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The WRF simulation of the impact of land use and land cover change on regional climate in China

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2. Climate downscaling in East Asia (CORDEX)
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1. The domain, model and data

Model

➤ WRF (weather
research and forecast)

Input
data

■ MODIS (LULC)

■ ECMWF-ERA40

■ ECMWF-ERA-Interim

■ NorESM-RCP45

■ NorESM-RCP85

■ NorESM-historical

Simulation
result

◆ CORDEX-ERA40

◆ CORDEX-ERA-Interim

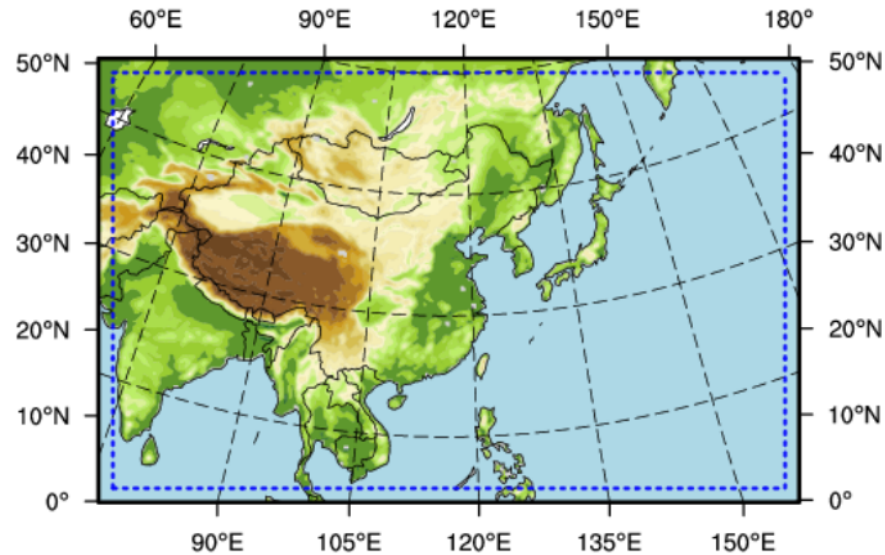
◆ CORDEX-NorESM

Validation
data

□ CRU-TS323

□ GPCP

□ ECMWF-ERA-Interim



Model equations

Fundamental Physical Quantities & Equations

At every grid cell GCMs calculate:

- Temperature (T)
- Pressure (P)
- Winds (U, V)
- Humidity (Q)

- Conservation of momentum

$$\frac{\partial \vec{V}}{\partial t} = -(\vec{V} \cdot \nabla) \vec{V} - \frac{1}{\rho} \nabla p - \vec{g} - 2\vec{\Omega} \times \vec{V} + \nabla \cdot (k_m \nabla \vec{V}) - \vec{F}_d$$

- Conservation of energy

$$\rho c_{\vec{V}} \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} = -\rho c_{\vec{V}} (\vec{V} \cdot \nabla) T - \nabla \cdot \vec{R} + \nabla \cdot (k_T \nabla T) + C + S$$

- Conservation of mass

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} = -(\vec{V} \cdot \nabla) \rho - \rho (\nabla \cdot \vec{V})$$

- Conservation of H_2O (vapor, liquid, solid)

$$\frac{\partial q}{\partial t} = -(\vec{V} \cdot \nabla) q + \nabla \cdot (k_q \nabla q) + S_q + E$$

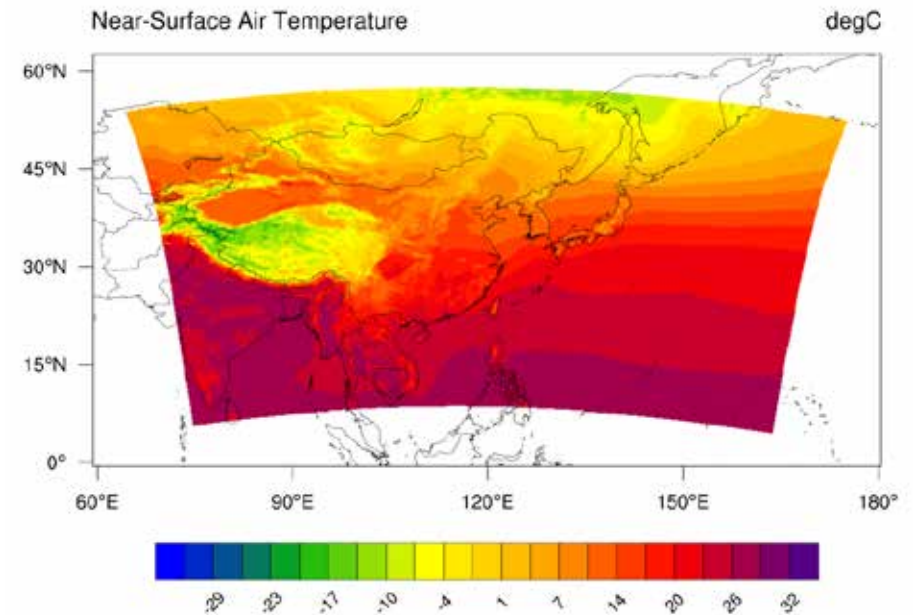
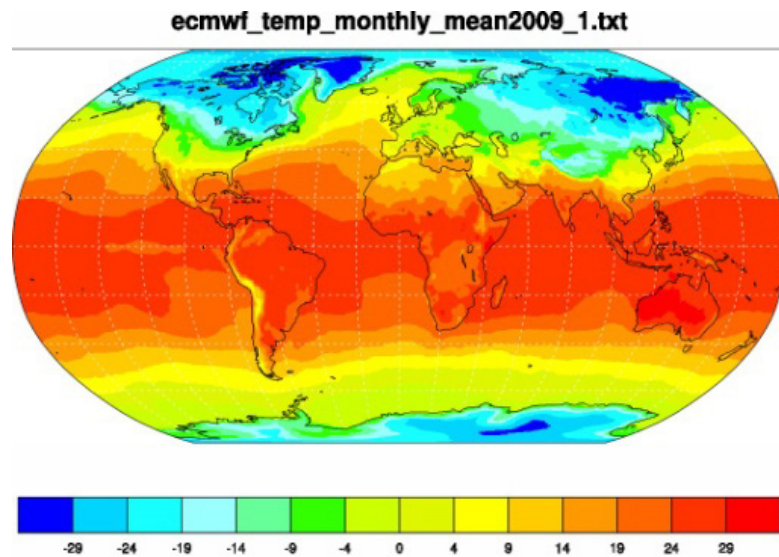
- Equation of state

$$p = \rho R_d T$$

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2. Climate Downscaling in East Asia

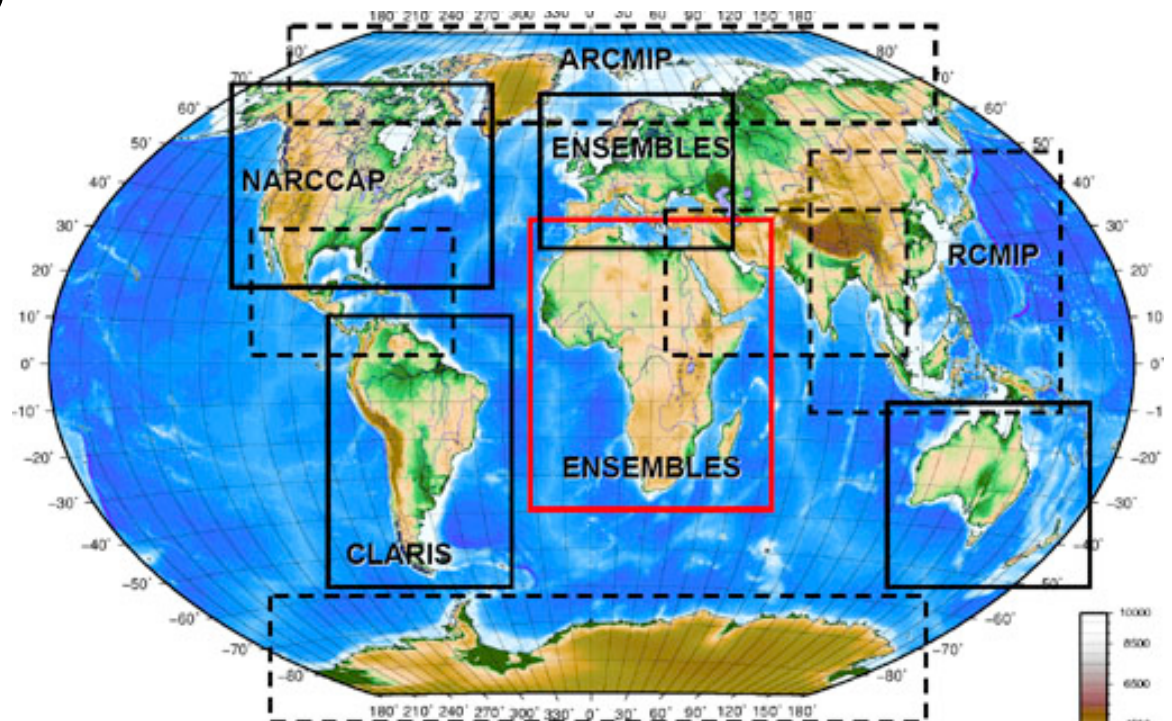


Spatially from 1-2 degree to **0.25 degree**

CORDEX: Coordinated Regional climate Downscaling Experiment

CORDEX domains:

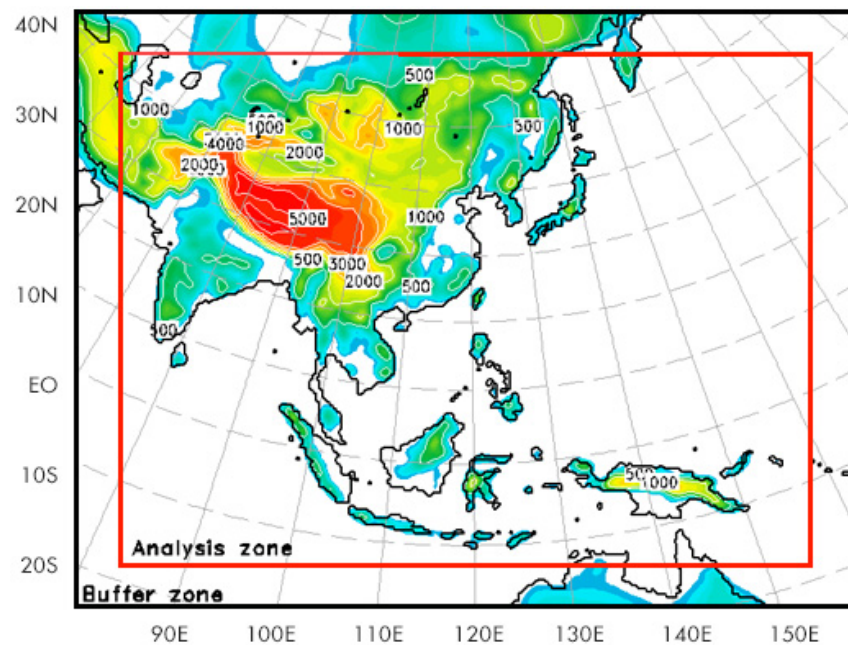
1. SAM (South America)
2. CAM (Central America)
3. NAM (North America)
4. EUS (Europe)
5. AFR (Africa)
6. WAS (West Asia)
7. **EAS (East Asia)**
8. CAS (Central Asia)
9. AUS (Australia)
10. ANT (Antarctica)
11. ARC (Arctic)
12. MED (Mediterranean)



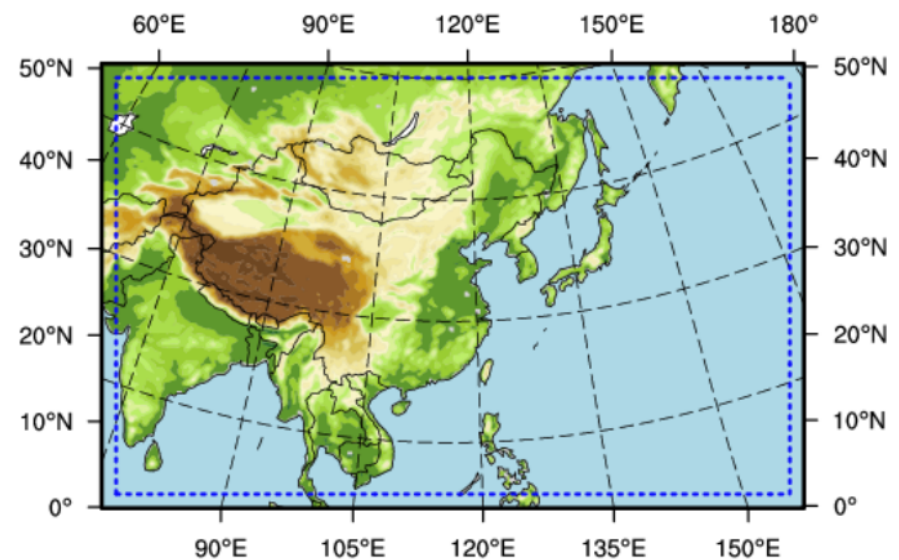
Copied from CORDEX website

Domain of the East Asia

Standard domain



Our modification



The time periods of the input data

- ECMWF-ERA40 (1958-2001)
- ECMWF-ERA-Interim (1979-2014)
- NorESM-historical (1950-2005)
- NorESM-RCP45 (2006-2100)
- NorESM-RCP85 (2006-2100)
- MODIS (2001)

58 daily variables: day

clh	clivi	cll	clm	clt	clwvi	evspsbl	hfls	hfss	hus850
huss	mrfso	mrro	mrros	mrso	pr	prc	prhmax	prsn	prw
ps	psl	rlds	rlus	rlut	rsds	rsdt	rsus	rsut	sfcWind
sfcWindmax	sic	snc	snd	snm	snw	sund	ta200	ta500	ta850
tas	tasmax	tasmin	tauu	tauv	ts	ua200	ua500	ua850	uas
va200	va500	va850	vas	wsgsmax	zg200	zg500	zmla		

