

A satellite image of a hurricane over the Atlantic Ocean, with a semi-transparent map of the world overlaid. The text is centered over the hurricane.

# **MEDICANE RISK IN A CHANGING CLIMATE**

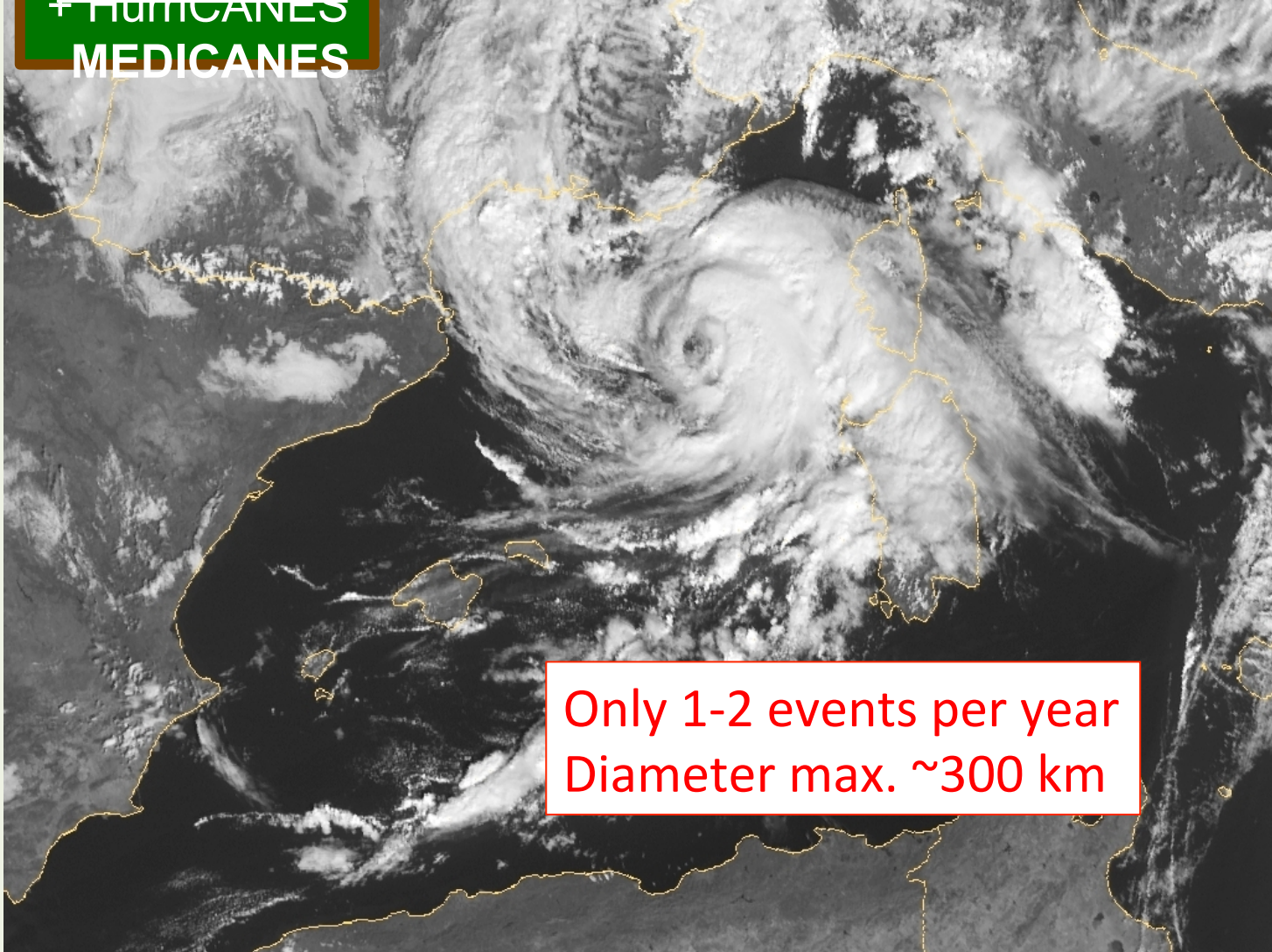
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# MEDiterranean + HurriCANE MEDICANES



Only 1-2 events per year  
Diameter max. ~300 km



MEDiterranean  
+ HurriCANEs  
MEDICANES

WHERE?

HOW?

WHEN







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MEDICANES

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- 1.Nested climatic simulations**
- 2.Statistical-deterministic approach**
- 3.Very high resolution climate model**



# 1.- Nested climatic simulations

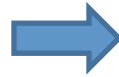
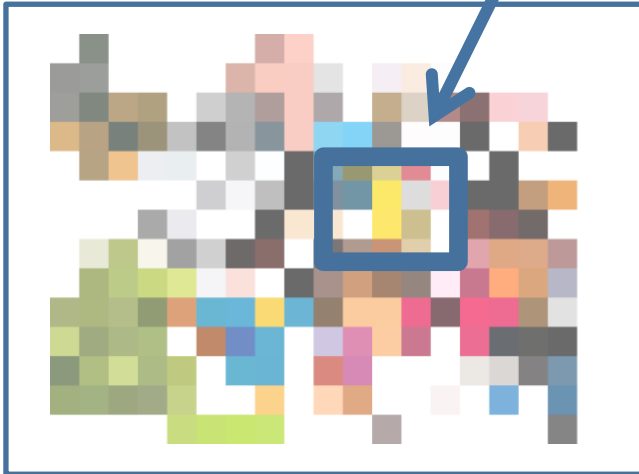


≡ Ideal resolution of the GCMs data

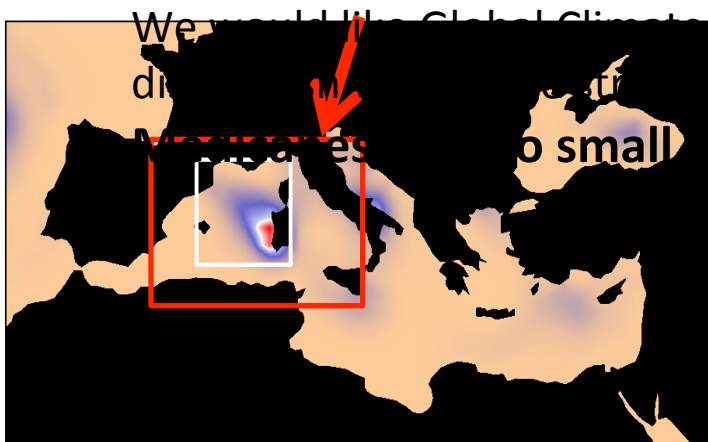
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The Simpson characters are yellow

