



# Decadal predictions for Europe: Regional downscaling of the MiKlip decadal experiments

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# Outline

- The MiKlip Decadal Prediction System
- The Regionalization Module of MiKlip
- Results: Regional Decadal Predictions for Europe
  - Compared to the global simulations
  - Dependency on season, region and time
  - Potential added value
- Conclusions

# The MiKlip Decadal Prediction System

- Model system
  - MPI-ESM global model (ECHAM6, MPIOM, JSBACH)
    - LR: T63 (~1.87°) 47 layers, ocean 1.5°
    - MR: T63, 95 layers, 0.4° tri-polar ocean
  - Initialized 10-year simulations starting 1960 – 2012
    - MPI-ESM-LR (Baseline0 = CMIP5 simulations)
      - decadal2000 means simulation period 2001 – 2010 (cf. CMIP5)
      - **10 members every 5 years** (1960, 1965,..., after 2000)
      - **3 members in-between years** (1961, 1962, 1963, 1964, 1966,..)
- 3 development stages by improving
  - Initialization, ensemble generation and model parameterizations
  - Development stage 1 (Baseline) has been finished recently
- Regional downscaling module
  - Developing a regional decadal prediction ensemble
  - Using COSMO-CLM and partly with REMO and WRF

# Regional Decadal Predictions

## ■ Concept:

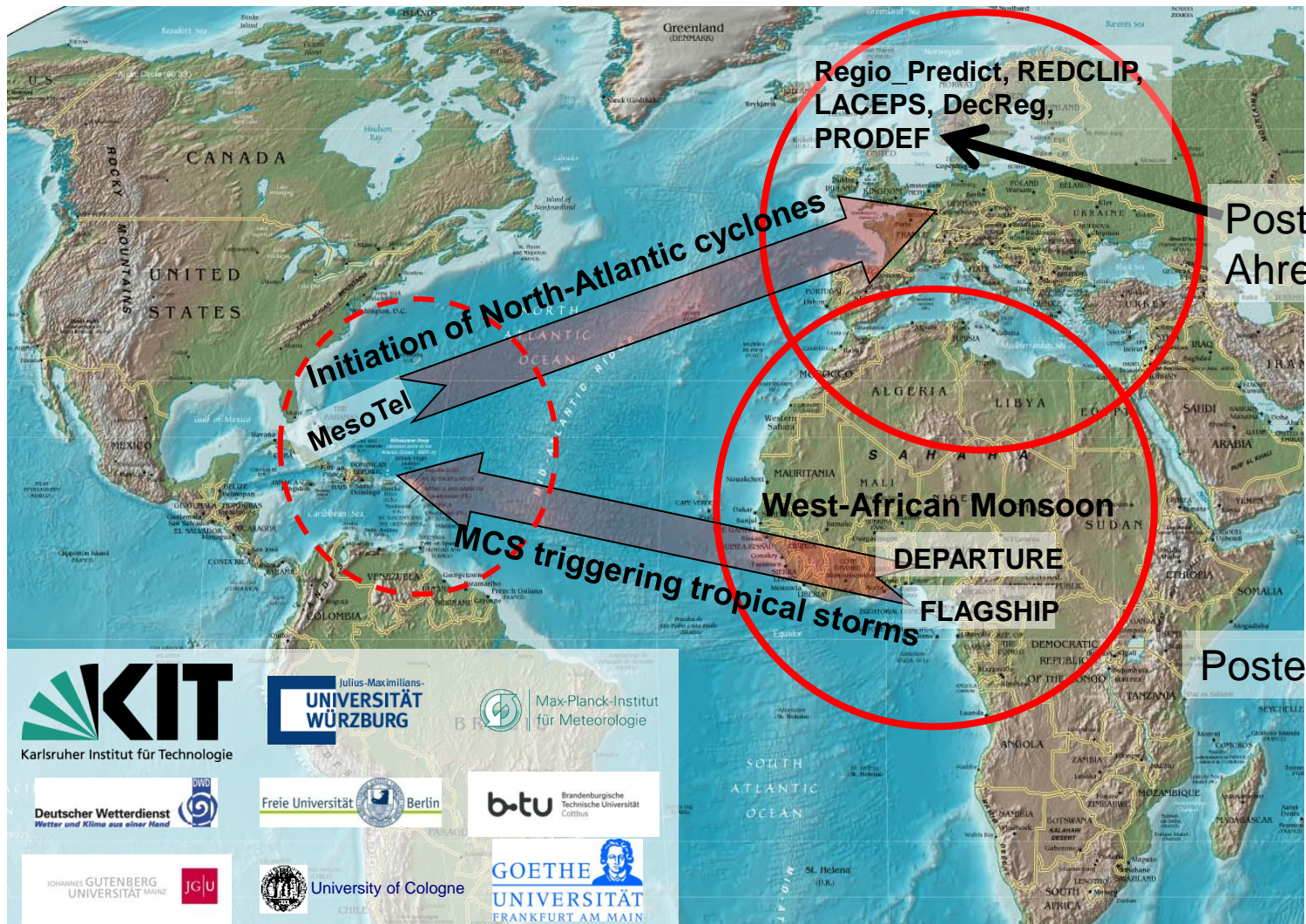
- What is predictable on regional scales (over land)?
  - Main interest of end users
- Can regional downscaling contribute an added value?
  - by increasing the resolution in source regions of potentially predictability and feedback to the global model
  - by downscaling in selected target regions