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Table: CORDEX variable list

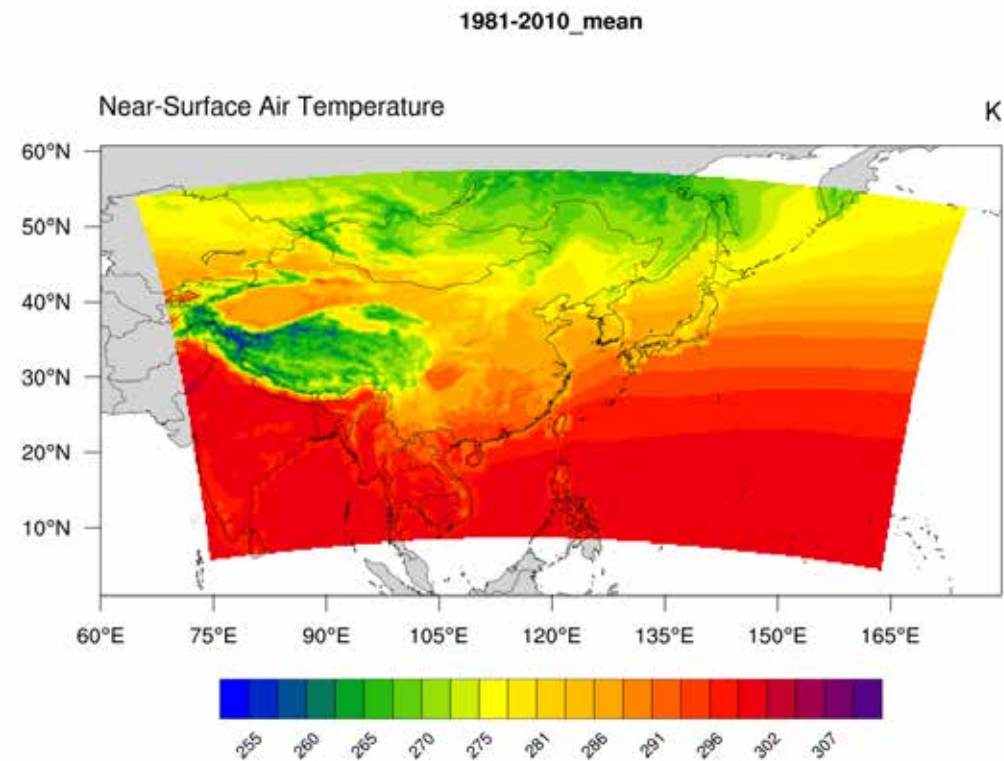
CORDEX: requested variables

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output variable name	units	Tier 2		Tier 1		Core				fx	long_name	standard_name	direction of positive fluxes ^a	realm (not required, however, if included should have the value as in CMIP5)	cell-method: area (optional) ^b
		freq [1/day]	ag	freq [1/day]	ag	freq [1/mon]	ag	freq [1/sem]	ag						
tas	K	8	i	1	8	1	m*8	1	s*8		Near-Surface Air Temperature	air temperature		atmos	
tasmax	K			1		1	m	1	s		Daily Maximum Near-Surface Air Temperature	air temperature		atmos	
tasmin	K			1		1	m	1	s		Daily Minimum Near-Surface Air Temperature	air temperature		atmos	
pr	kg m-2 s-1	8	a	1		1		1			Precipitation	precipitation flux		atmos	
ps	Pa	8	i	1	8						Surface Air Pressure	surface air pressure		atmos	
psl	Pa	8	i	1	8	1	m*8	1	s*8		Sea Level Pressure	air pressure at sea level		atmos	
huss	1	8	i	1	8	1	m*8	1	s*8		Near-Surface Specific Humidity	specific humidity		atmos	
hurs	%	8	i	1	8	1	m*8	1	s*8		Near-Surface Relative Humidity	relative humidity		atmos	
sfcWind	m s-1	8	i	1	8	1	m*8	1	s*8		Near-Surface Wind Speed	wind speed		atmos	
sfcWindmax	m s-1			1		1	m	1	s		Daily Maximum Near-Surface Wind Speed	wind speed		atmos	
clt	%	8	a	1		1		1			Total Cloud Fraction	cloud area fraction		atmos	
sund	s	8	a	1		1		1			Duration of Sunshine	duration of sunshine		atmos	
rsds	W m-2	8	a	1		1		1			Surface Downwelling Shortwave Radiation	surface downwelling shortwave flux in air	down	atmos	
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hfls	W m-2	8	a	1		1		1			Surface Upward Latent Heat Flux	surface upward latent heat flux	up	atmos	
hfss	W m-2	8	a	1		1		1			Surface Upward Sensible Heat Flux	surface upward sensible heat flux	up	atmos	
rsus	W m-2	8	a	1		1		1			Surface Upwelling Shortwave Radiation	surface upwelling shortwave flux in air	up	atmos	
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evspsblpot	kg m-2 s-1	4	a	1		1		1			Potential Evapotranspiration	water potential evaporation flux		atmos	
mrso	kg m-2	4	i	1	4	1	m*4	1	s*4		Soil Frozen Water Content	soil frozen water content		land/soil	mean where land
mrros	kg m-2 s-1	4	a	1		1		1			Surface Runoff	surface runoff flux		land	mean where land
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mrso	kg m-2	4	i	1	4	1	m*4	1	s*4		Total Soil Moisture Content	soil moisture content		land	mean where land
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snm	kg m-2 s-1	4	a	1	4	1	m*4	1	s*4		Surface Snow Melt	surface snow melt flux		land/ice	mean where land
prhmax	kg m-2 s-1			1							Daily Maximum Hourly Precipitation Rate	precipitation flux		atmos	
prc	kg m-2 s-1	8	a	1							Convective Precipitation	convective precipitation flux		atmos	
rlut	W m-2	4	a	1		1		1			TOA Outgoing Longwave Radiation	toa outgoing longwave flux	up	atmos	
radt	W m-2	4	a	1		1		1			TOA Incident Shortwave Radiation	toa incoming shortwave flux	down	atmos	
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wsgsmax	m s-1			1							Daily Maximum Near-Surface Wind Speed of Gust	wind speed of gust		atmos	
tauu	Pa	4	a	1							Surface Downward Eastward Wind Stress	surface downward eastward stress	down	atmos	
tauv	Pa	4	a	1							Surface Downward Northward Wind Stress	surface downward northward stress	down	atmos	
ts	K	4	i	1	4						Surface Temperature	surface temperature		atmos	
zmla	m	4	i	1	4						Height of Boundary Layer	atmosphere boundary layer thickness		atmos	
pw	kg m-2	4	i	1	4						Water Vapor Path	atmosphere water vapor content		atmos	
clwv	kg m-2	4	i	1	4						Condensed Water Path	atmosphere cloud condensed water content		atmos	
clvi	kg m-2	4	i	1	4						Ice Water Path	atmosphere cloud ice content		atmos	
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sic	%			1		1	m	1	s		Sea Ice Area Fraction	sea_ice_area_fraction		land/ice/ocean	
psrn	kg m-2 s-1			1							Snowfall Flux	snowfall_flux		atmos	
areacella	m2								8	0	Atmosphere Grid Cell Area	cell_area		atmos/land	
orog	m								8	0	Surface Altitude	surface_altitude		land	
stfl	%								8	0	Land Area Fraction	land_area_fraction		atmos	
stflif	%								8	0	Fraction of Grid Cell Covered with Glacier	land_ice_area_fraction		land	
mrsofc	kg m-2								8	0	Capacity of Soil to Store Water	soil_moisture_content_at_field_capacity		land	
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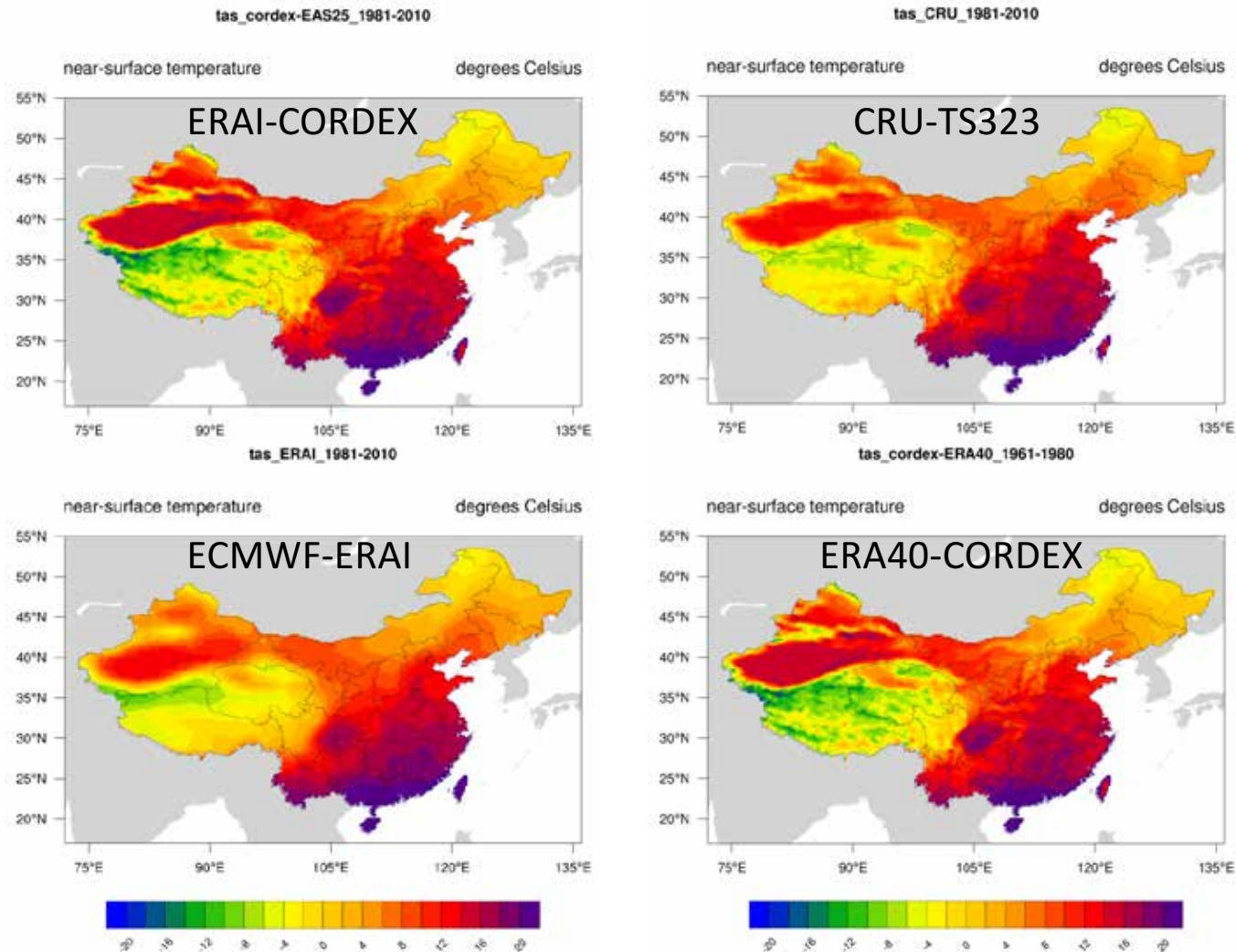
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From East Asia to China for validation

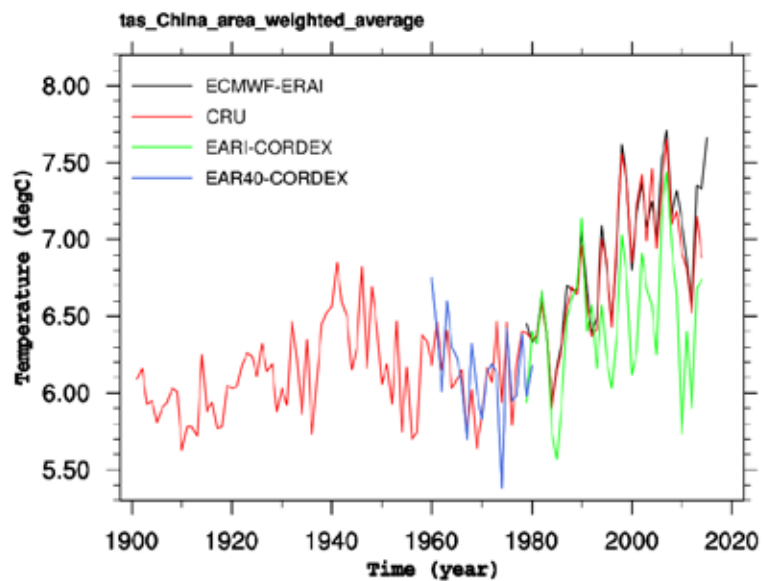


The 30-year mean temperature (deg C)