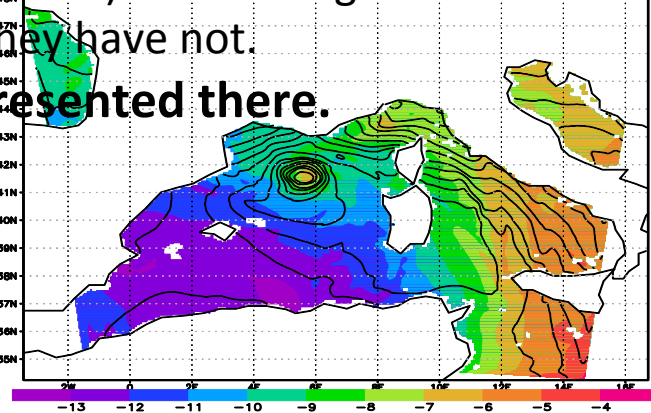


Medicane development is related with high values of GENPDF



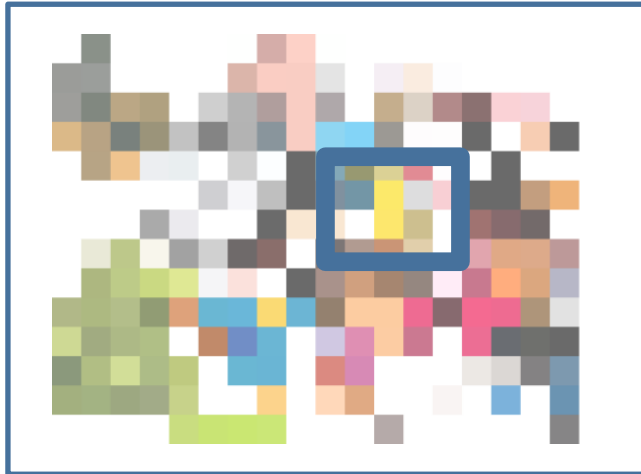
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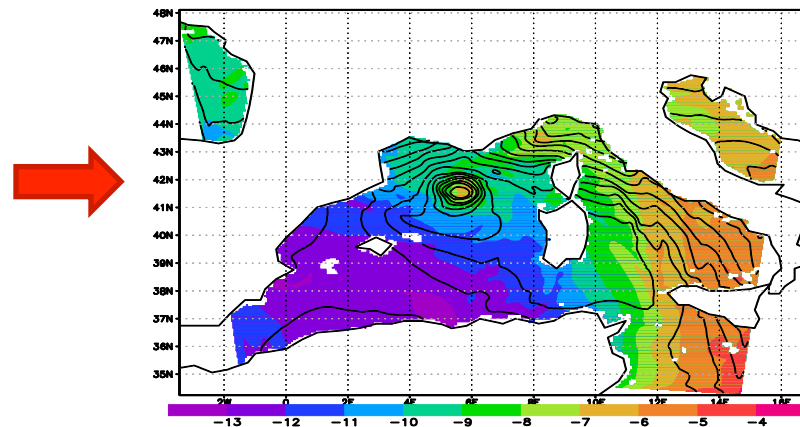
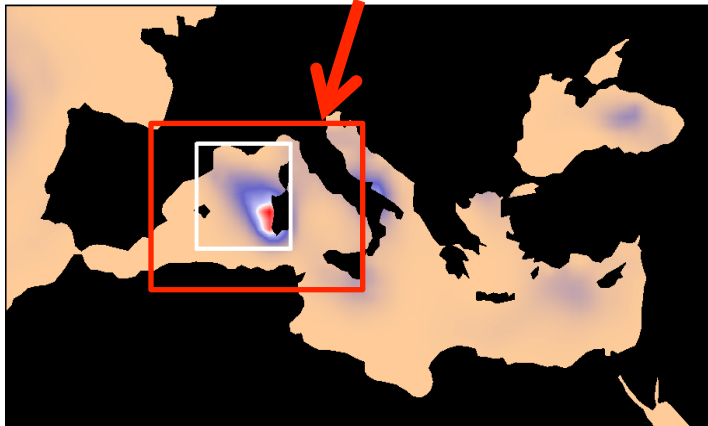


1.- Nested climate simulations

**Most** The Simpson characters are yellow  
...but not all yellow characters are from The Simpsons



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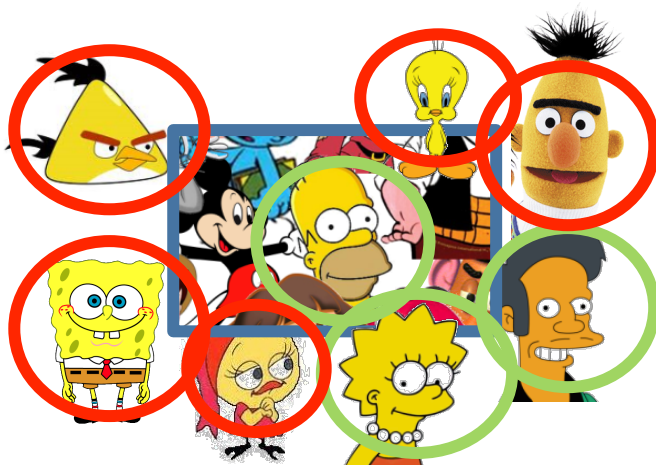
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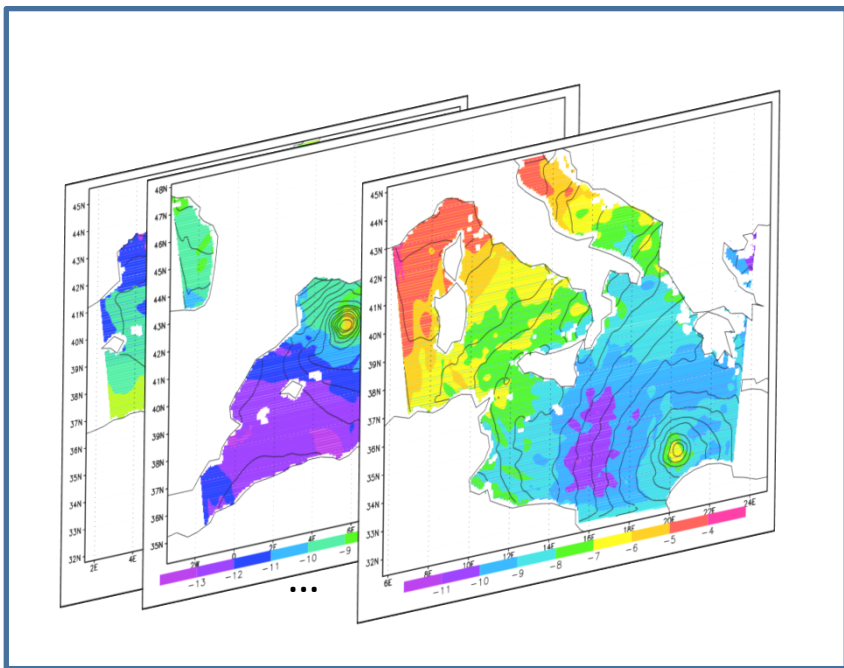
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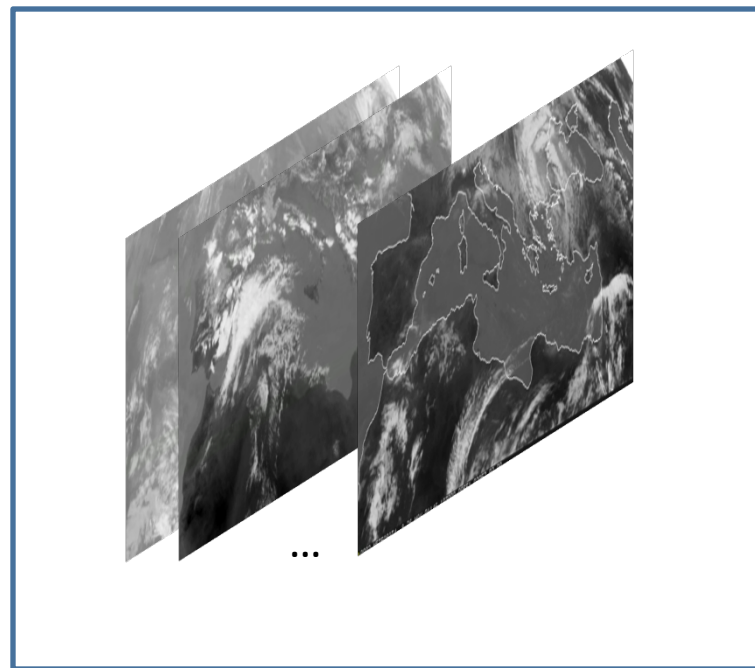