## ■ *At this stage:*

- *First assessment of the skill of the MiKlip baseline decadal predictions for Europe (from regional and global simulations)*
- *Relation regional to global ensemble properties*
- *Gain some ideas about a potential added value*
- *Test of suitable metrics for the verification and analysis methods*



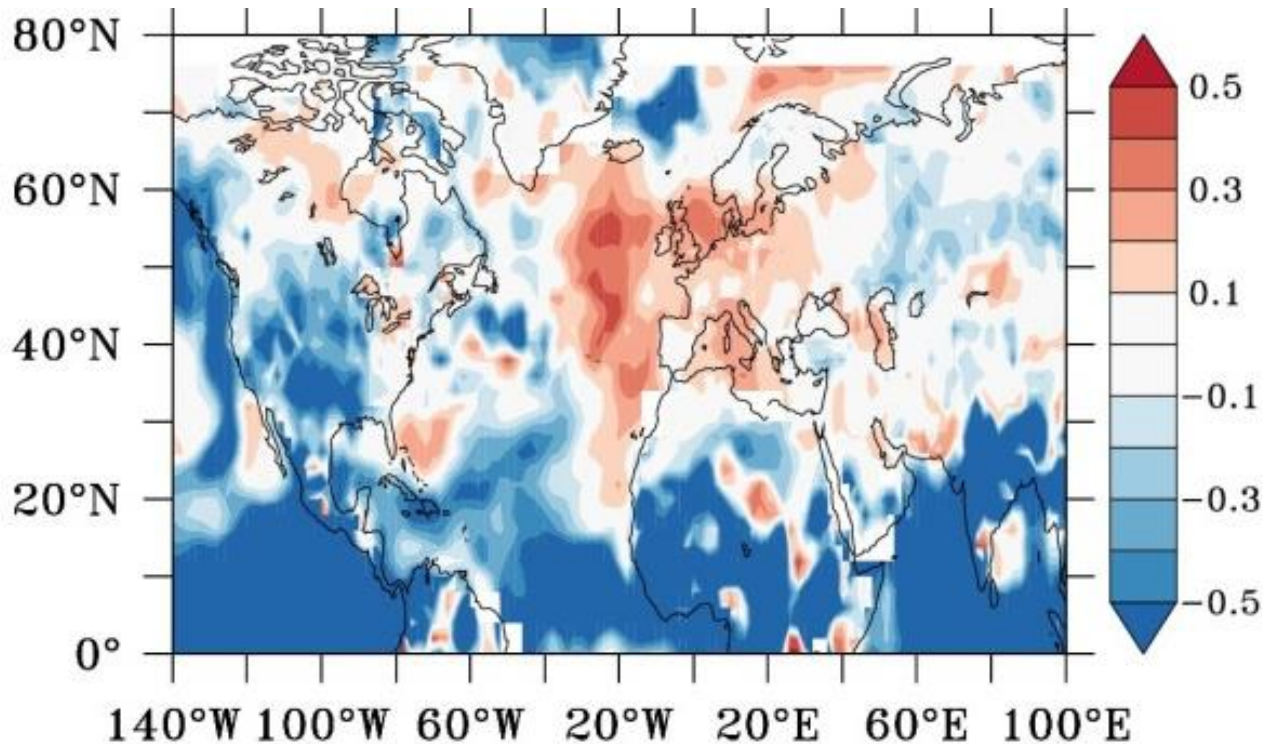
# Focus Regions of the MiKlip Regionalization