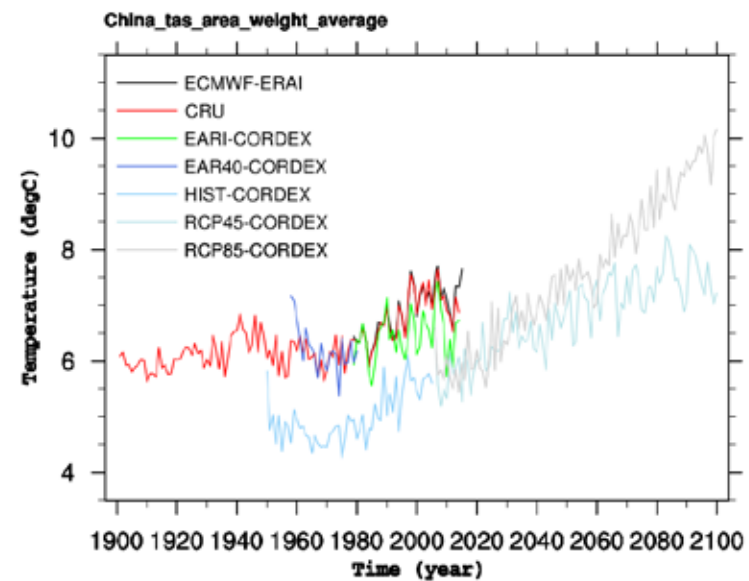


Result comparison of temperature

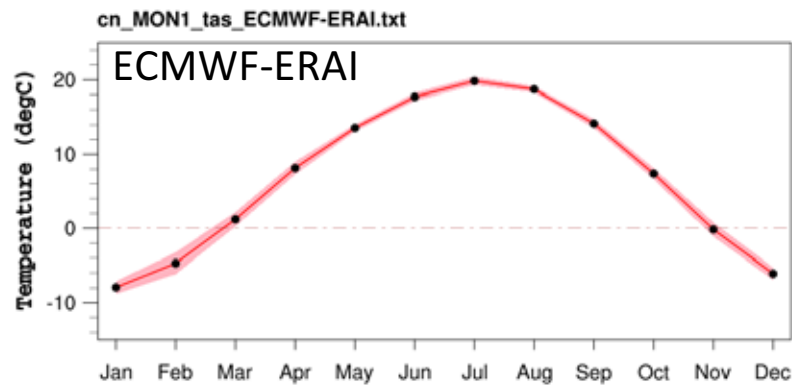
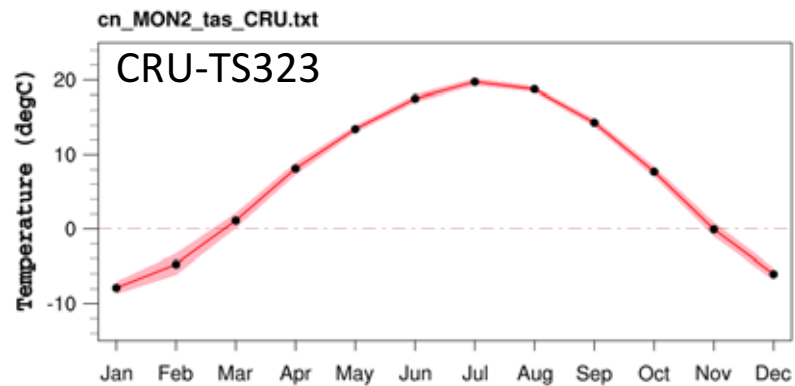
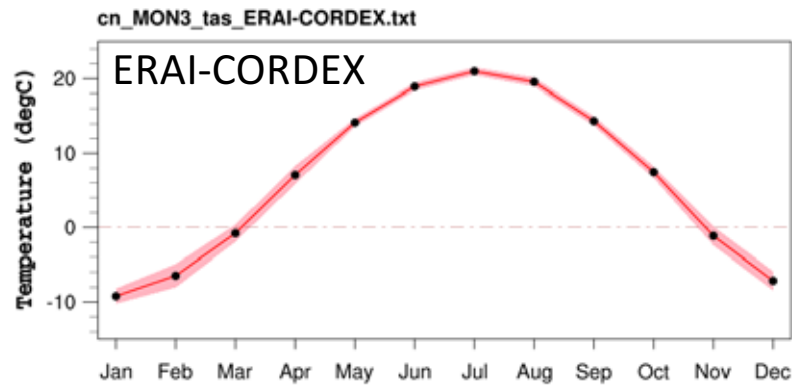
Vs. observation



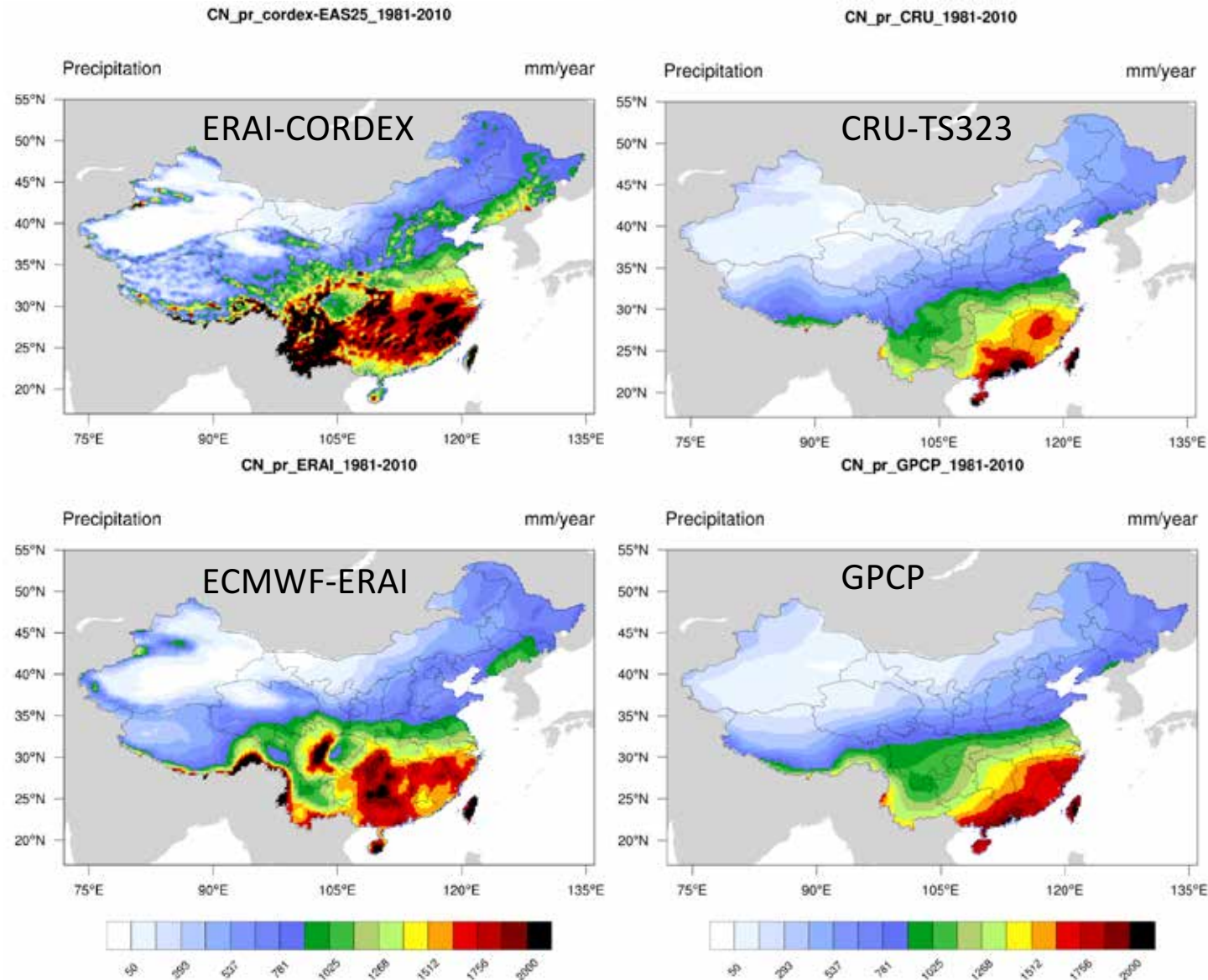
Vs. climate future projection



Result comparison with seasonal cycle

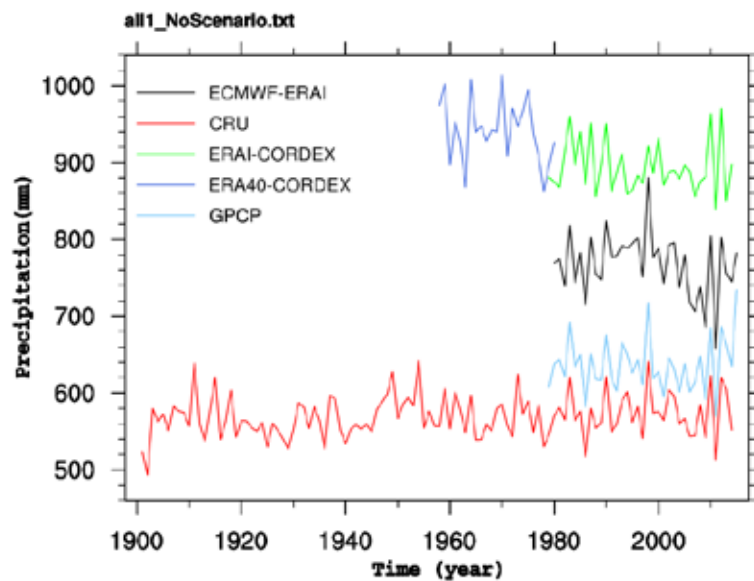


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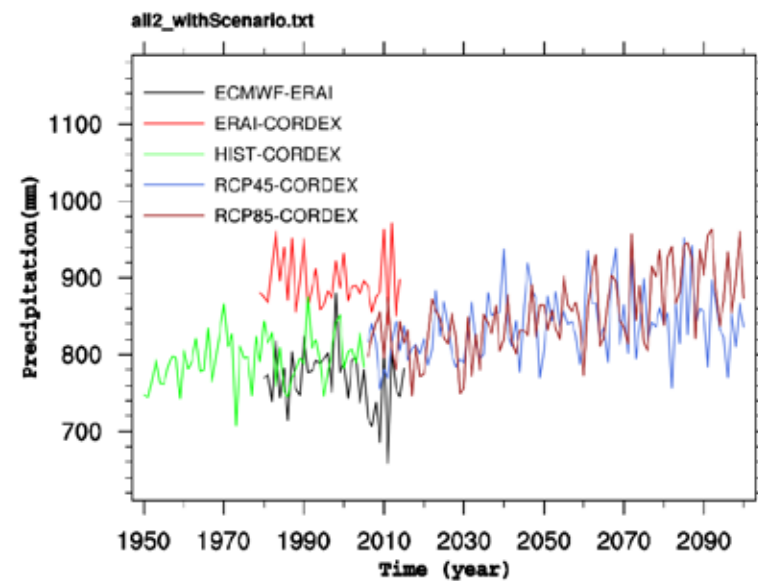