Downscaling simulations using ERA-40 data



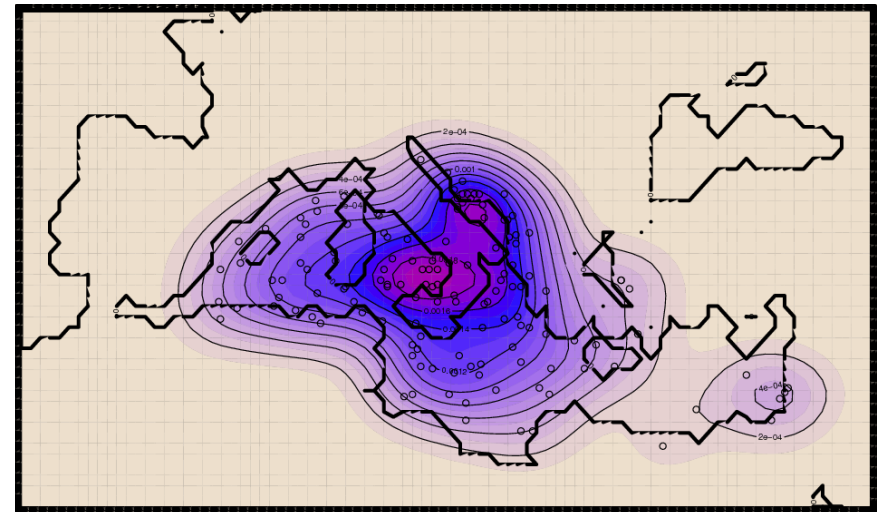
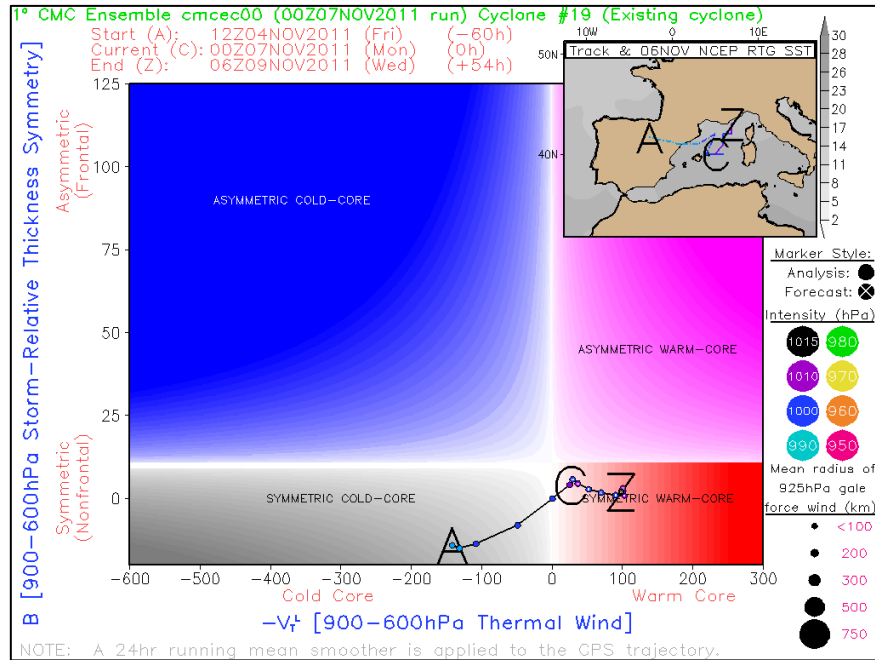
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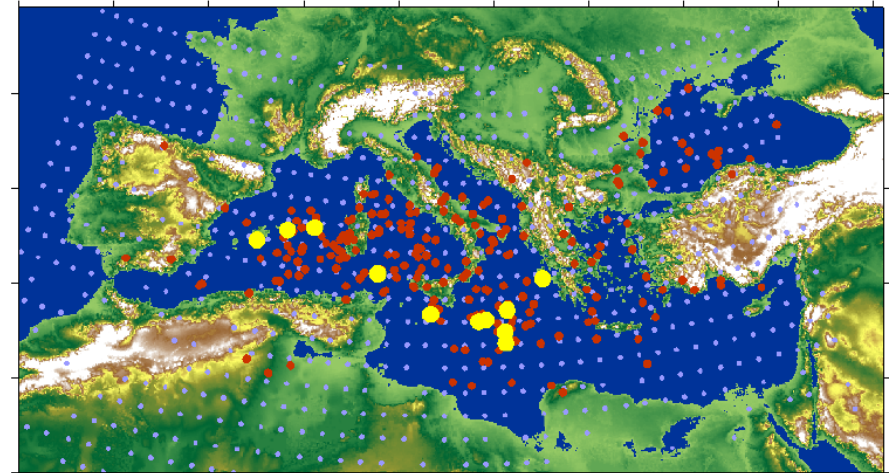


