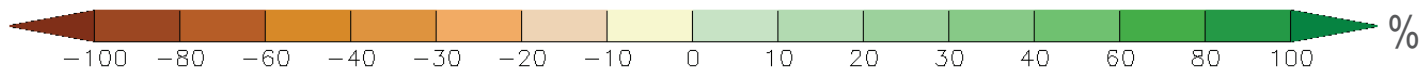
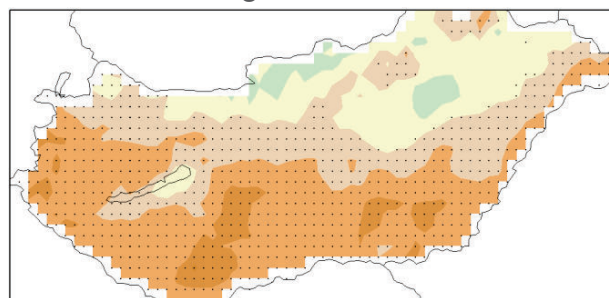


Summer precipitation

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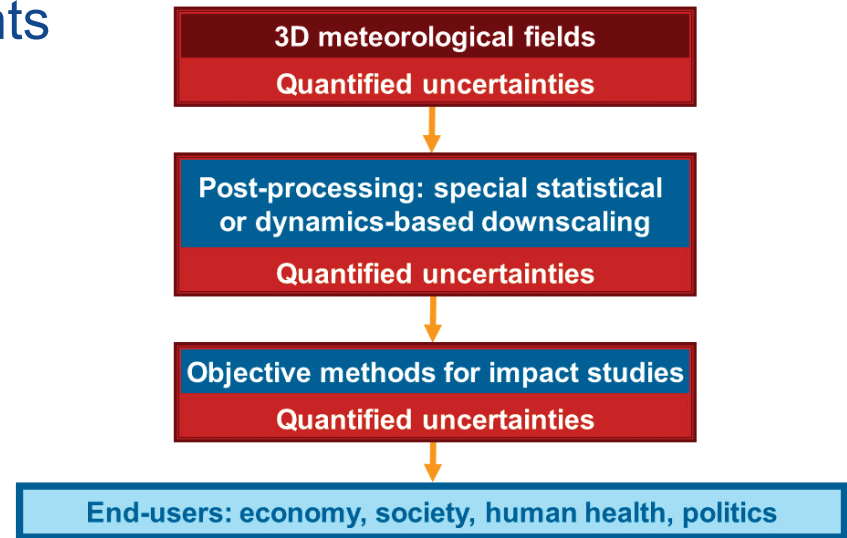
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Courtesy: Bartholy J., Csorvási A., Pieczka I., Pongrácz R.

Application of model information

- Climate models provide input data for objective impact assessments
- Quantitative information + uncertainties
- Support of users: consultation workshops (later)
- Extension of NAGiS to further sectors: tourism and critical infrastructure in Hungary



Trainings for users of climate information

- Workshops for users (first was in June)
- Aim: consultation about user needs, possibilities and **limitations** of model data
- Main conclusions:
 - Points of data use: **public accessibility**, availability, spatial and temporal resolution (quality?)
 - Current resolution is not sufficient for every study (interpolation of model data instead of modifying the impact model?)
 - **Uncertainty** information: some good examples, but users need help to avoid ad hoc model data selection

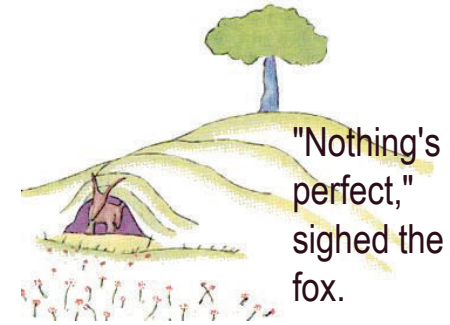


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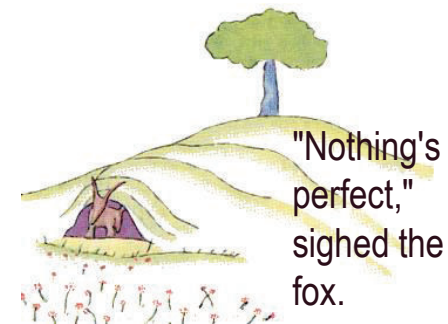
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