Result comparison of precipitation

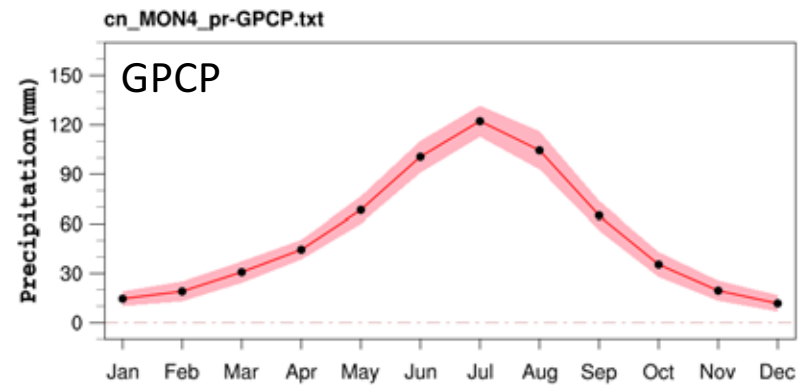
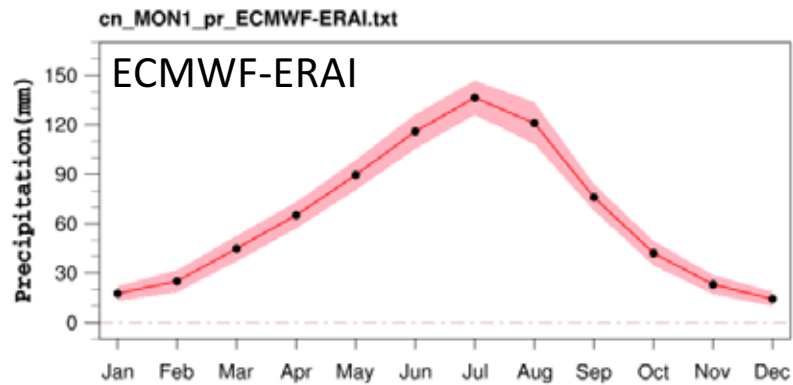
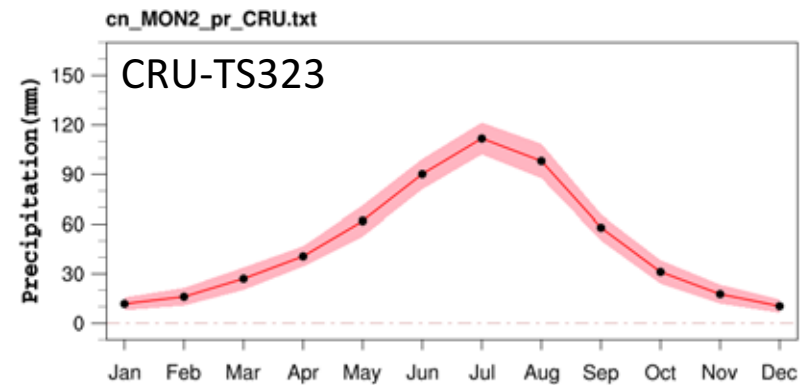
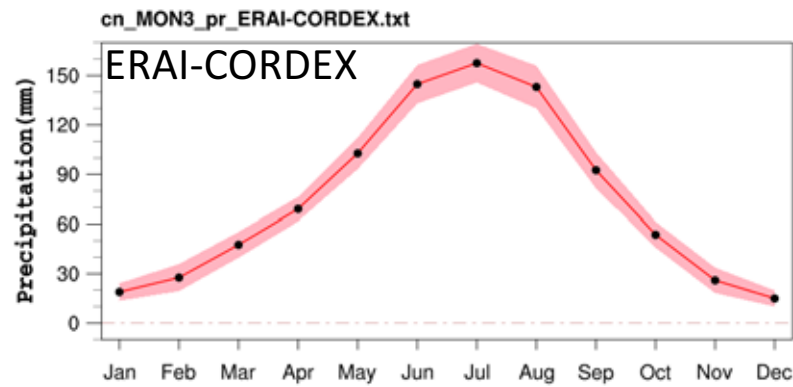
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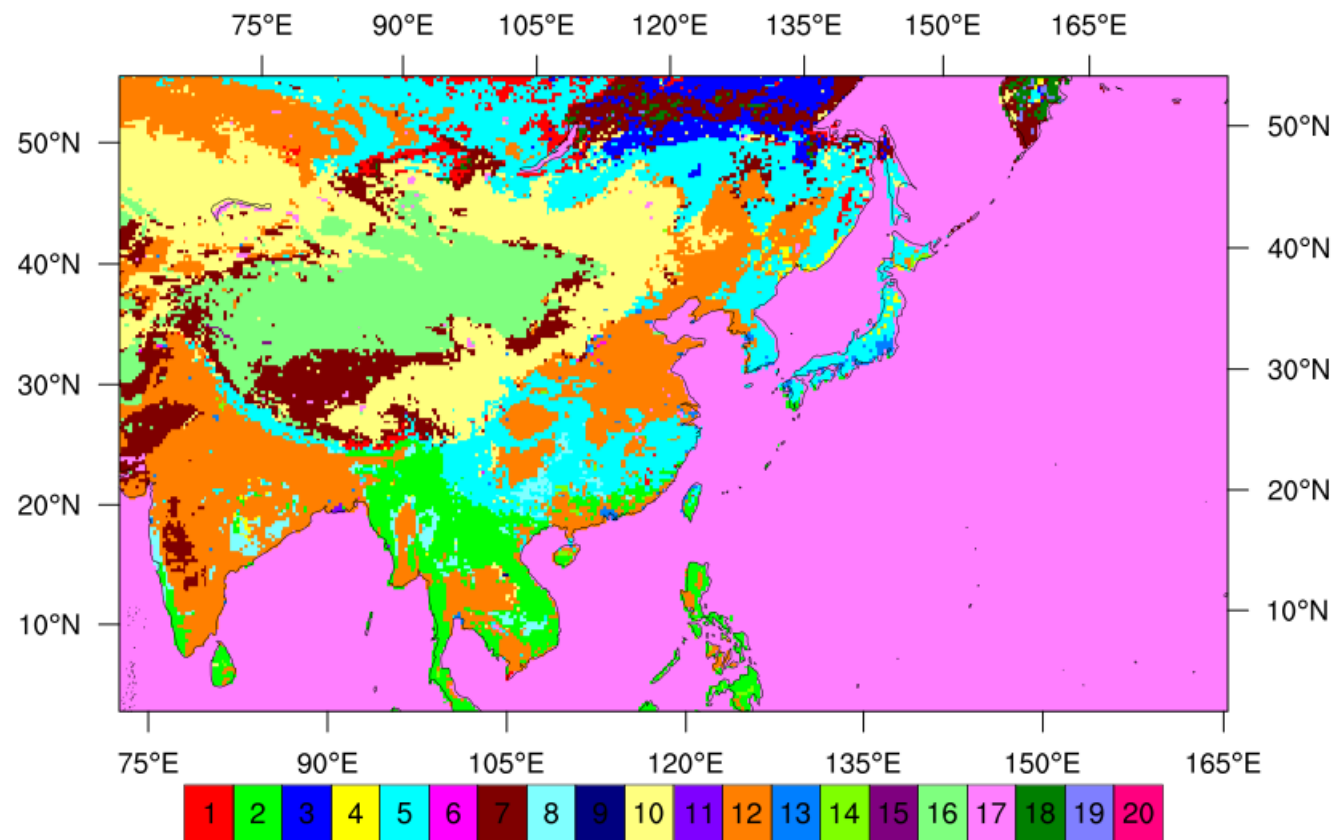
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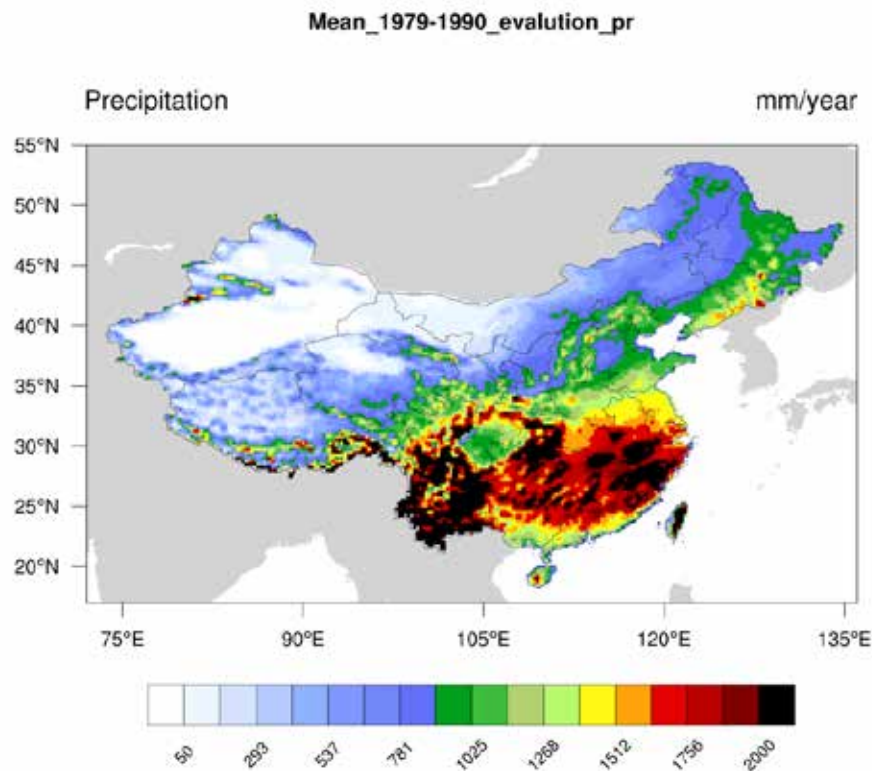
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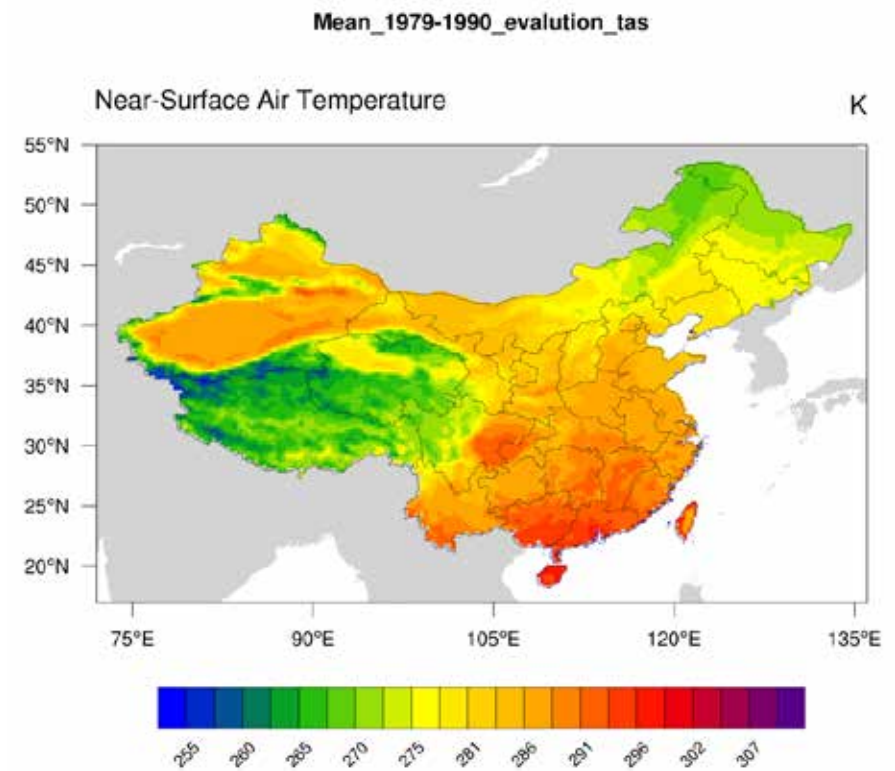
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|------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|------------------|
| 1 Evergreen Needleleaf | 5 Mixed Forest | 9 Savannas | 13 Urban and Built-up | 17 Water Bodies |
| 2 Evergreen Broadleaf | 6 Closed Shrublands | 10 Grasslands | 14 Cropland Mosaics | 18 Wooded Tundra |
| 3 Deciduous Needleleaf | 7 Open Shrublands | 11 Permanent Wetlands | 15 Snow and Ice | 19 Mixed Tundra |
| 4 Deciduous Broadleaf | 8 Woody Savannas | 12 Croplands | 16 Bare Soil and Rocks | 20 Barren Tundra |