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GEOGRAPHICAL DISTRIBUTION OF EVENTS



## 2.- Statistical-deterministic approach

ONE order the magnitude increased:

To grow the  
database

# Events	# Years
~20	15
~200	150

1.- Natural process:

Past: no measurements

Future: no patient

2.- Created by ourselves:



Machines or rain dancing

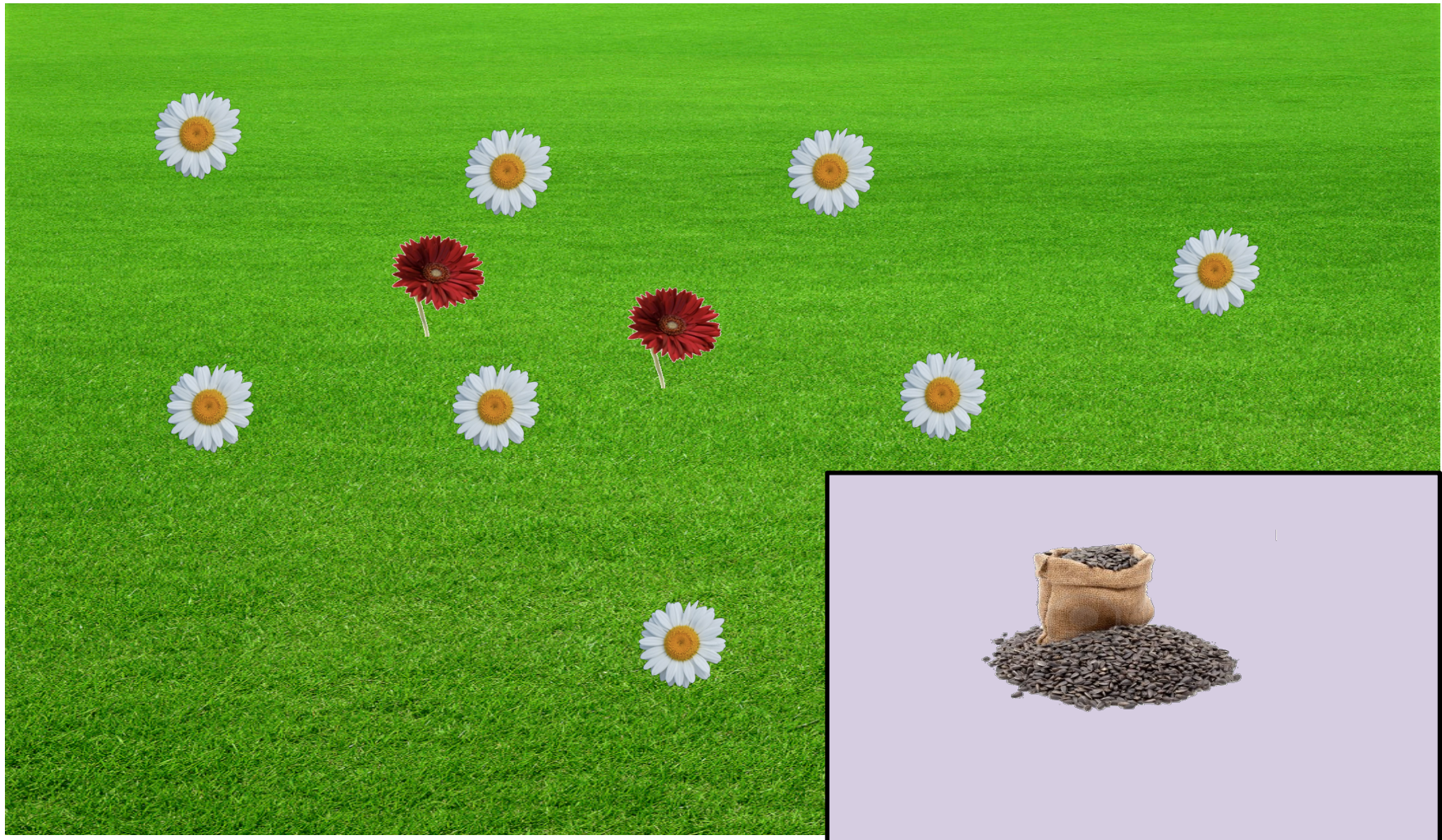