# MPI-ESM-LR Ensemble – MiKlip Baseline0 (CMIP5)

Surface Temperature North-Atlantic Sector

RMSE Skill Scores for year 2-5 – summer means

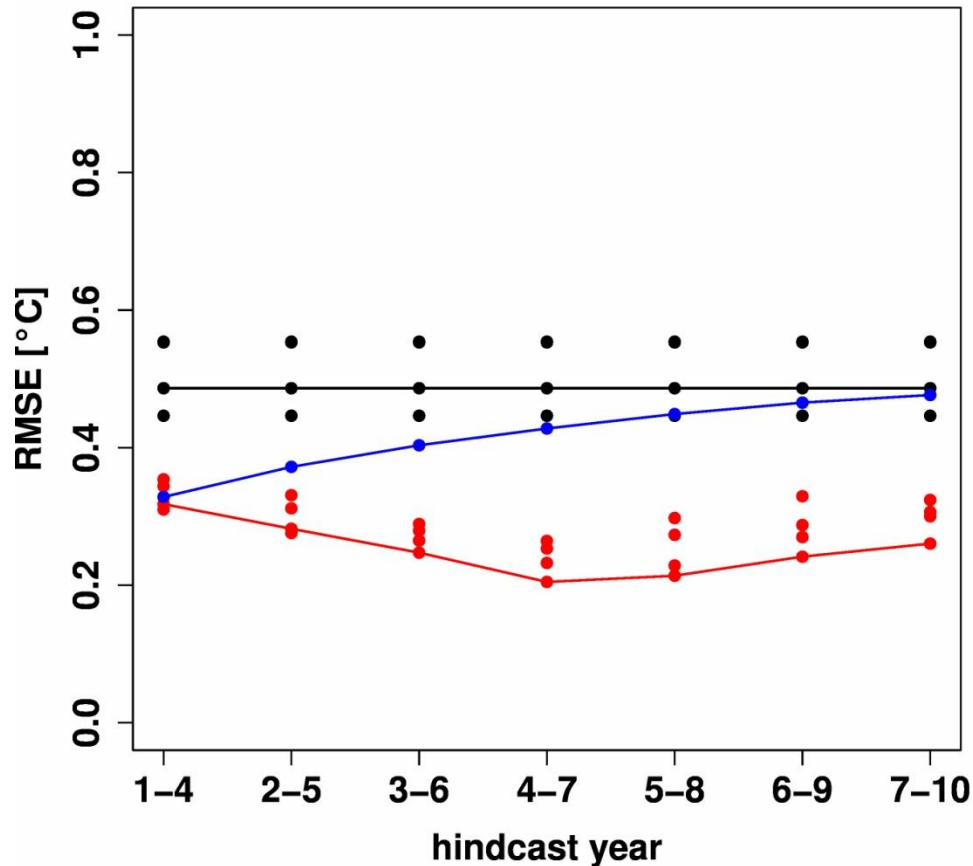


- Skill score based on RMSE:  $1 - (\text{RMSE}_{\text{fc}} / \text{RMSE}_{\text{ref}})$
- Observations based on HADISST and GHCN-CAMS
- Ensemble mean
- Skill over EU linked with skill in the North Atlantic

Müller et al. 2012, GRL  
(and Poster here)