Precipitation and temperature under the original LULC

Precipitation

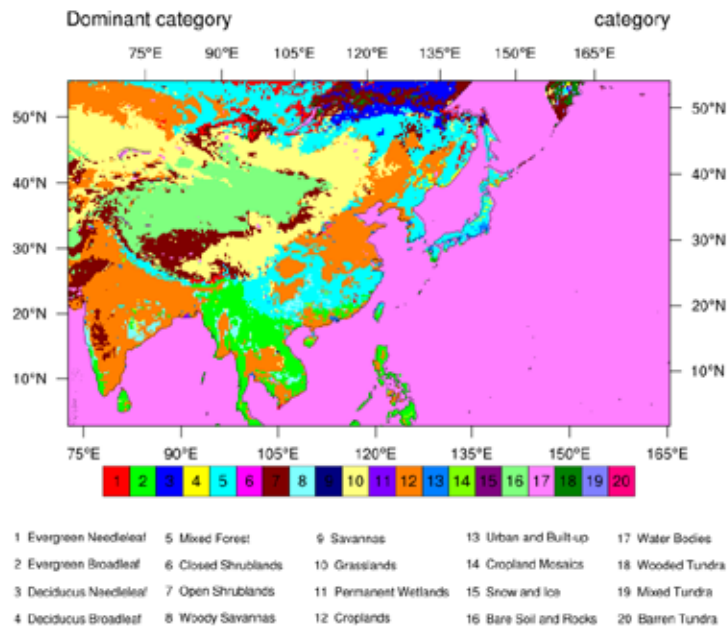


Temperature

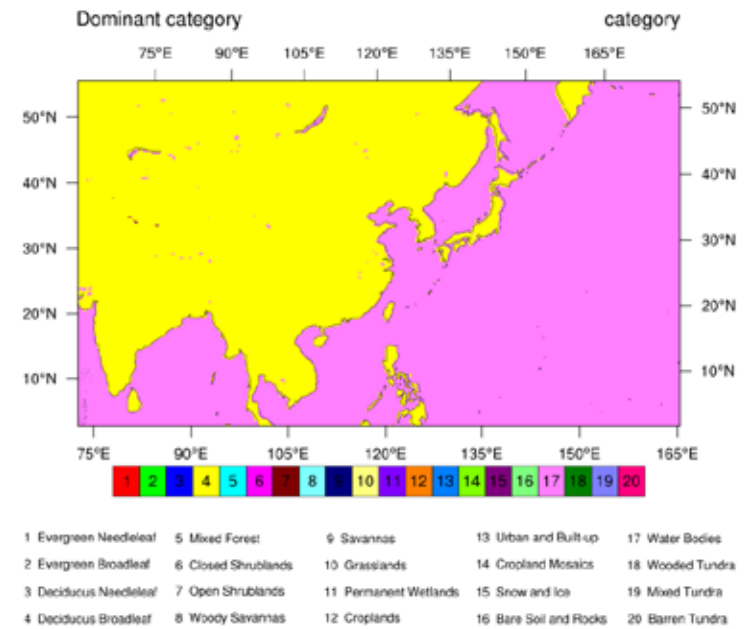


Modifying LULC

Original MODIS LULC

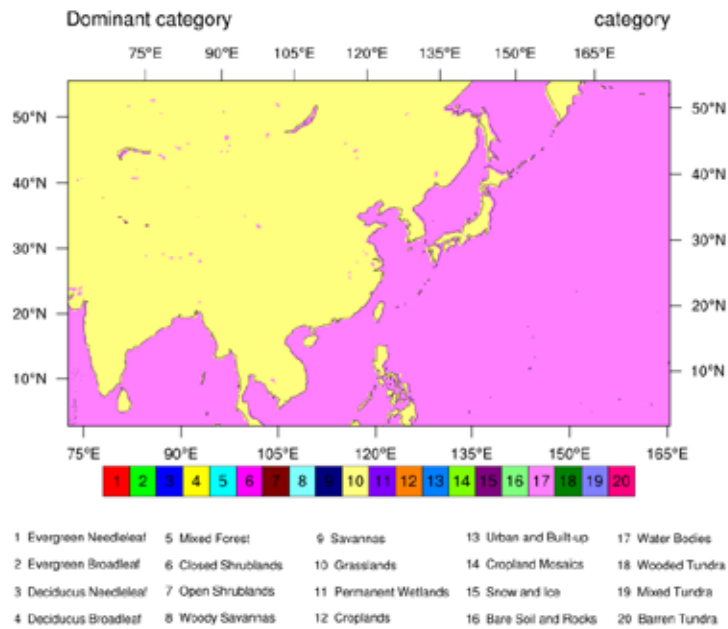


All forest

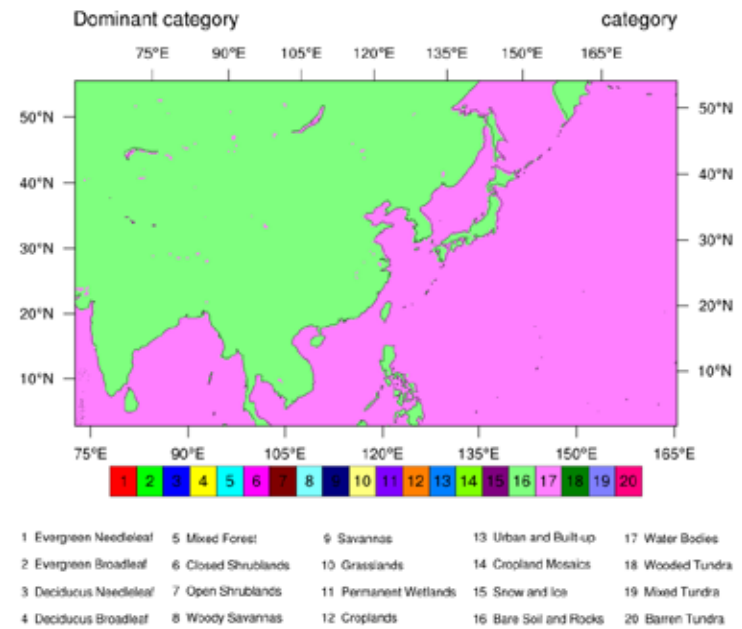


Modifying LULC

Grasslands



Bareland

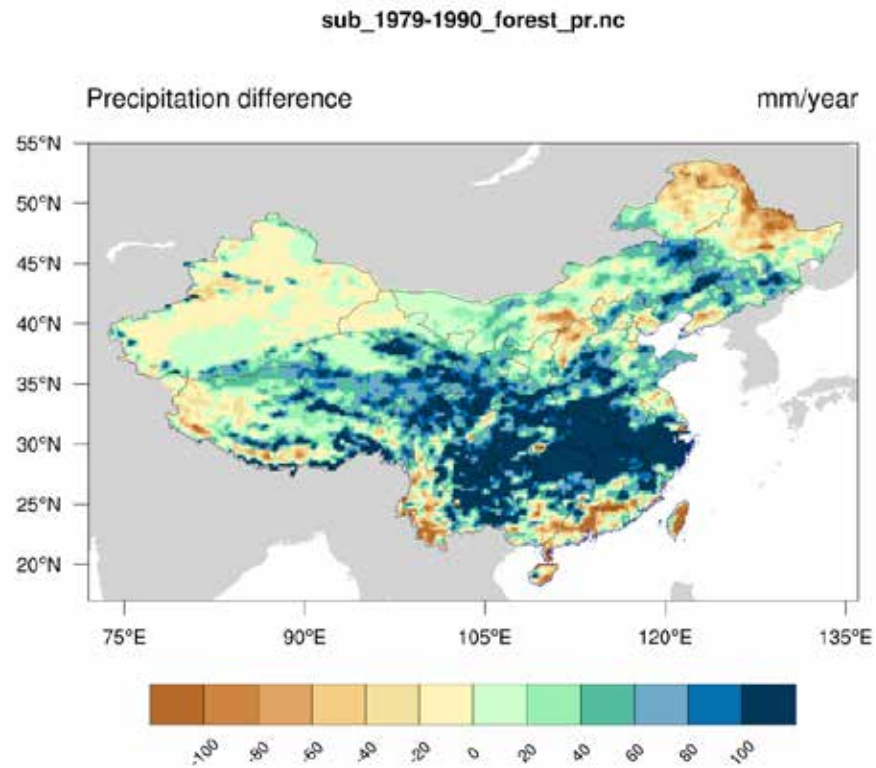


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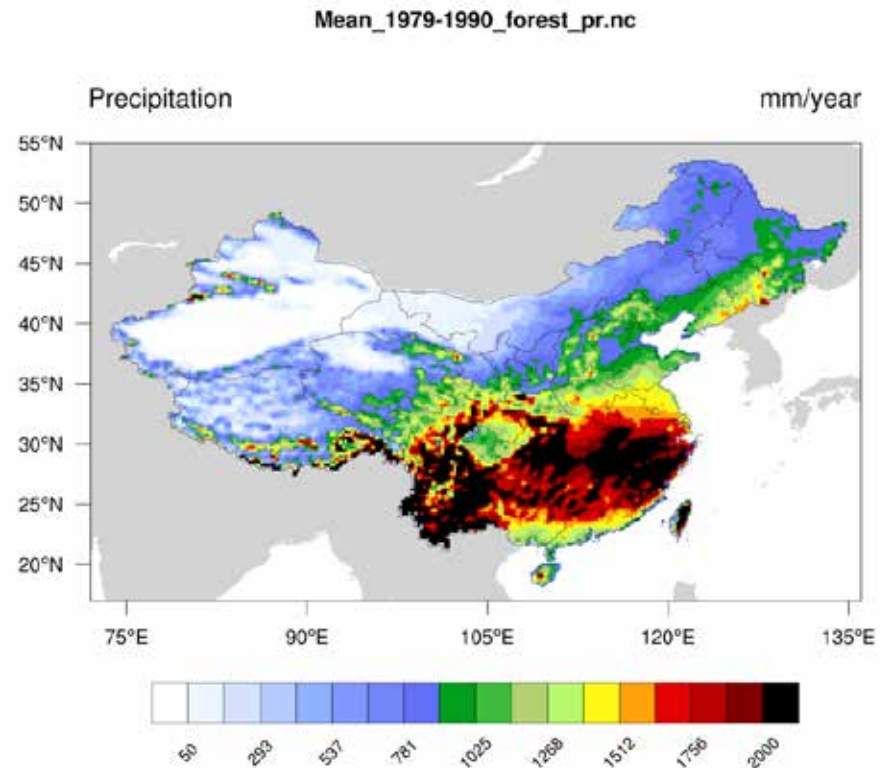
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All Forest

Precipitation difference



Precipitation pattern



Formula for t-test (T and V-value)

Definition The two-sample *t*-test for unpaired data is defined as:

$$H_0: \mu_1 = \mu_2$$

$$H_a: \mu_1 \neq \mu_2$$

$$\text{Test Statistic: } T = \frac{\bar{Y}_1 - \bar{Y}_2}{\sqrt{s_1^2/N_1 + s_2^2/N_2}}$$

where N_1 and N_2 are the sample sizes, \bar{Y}_1 and \bar{Y}_2 are the sample means, and s_1^2 and s_2^2 are the sample variances.

If equal variances are assumed, then the formula reduces to:

$$T = \frac{\bar{Y}_1 - \bar{Y}_2}{s_p \sqrt{1/N_1 + 1/N_2}}$$

where

$$s_p^2 = \frac{(N_1 - 1)s_1^2 + (N_2 - 1)s_2^2}{N_1 + N_2 - 2}$$

Significance Level: α .

Critical Region: Reject the null hypothesis that the two means are equal if

$$|T| > t_{1-\alpha/2, \nu}$$

where $t_{1-\alpha/2, \nu}$ is the [critical value](#) of the [t distribution](#) with ν degrees of freedom where

$$\nu = \frac{(s_1^2/N_1 + s_2^2/N_2)^2}{(s_1^2/N_1)^2/(N_1 - 1) + (s_2^2/N_2)^2/(N_2 - 1)}$$

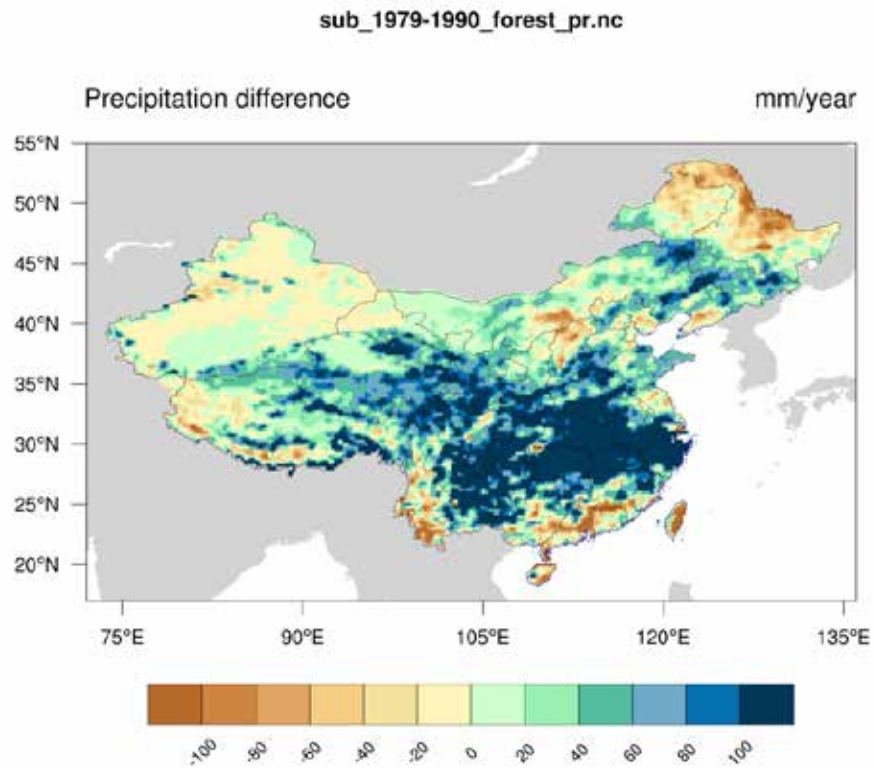
If equal variances are assumed, then $\nu = N_1 + N_2 - 2$

v-value 2.552-2.821 (99%)

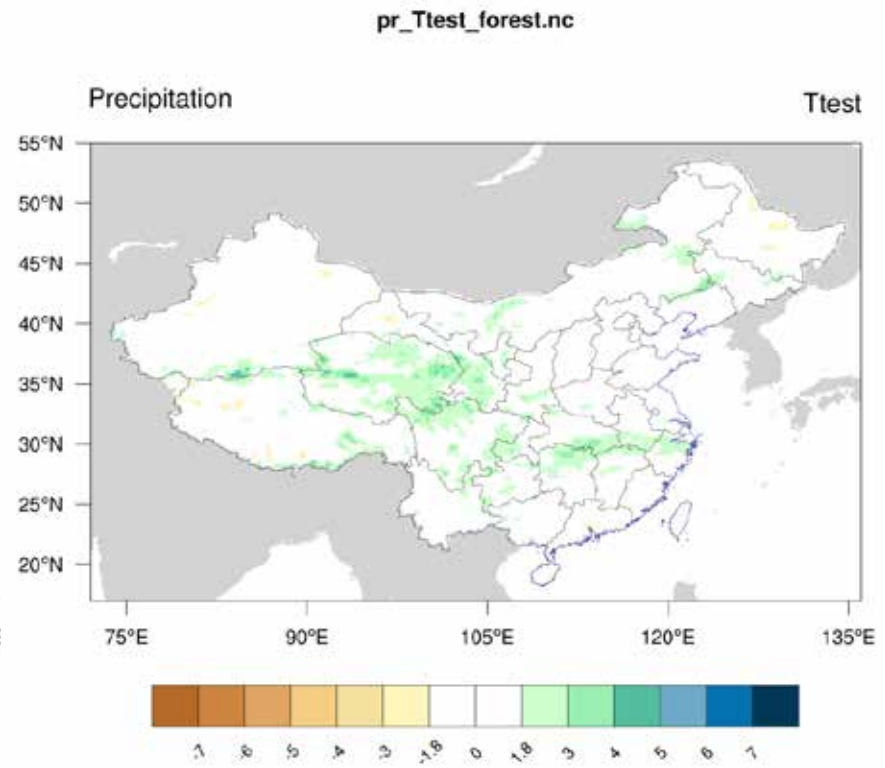
v-value 1.734-1.833 (95%)

