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Sensitivity in future climate projections of temperature and precipitation in the Euro-Mediterranean based on a circulation patterns approach

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Motivation

Key risks in the Mediterranean and their location for SSP5-RCP8.5 by 2100





IPCC AR6 WGII, CCP4 Mediterranean Region.





Design a process-based evaluation framework for CMIP6 GCMs based on atmospheric circulation patterns for climate diagnosis and performance ranking to get improved understanding of future projections.



Data



Blue box: circulation domain

ERA5 reanalysis reference (1950-2022) 26 CMIP6 GCMs (1950-2100)

Atmospheric circulation domains (historical)

Mean sea level pressure (SLP) Geopotential Height (Z) at 500 hPa Zonal and meridional winds at 850 hPa

Surface variables (historical)

Precipitation (PR) Maximum temperature (TX) Minimum temperature (TN)

Extreme indices (SSP585 vs. historical)

ETCCDI indices, such as: TNn, TXx, TN90p, TX90p and RX1day



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Methods and Workflow





Reference CP classification

SLP structures present different mid-level geopotential and low-level wind anomalies

One dominant CP during summer (CP5, blue). Dry and warm conditions.

More patterns needed for winter and transition seasons.



Discriminated surface patterns (anomalies)



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Annual cycle of

Evaluation metrics

ErrorCycle

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Distance between Indices of Simulation and Observation (DISO)

Percentage of difference in the daily frequency of each CP.

Summary of a Taylor Diagram.

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 $DISO = \sqrt{(r-1)^2 + NAE^2 + NRMSE^2}$

DISO mean = weighted mean of PR, TN and TX DISOs

Hu et al. 2018 Liu et al. 2018

$$Error_{CP} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{D} \left| fERA5_{CP}^{i} - fGCM_{CP}^{i} \right|}{D.fERA5_{CP}^{i}}$$

Olmo et al. 2022 Agudelo et al. 2023



Model filtering

• CPs framework (Olmo et al. 2022) + ClimSIPS (Merrifield et al. 2024)

Suggests multi-model ensembles based on the degree to which the user prioritizes model performance (CPs evaluation), spread and independence (ClimSIPS).



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Similarities in global climatologies



CP frequency and ErrorCycle





More difficulties in winter and transitional CPs (CP1, CP3, CP8).



Surface patterns: DISO metric

Better representation of TX, TN than PR

CP1, CP2, CP3 and CP6 more challenging to capture









Olmo et al. (2024) *Under review*

Model ranking





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Summer projections

Sub-ensembles based on Ternary triangles (ClimSIPS)

Delta-change for 2070-2100

Enhanced warming and drying signals in better-performing GCMs





Winter projections

Larger number of suggested sub-ensembles than in summer

Less clear differences based on these metrics, particularly for PR changes





EC-Earth3-CC-r1i1p1f1, EC-Earth3-Veg-LR-r1i1p1f1, GFDL-ESM4-r1i1p1f1, IPSL-CM6A-LR-r1i1p1f1, MIROC6-r1i1p1f1 EC-Earth3-CC-r1i1p1f1, EC-Earth3-Veg-LR-r1i1p1f1, EC-Earth3-r1i1p1f1, GFDL-ESM4-r1i1p1f1, IPSL-CM6A-LR-r1i1p1f CanESM5-rli1p1f1, EC-Earth3-CC-rli1p1f1, EC-Earth3-Veg-LR-rli1p1f1, EC-Earth3-rli1p1f1, GFDL-CM4-rli1p1f1 CanESM5-r1i1p1f1, EC-Earth3-Veq-LR-r1i1p1f1, EC-Earth3-r1i1p1f1, GFDL-CM4-r1i1p1f1, MPI-ESM1-2-HR-r1i1p1f1 CanESM5-rlilp1f1, EC-Earth3-Veg-LR-rlilp1f1, EC-Earth3-rlilp1f1, GFDL-CM4-rlilp1f1, INM-CM4-8-rlilp1f1 CanESM5-r1i1p1f1, EC-Earth3-r1i1p1f1, GFDL-CM4-r1i1p1f1, INM-CM4-8-r1i1p1f1, MPI-ESM1-2-HR-r1i1p1f1 EC-Earth3-CC-r1i1p1f1, GFDL-CM4-r1i1p1f1, GFDL-ESM4-r1i1p1f1, IPSL-CM6A-LR-r1i1p1f1, MIROC6-r1i1p1f1 CanESM5-rli1p1f1, EC-Earth3-CC-rli1p1f1, EC-Earth3-Veg-LR-rli1p1f1, GFDL-CM4-rli1p1f1, MIROC6-rli1p1f1 CanESM5-r1i1p1f1, EC-Earth3-Veg-LR-r1i1p1f1, EC-Earth3-r1i1p1f1, GFDL-CM4-r1i1p1f1, MIROC6-r1i1p1f1 CanESM5-r1i1p1f1, EC-Earth3-r1i1p1f1, GFDL-CM4-r1i1p1f1, MIROC6-r1i1p1f1, MPI-ESM1-2-HR-r1i1p1f1 EC-Earth3-CC-r1i1p1f1, FGOALS-g3-r1i1p1f1, IPSL-CM6A-LR-r1i1p1f1, KIOST-ESM-r1i1p1f1, MIROC6-r1i1p1f1 CanESM5-r1i1p1f1, EC-Earth3-Veg-LR-r1i1p1f1, IPSL-CM6A-LR-r1i1p1f1, KIOST-ESM-r1i1p1f1, MIROC6-r1i1p1f1 CanESM5-r1i1p1f1, EC-Earth3-Veg-LR-r1i1p1f1, GFDL-CM4-r1i1p1f1, KIOST-ESM-r1i1p1f1, MIROC6-r1i1p1f1 CanESM5-r1i1p1f1, FGOALS-g3-r1i1p1f1, INM-CM4-8-r1i1p1f1, KIOST-ESM-r1i1p1f1, MIROC6-r1i1p1f1 CanESM5-r1i1p1f1, GFDL-CM4-r1i1p1f1, INM-CM4-8-r1i1p1f1, KIOST-ESM-r1i1p1f1, MIROC6-r1i1p1f1 FGOALS-g3-r1i1p1f1, INM-CM4-8-r1i1p1f1, IPSL-CM6A-LR-r1i1p1f1, KIOST-ESM-r1i1p1f1, MIROC6-r1i1p1f1



Final remarks

The CPs classification discriminates synoptic and surface structures with clear **seasonal behaviour**.

CMIP6 GCMs have **different performances** in terms of spatio-temporal variability.

This is a **flexible** framework for process-based model ranking and **filtering** of climate projections.

Larger delta changes are typically identified in the **best-performing** GCMs.







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