Other machines (computers) + brains



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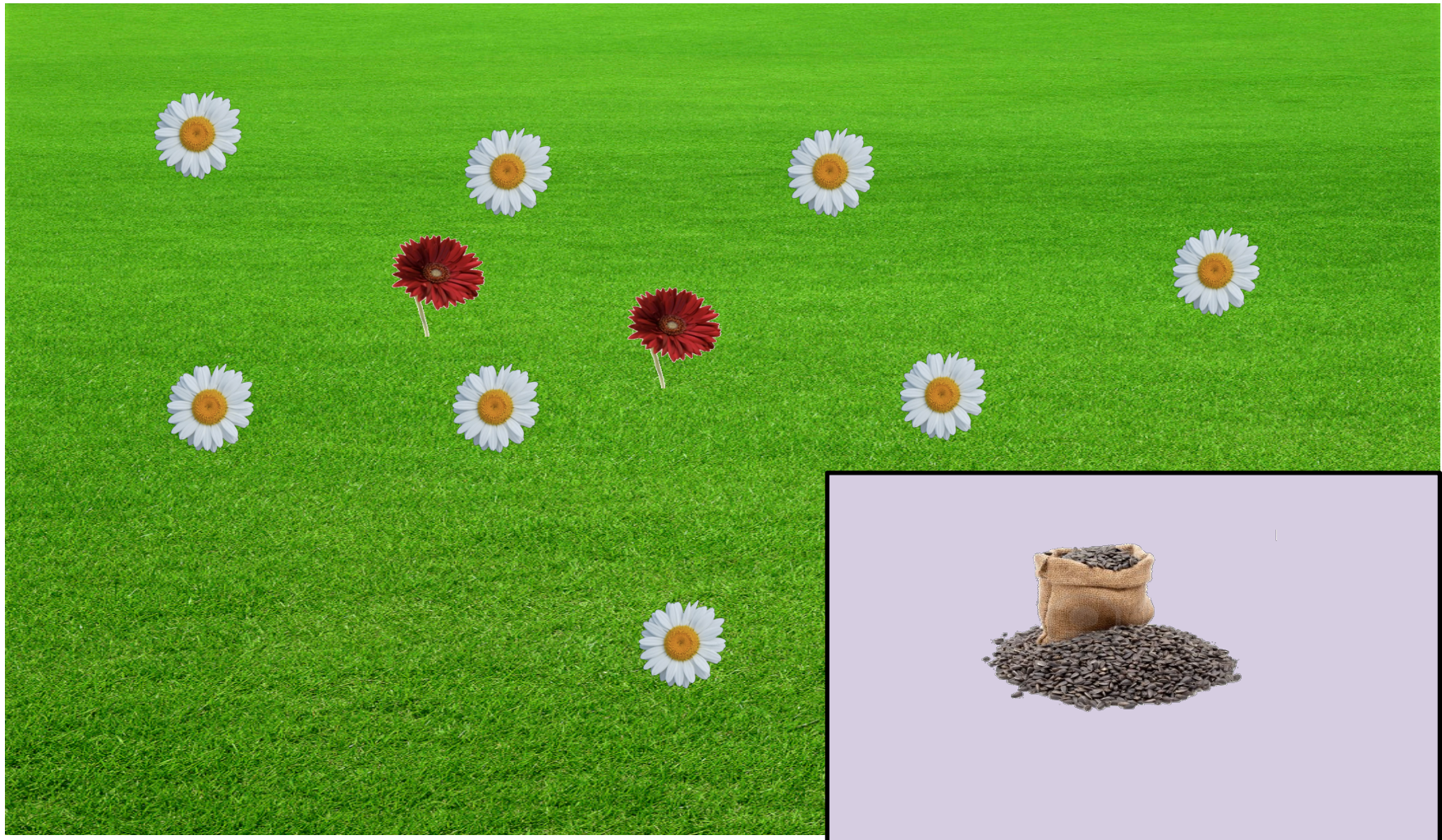
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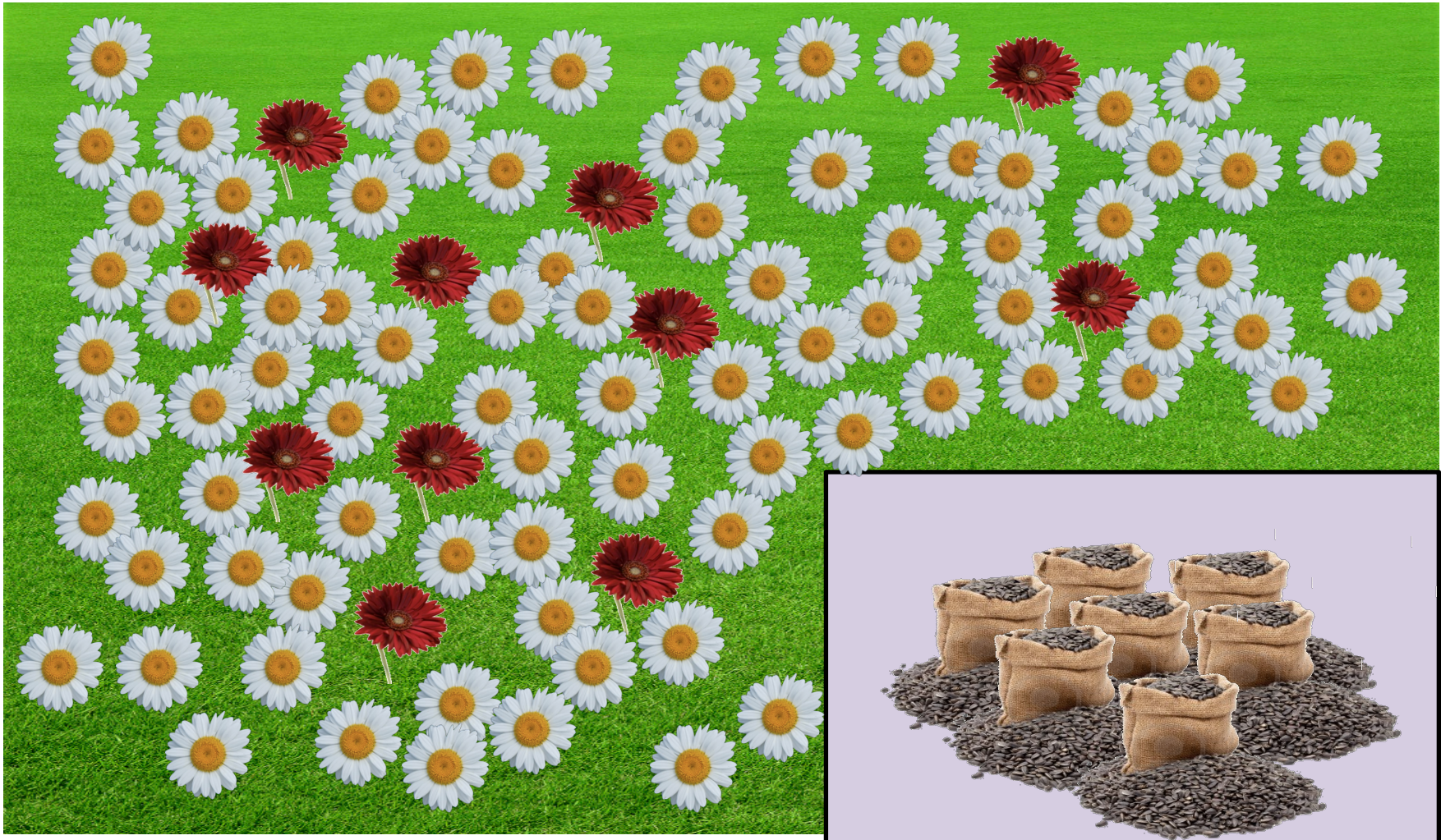
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GENESIS: Random draws from observed PDF or Random seeding

TRACK: Randomly varying synthetic winds (respecting climatology)