All Forest

Precipitation difference

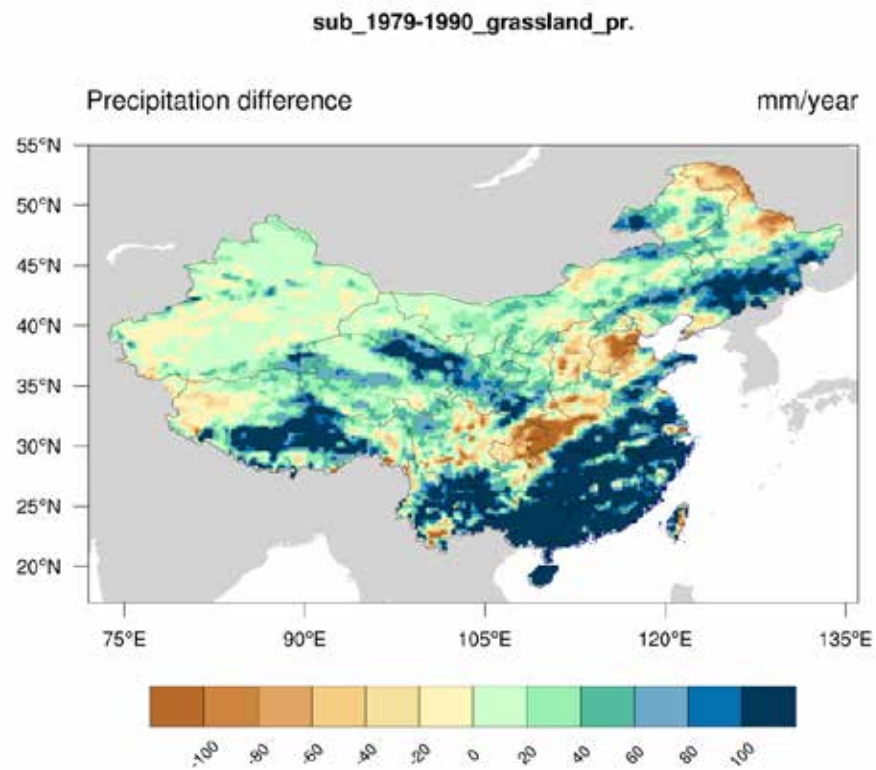


T-test of the difference

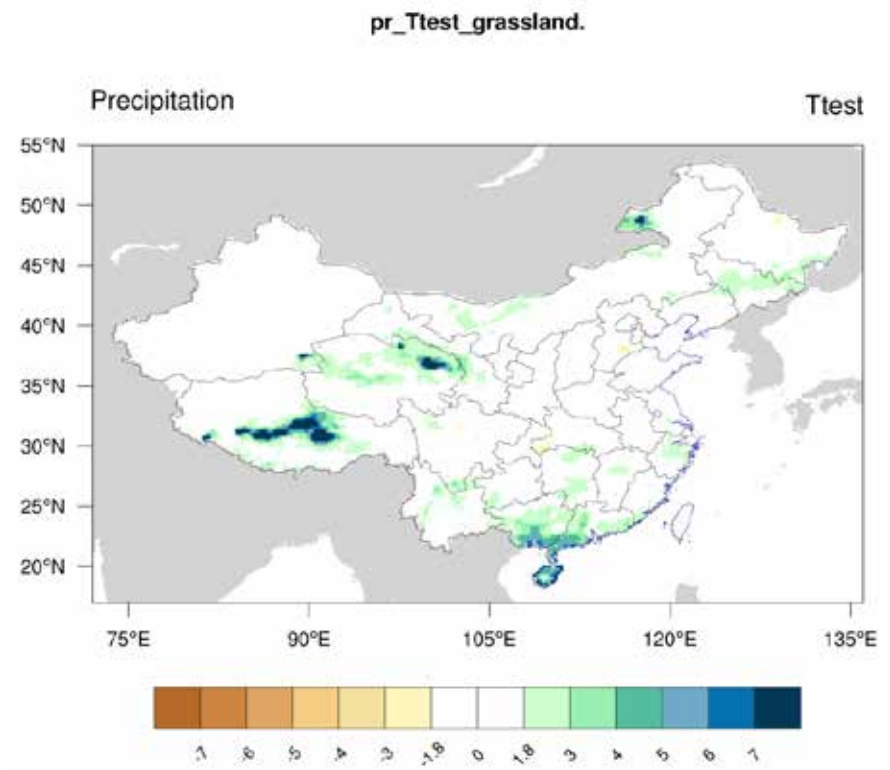


All grasslands

Precipitation difference

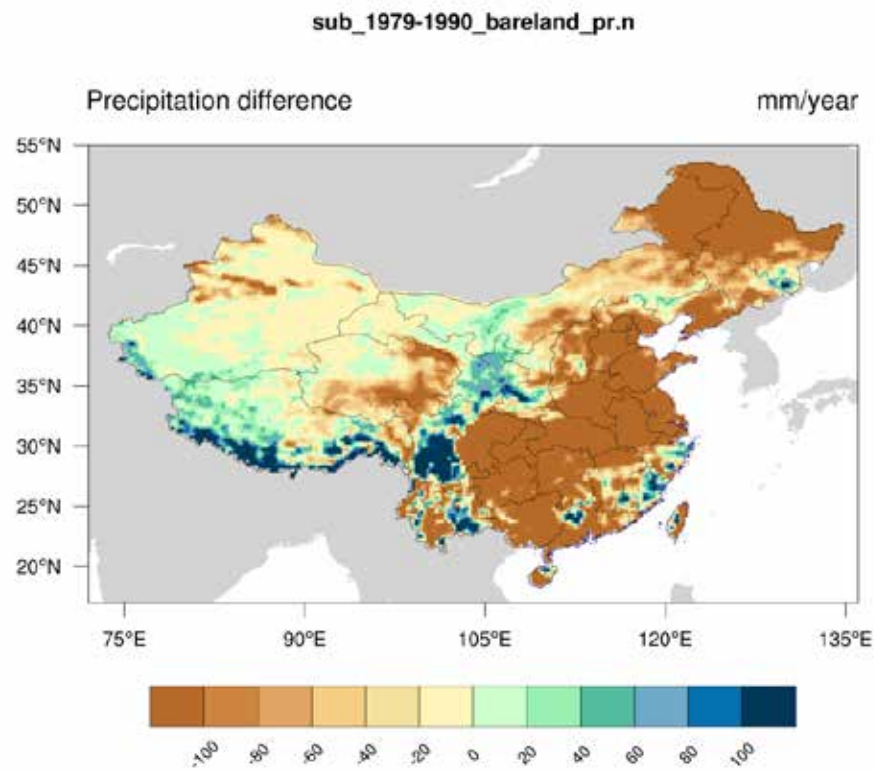


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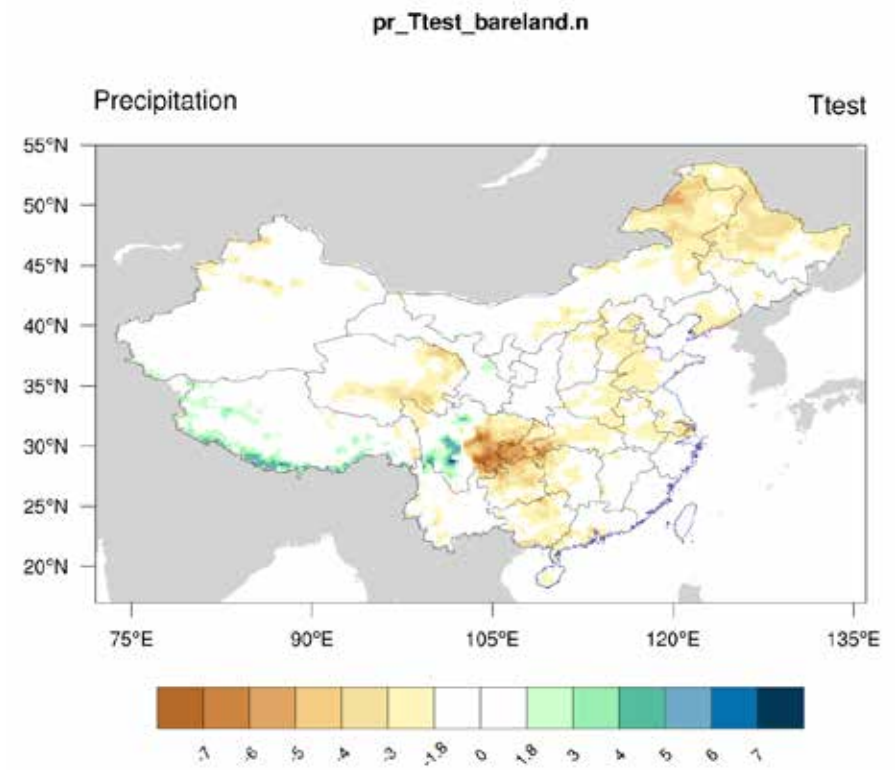


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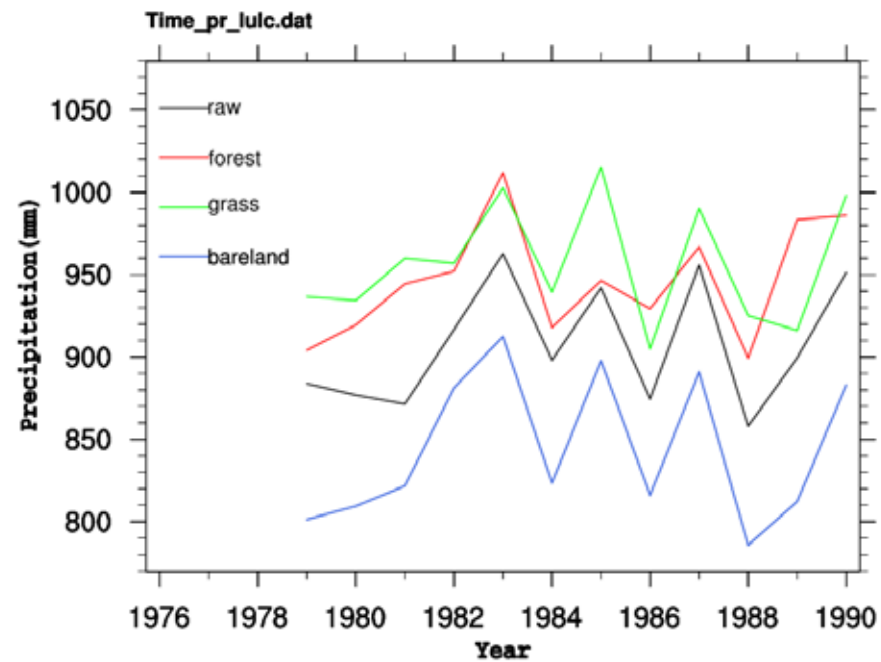
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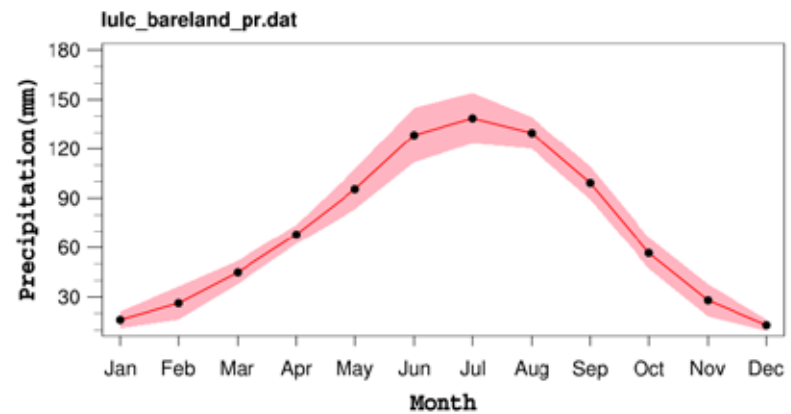
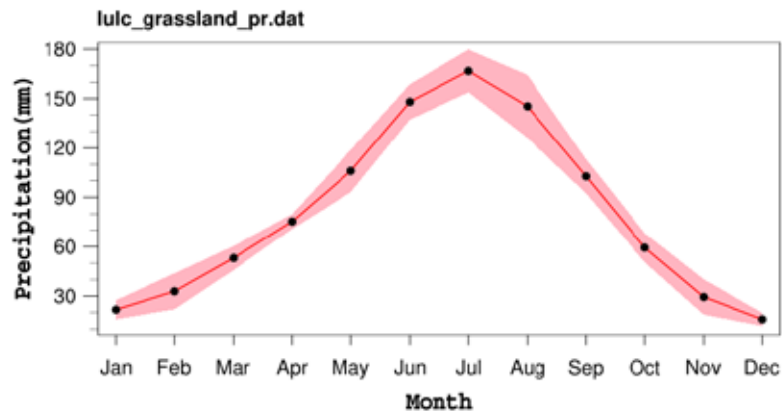
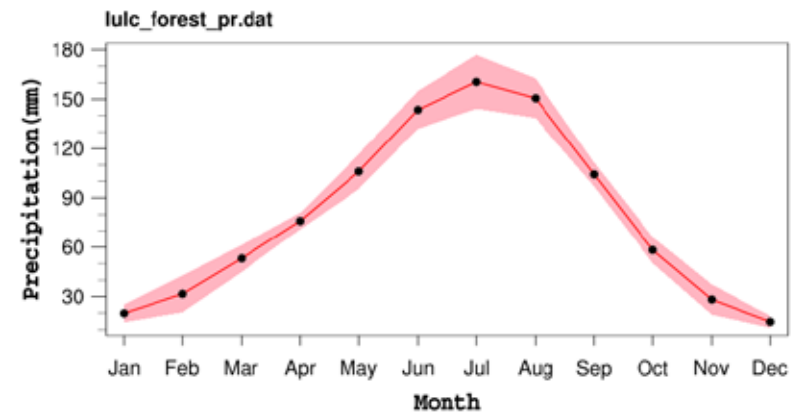
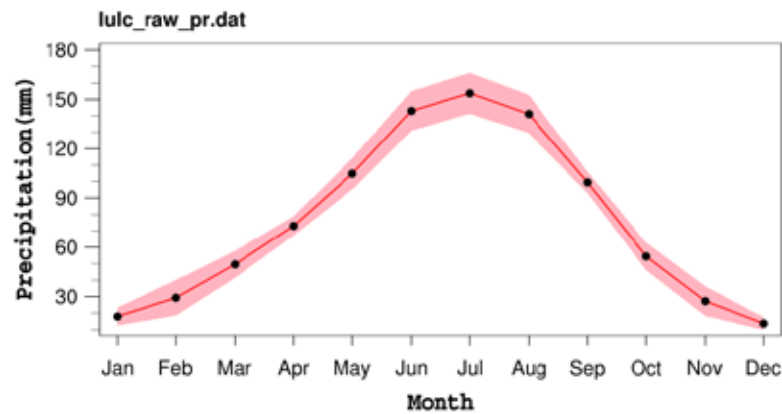
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The inter-annual variation of precipitation under different LULC