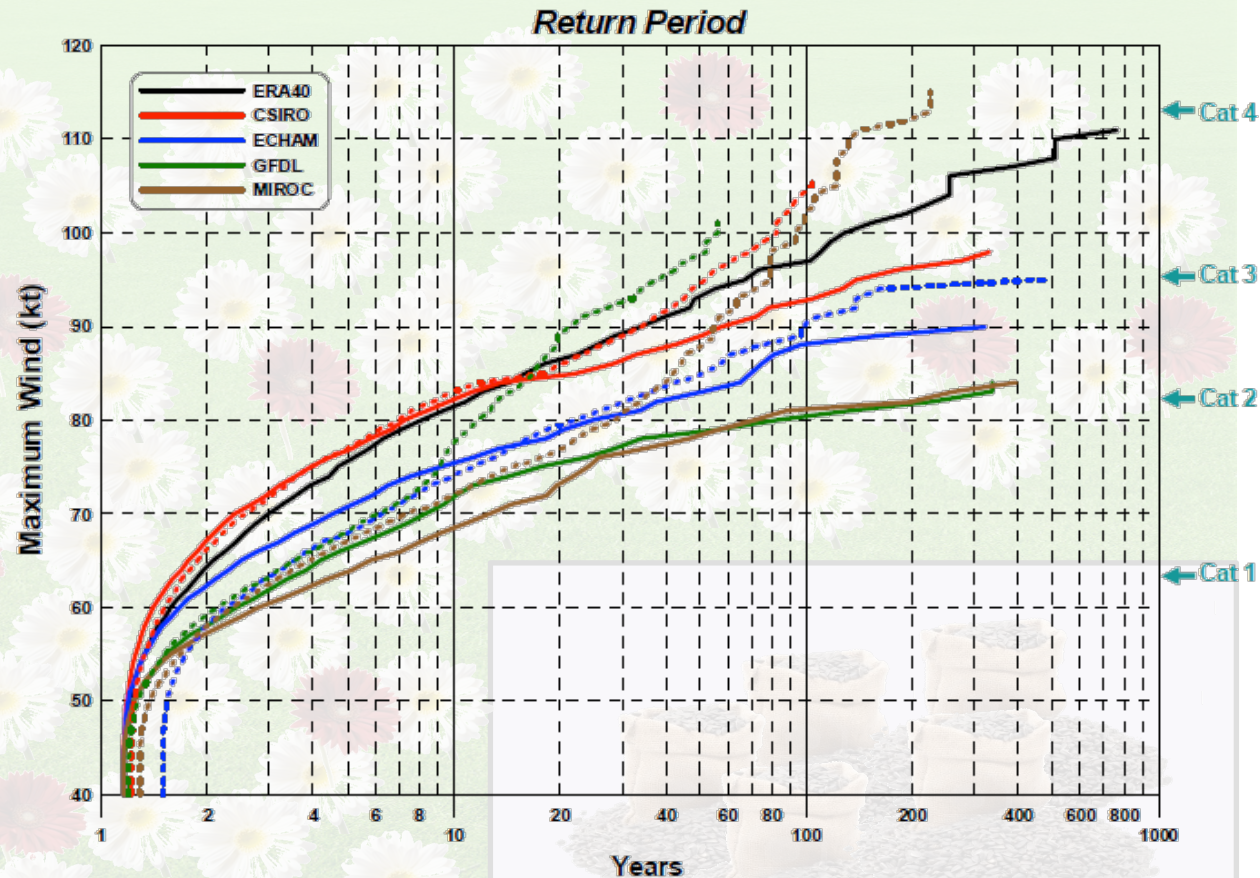
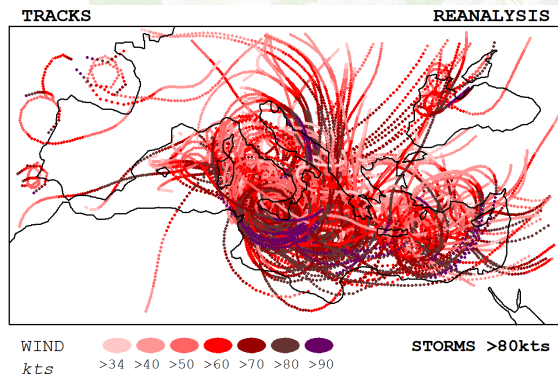
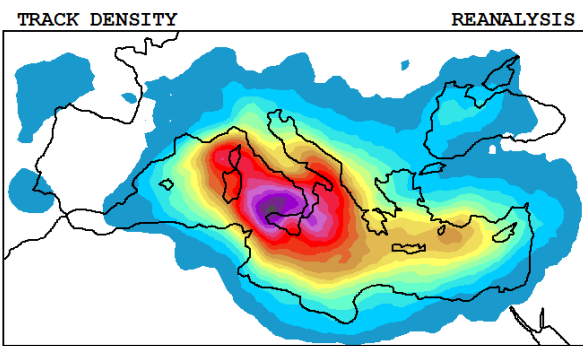
ENVIRONMENT: Previous winds + monthly-mean thermodynamic fields

INTENSITY and RADIAL DISTRIBUTION of WINDS: **CHIPS model**



For each month, decomposition through **PCA** of 10-days synoptic evolutions of **z250, z850, T600, and P.I.** into the new space of independent PCs.

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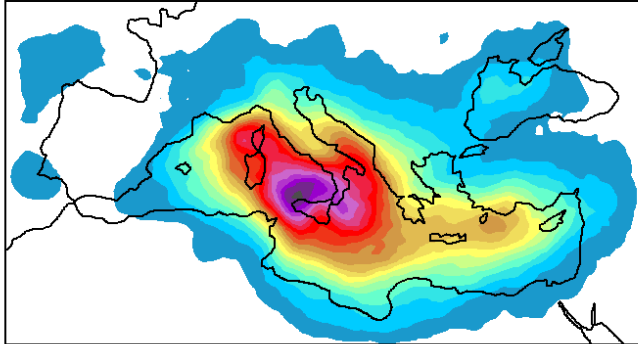


# Comparing methodologies

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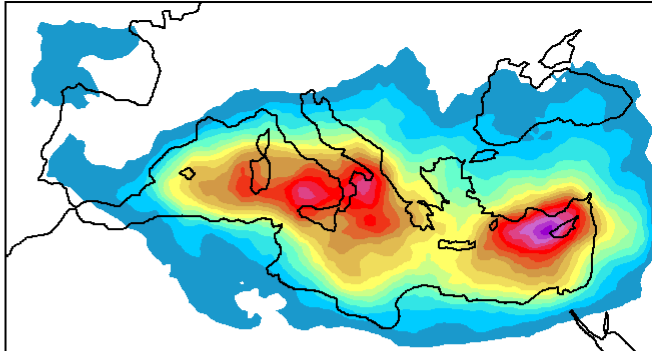
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REANALYSIS



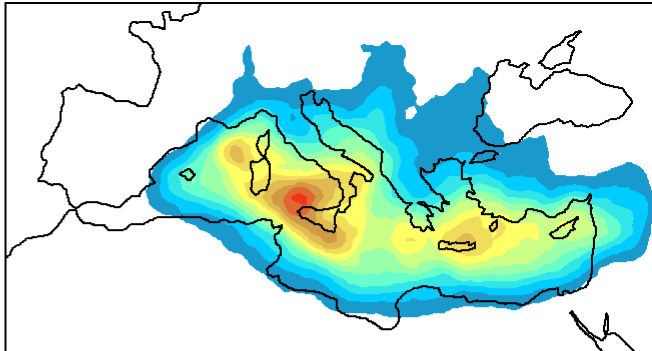
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ECHAM5-20C3M



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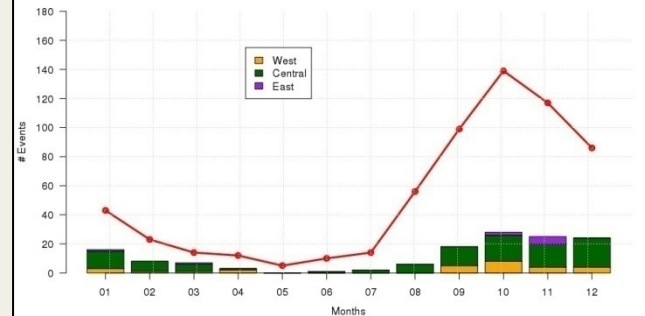
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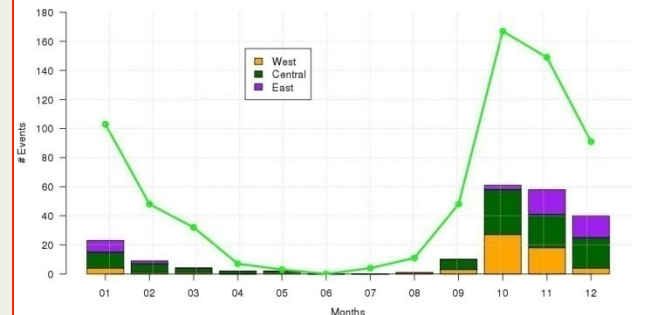
#/100km  
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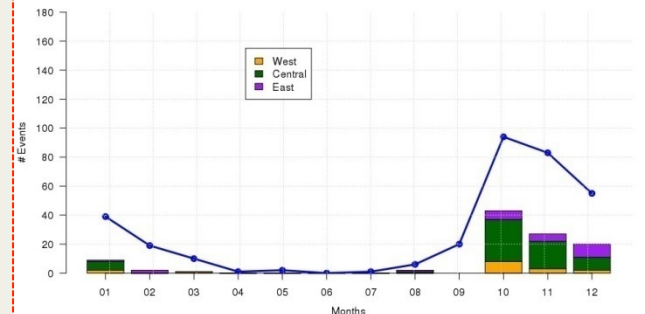
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ECHAM5-20C3M