Seasonal variation of precipitation under different LULC

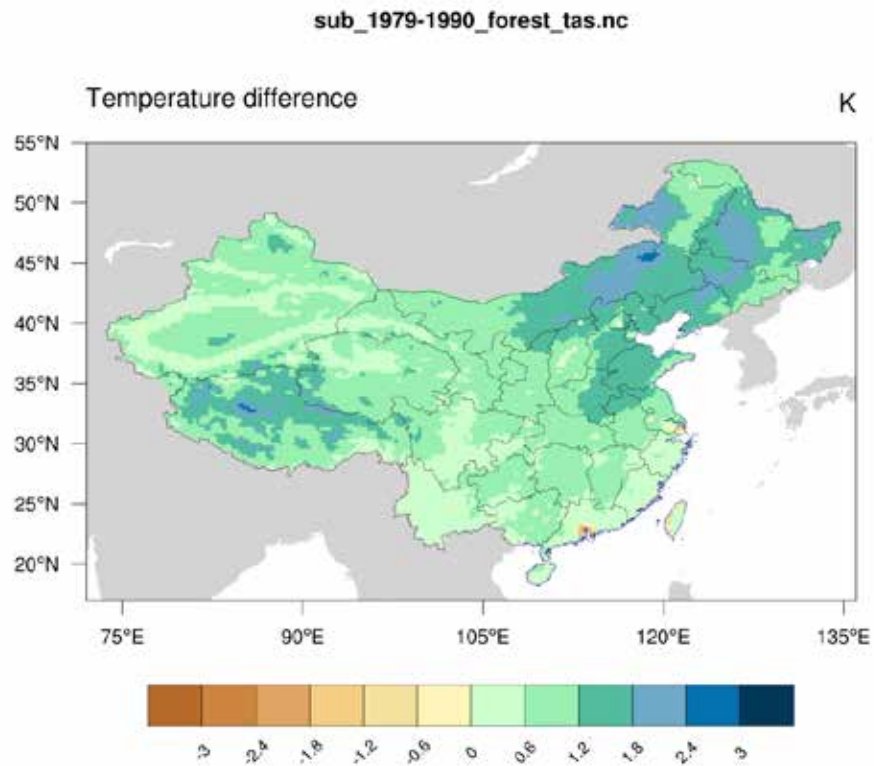


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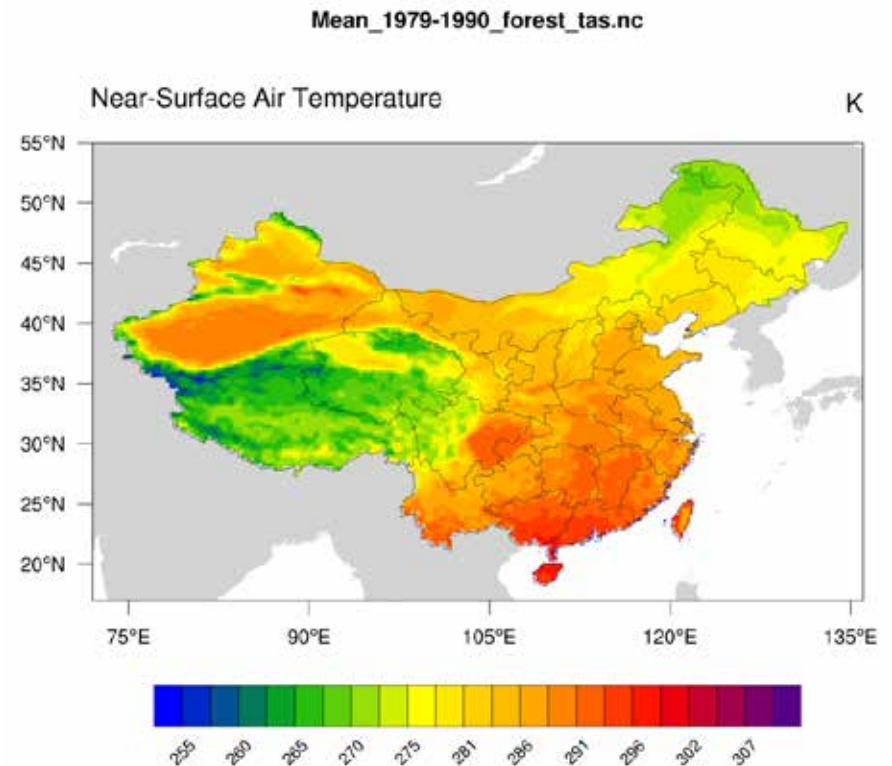
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All forest

Temperature difference

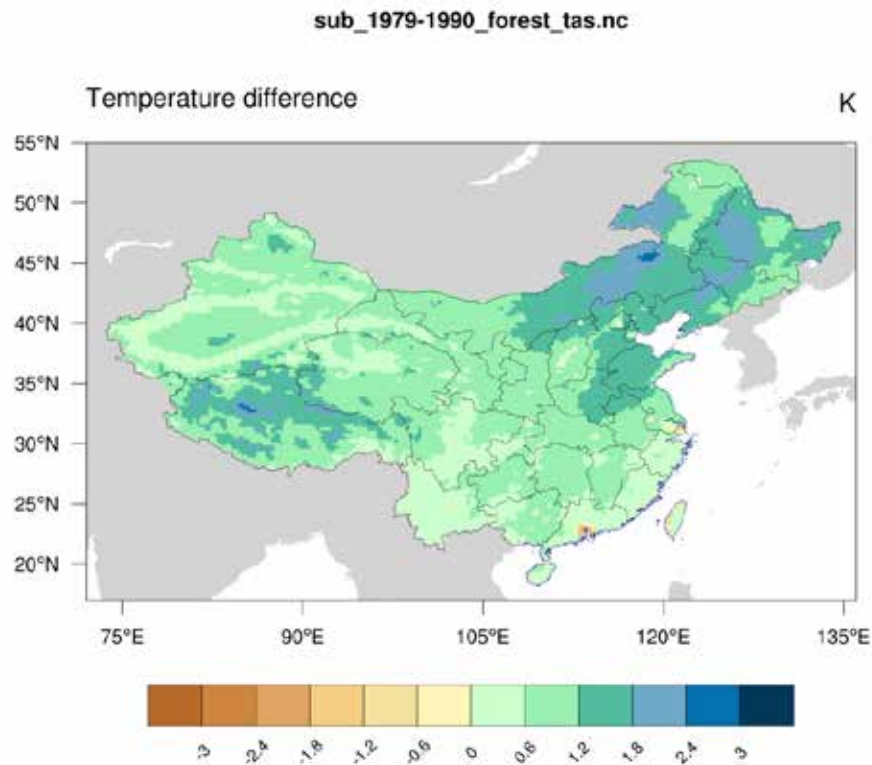


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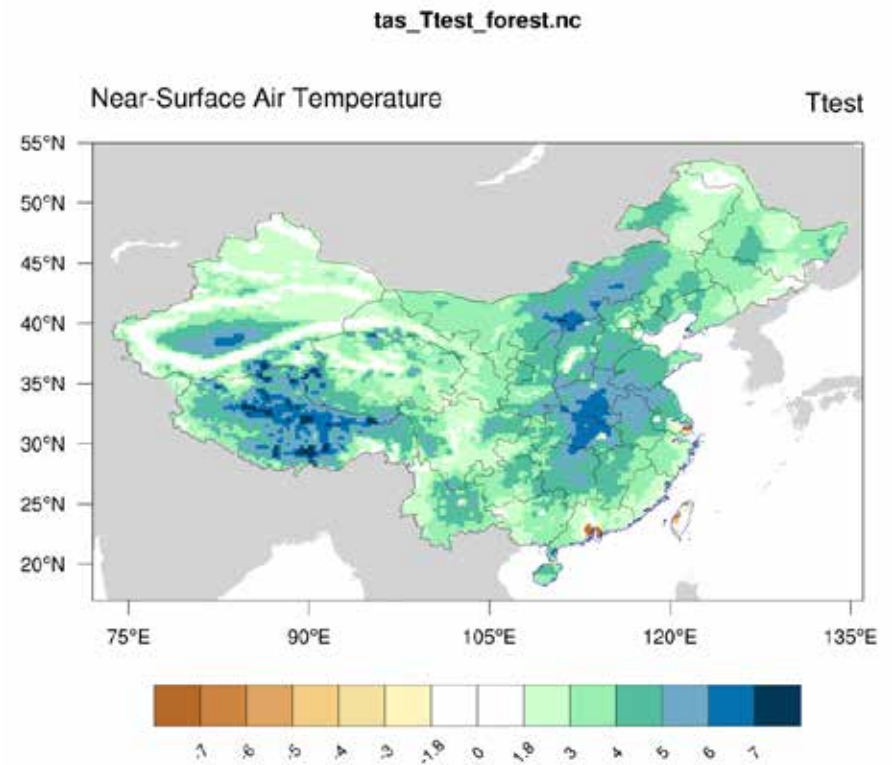


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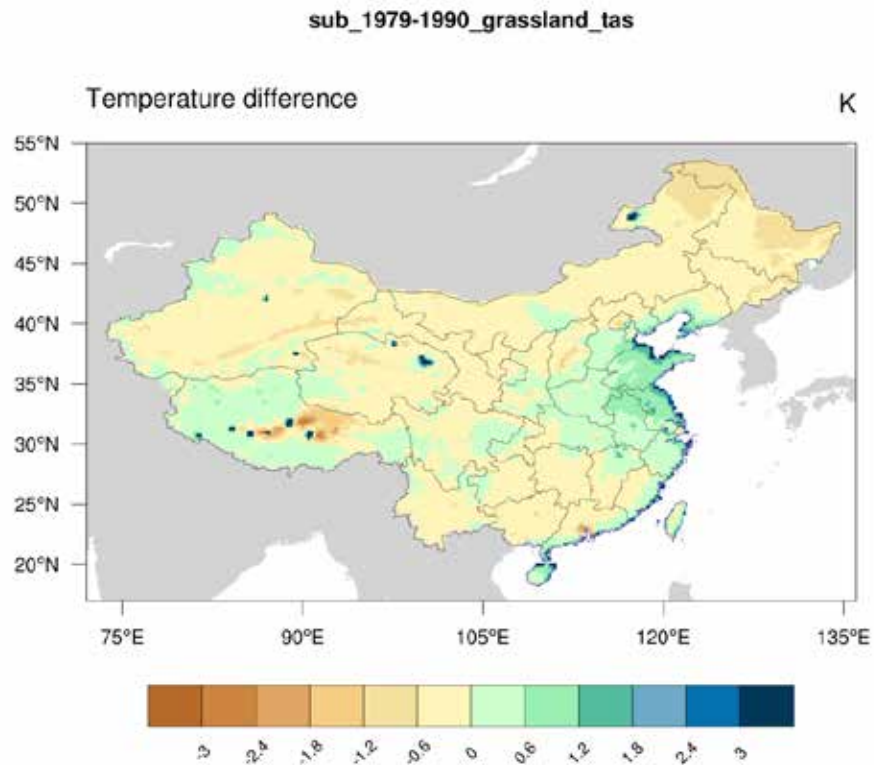


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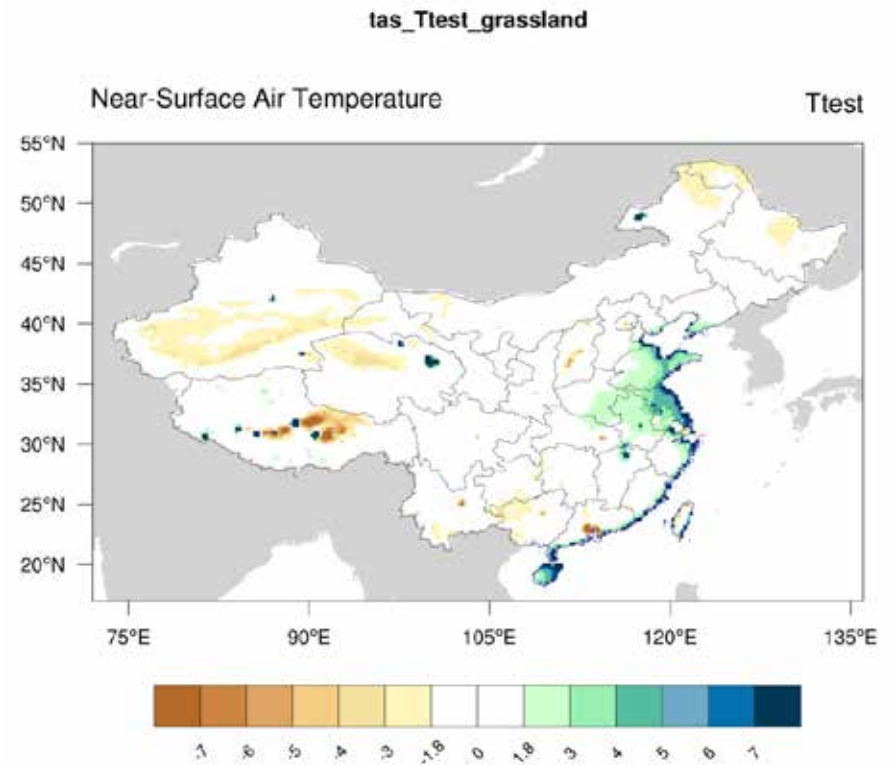


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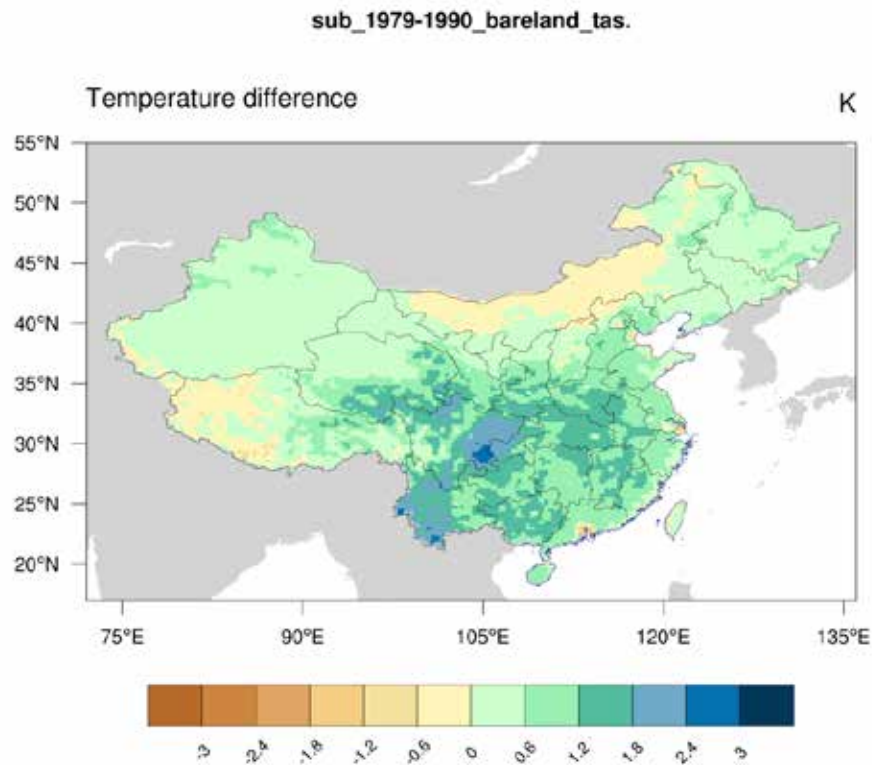