ECHAM5-21C



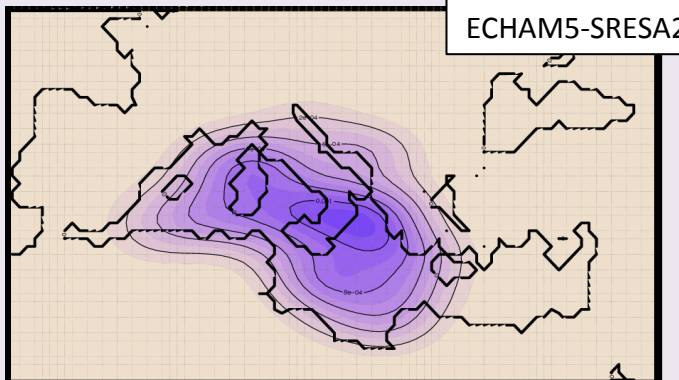
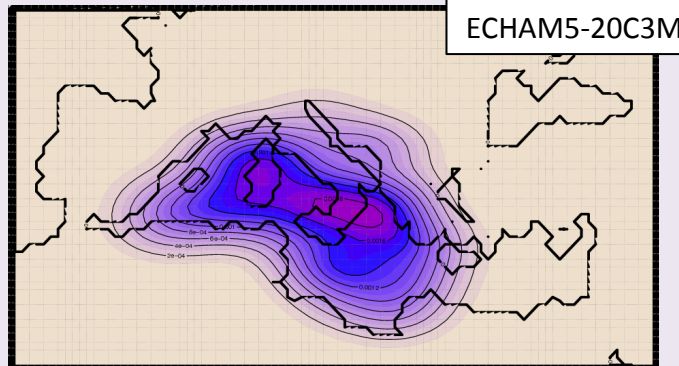
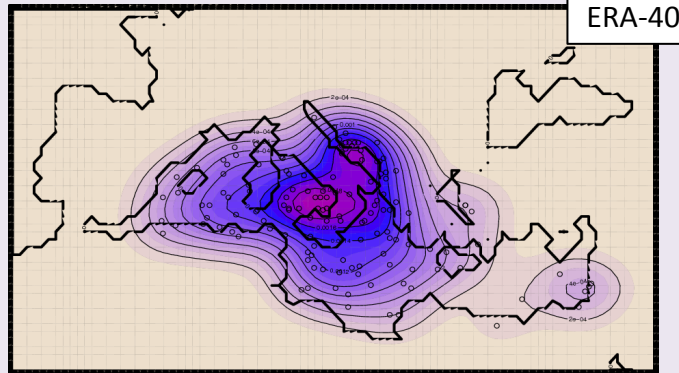
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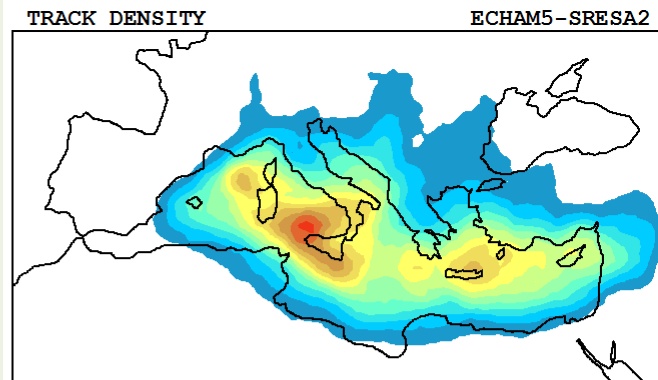
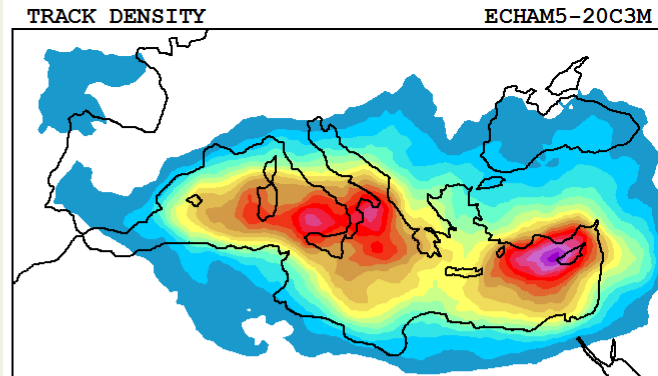
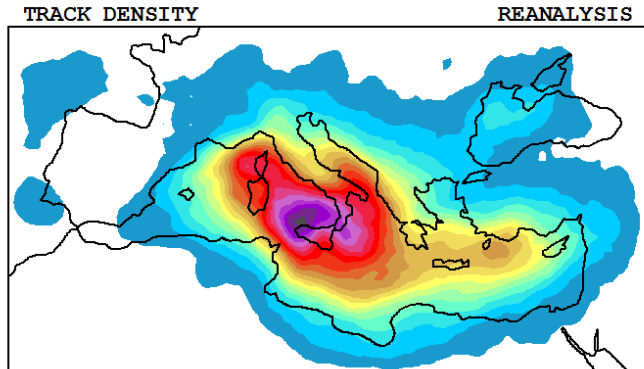
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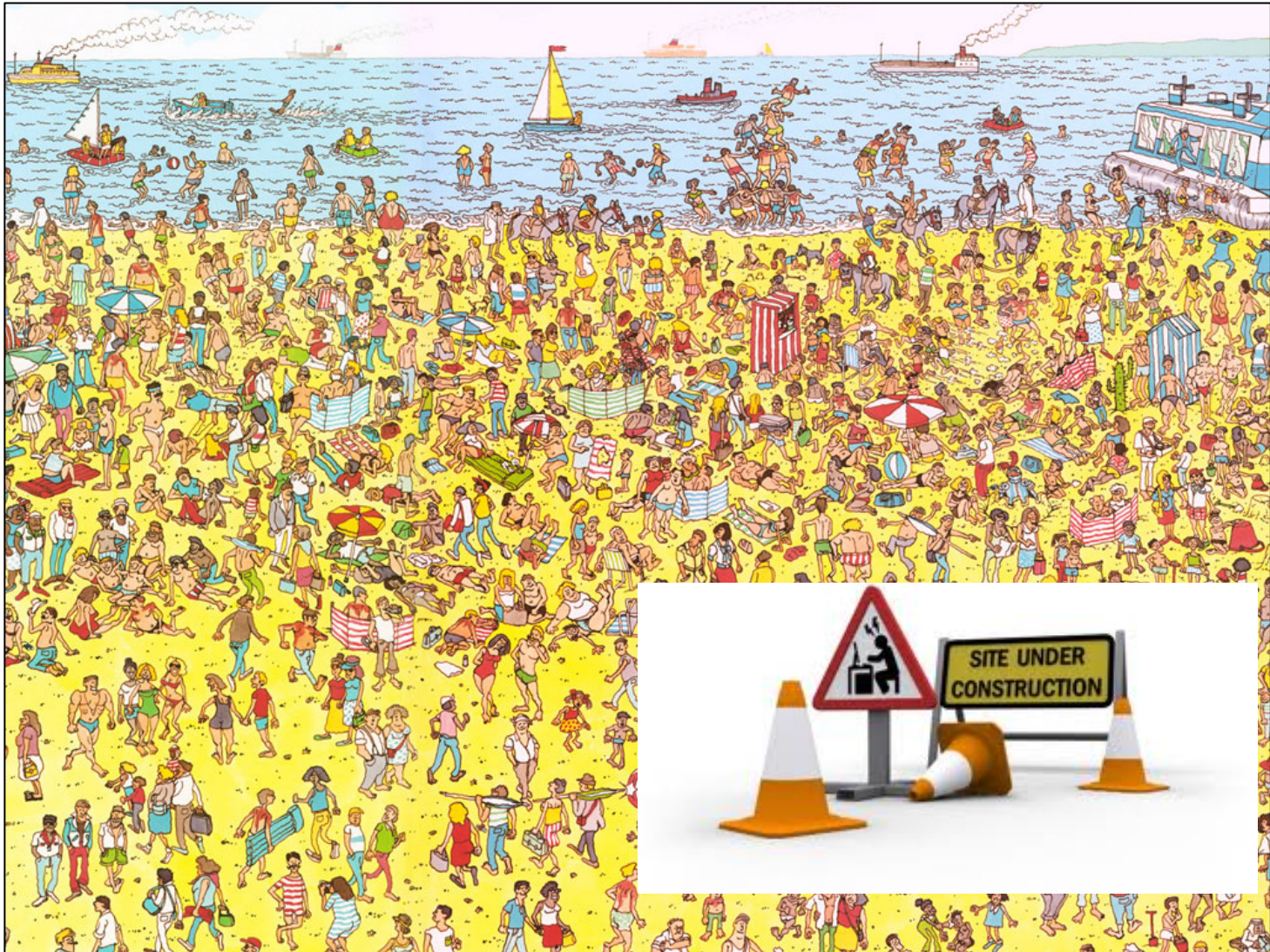
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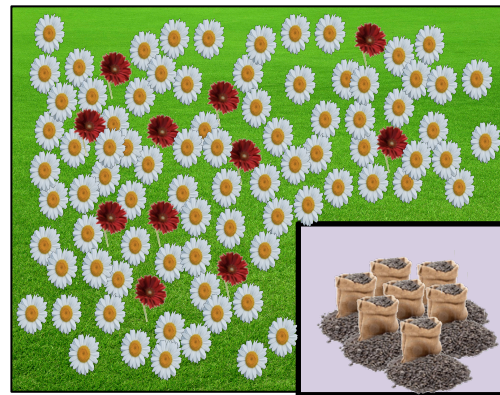


### 3.- Very high resolution climate model

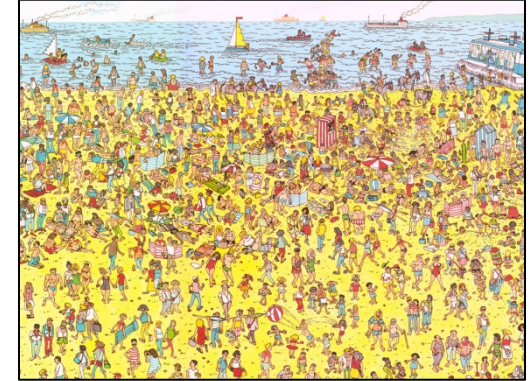




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<b>PROS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Calibration</li> <li>•Realistic</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•A lot of events (statistical robust)</li> <li>•Cheap computational cost</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Direct technique</li> </ul>
<b>CONTRAS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Few events</li> <li>•High computational cost</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Synthetic</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Just one model</li> </ul>



All for one... !!!