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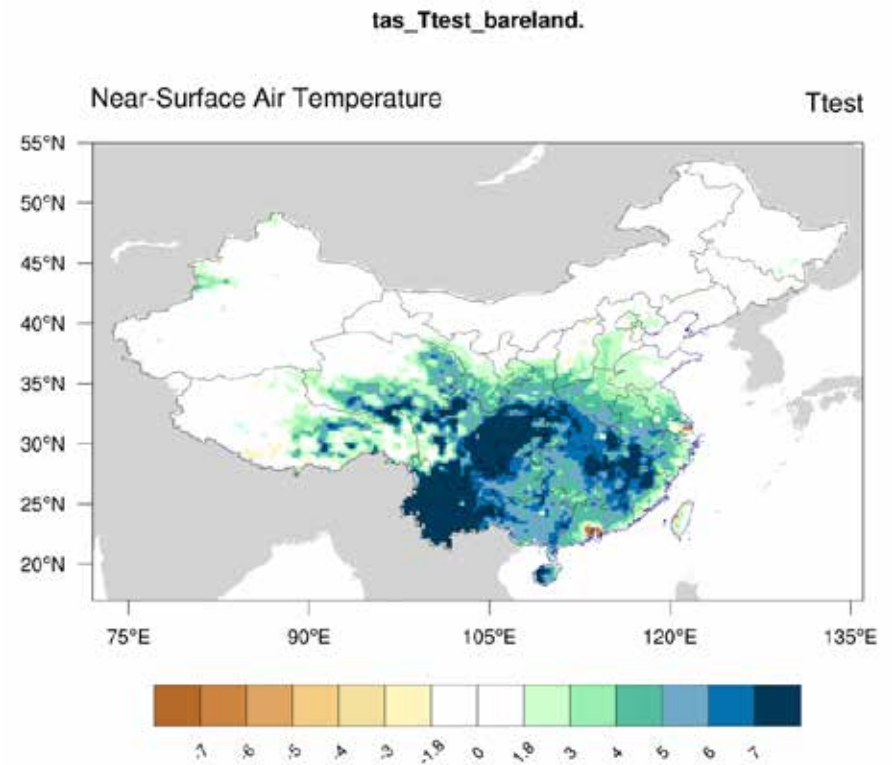


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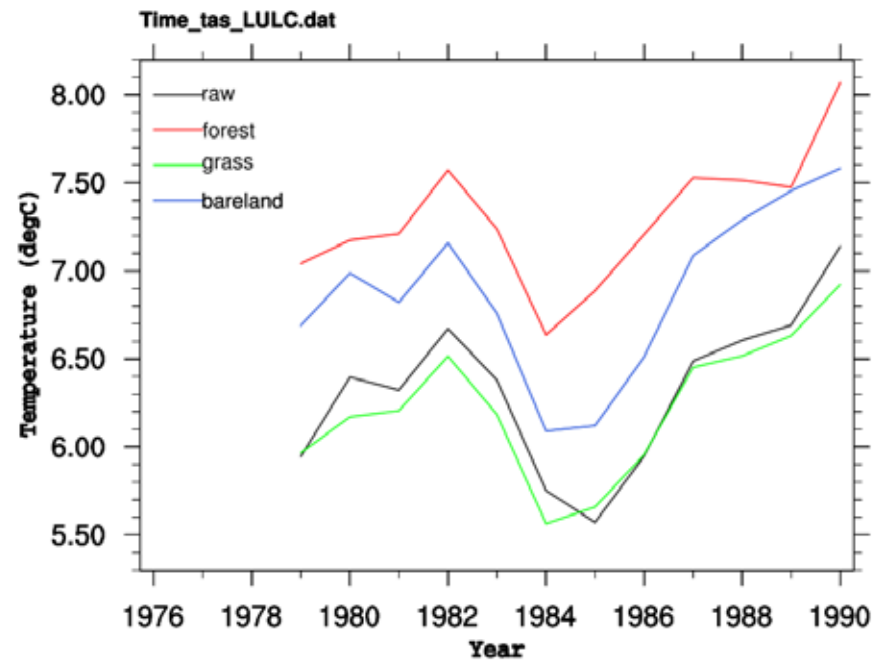
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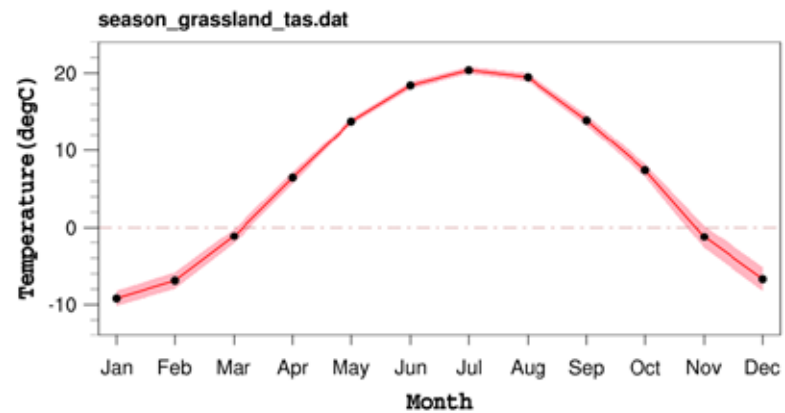
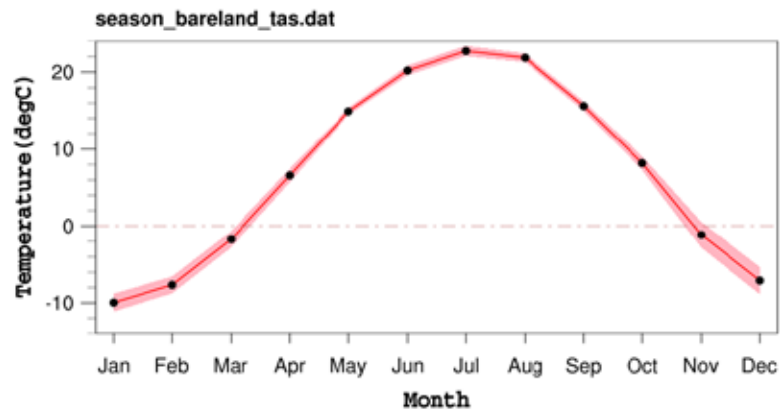
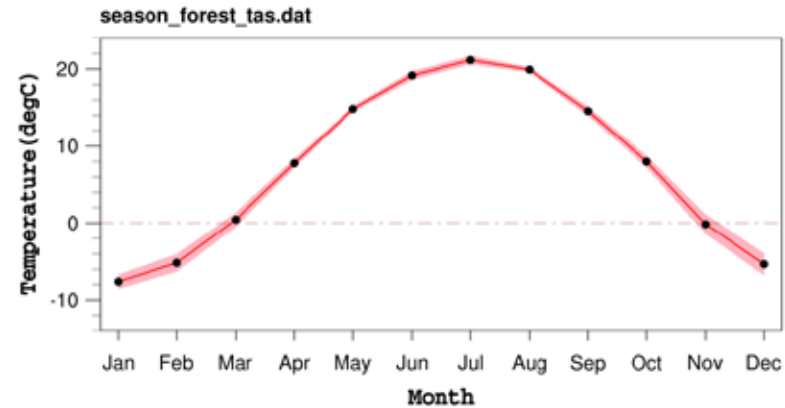
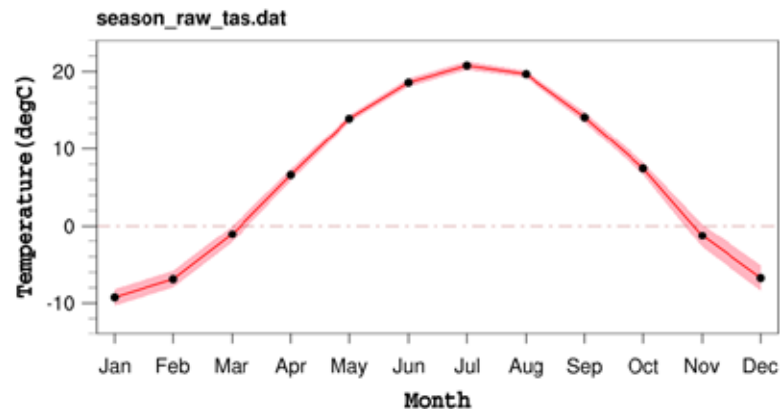
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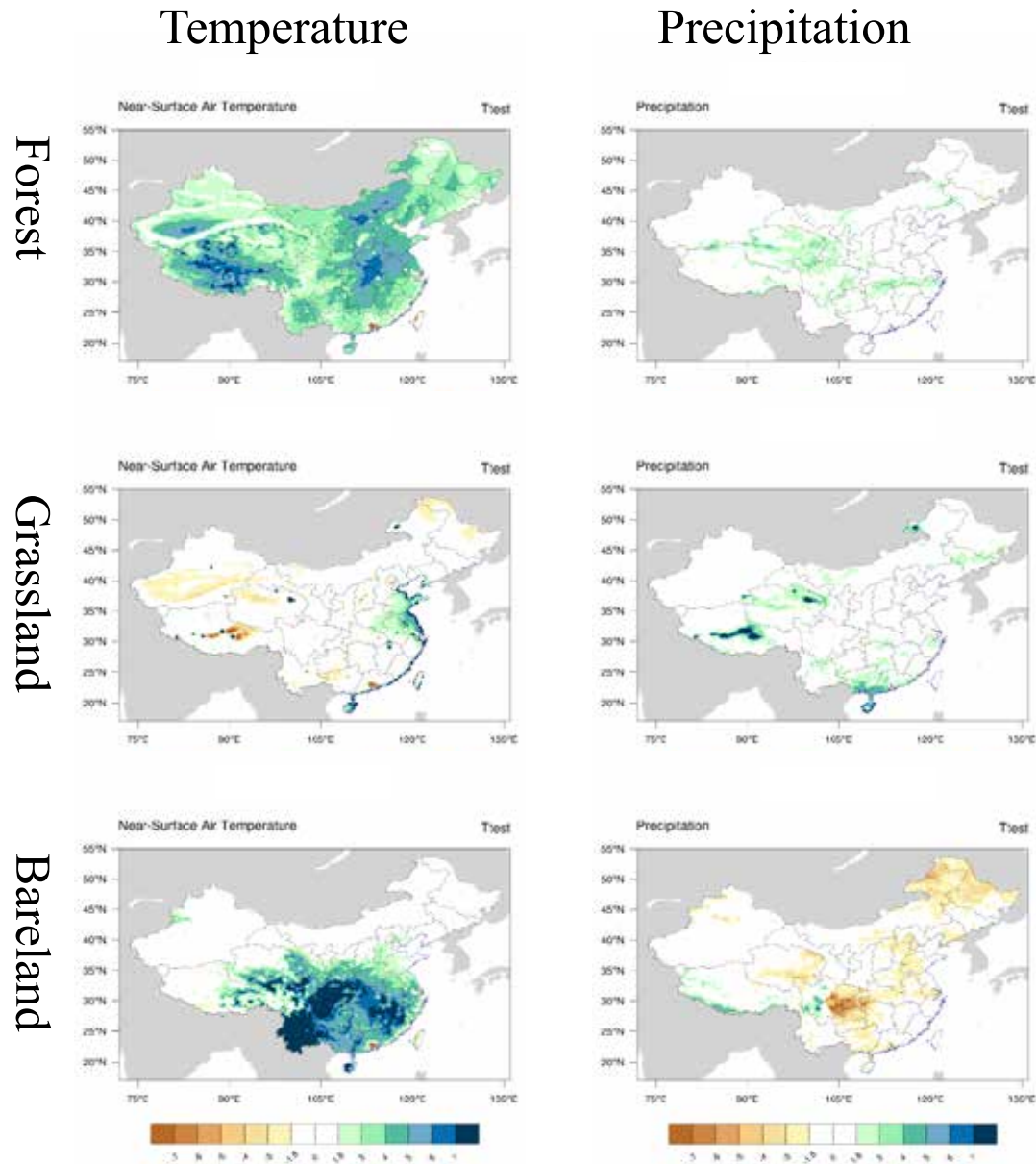
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Comparison of t-test for temperature and precipitation





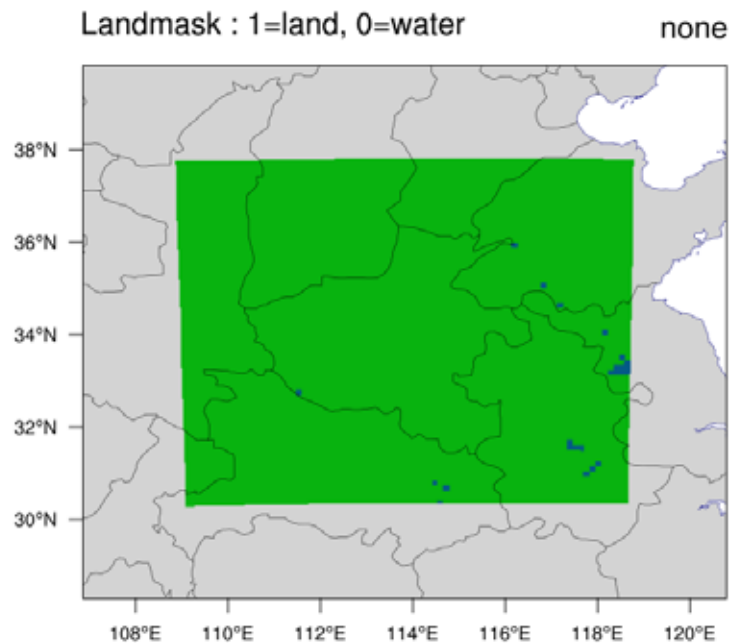
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6. Conclusion and discussion

- The regional climate downscaling simulation were well achieved for East Asia with ERA-Interim and NorESM data as climate forcing.
- The artificial LULC modification were carried out, which manifests interesting result for both temperature and precipitation.
- The forest and grassland mainly increase the precipitation, while bareland mainly decrease precipitation.
- The grassland experiment would not impact the temperature significantly, while the forest and bareland would cause warming.
- Forests mainly cause winter warming, while bare land mainly causes summer warming, which results in a smaller annual temperature difference in forests and a larger annual temperature difference in bare land.
- The t-test at 95% confidence shows that the temperature change is more significant (except for grassland) than precipitation change under the LULC modification experiments.

Further work: downscaling simulation at much higher resolution (12km)

Area for Henan Province



Area for Tibet Plateau