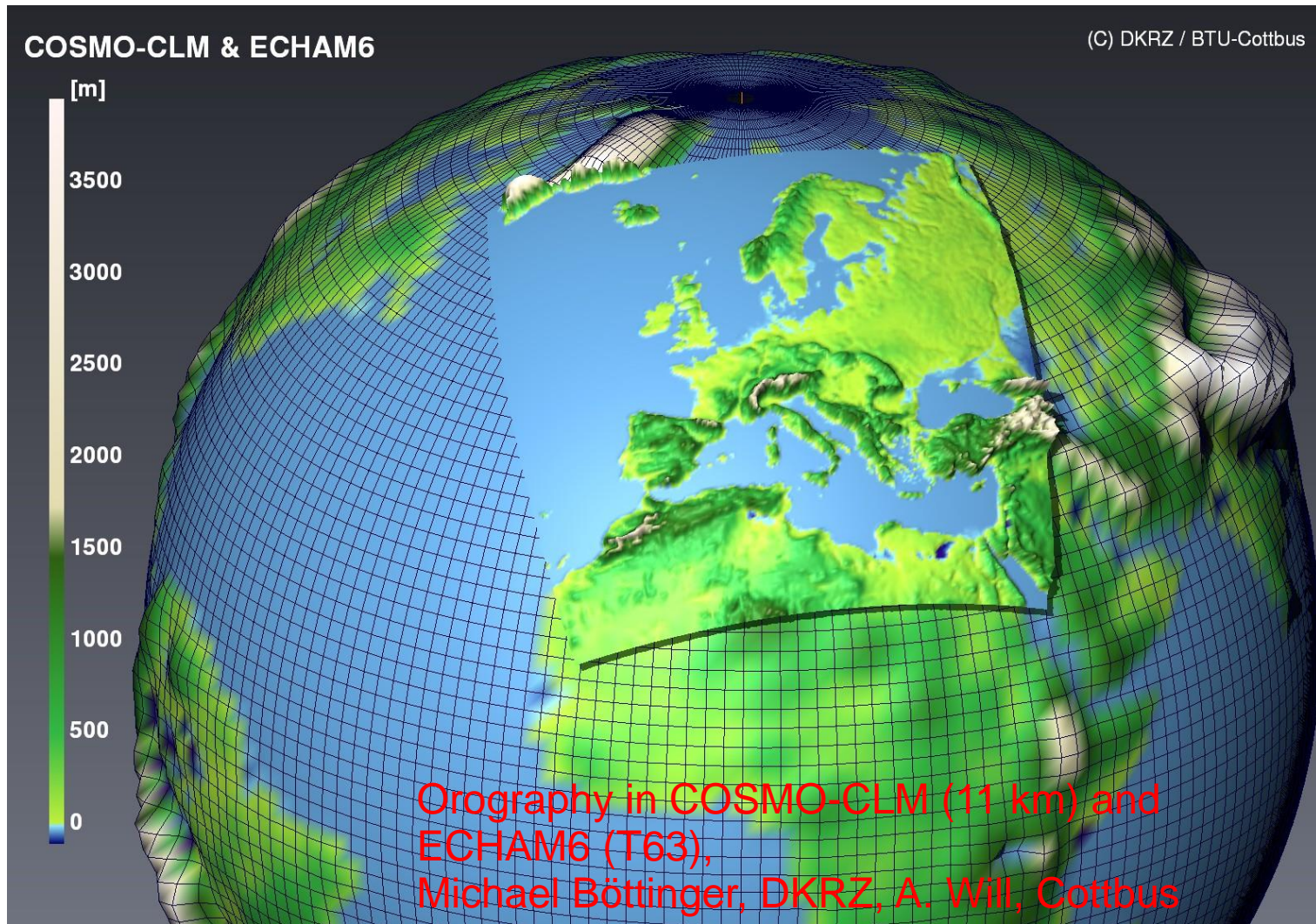
# North Atlantic Surface Temperature SST [40W-15W, 50N-60N] - RMSE Skill 4yr means



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— Historical      — Persistence      — Hindcast

# Regional Downscaling for Europe





# Regional Baseline Ensemble for Europe

with CCLM and REMO simulations performed by **DECREG**, **LACEPS**, **REDCLIP** and **Regio\_Predict**

- CORDEX/ENSEMBLES domain, 0.22° resolution
- Downscaling of MPI-ESM-LR decadal simulations (Baseline0)
- Hindcasts all 10 realizations for 5 decades 1960, 1970, 1980, 1990, 2000
- Evaluations and reference simulations based on ERA40/ERAInterim and MPI-ESM-LR historical
- 2 Models (CCLM and REMO)
- Decadal simulations initialized using long-term ERA simulation

## Simulation Plan

Experiment		R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	R9	R10
Decadal Hindcasts	decadal2000	CCLM									
	REMO										
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Decadal Hindcasts	decadal1960	CCLM									
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Reference Simulations	ERA driven 1960-2010	CCLM									
	REMO										
Reference Simulations	Uninitialized 1960-2010	CCLM									
	REMO										

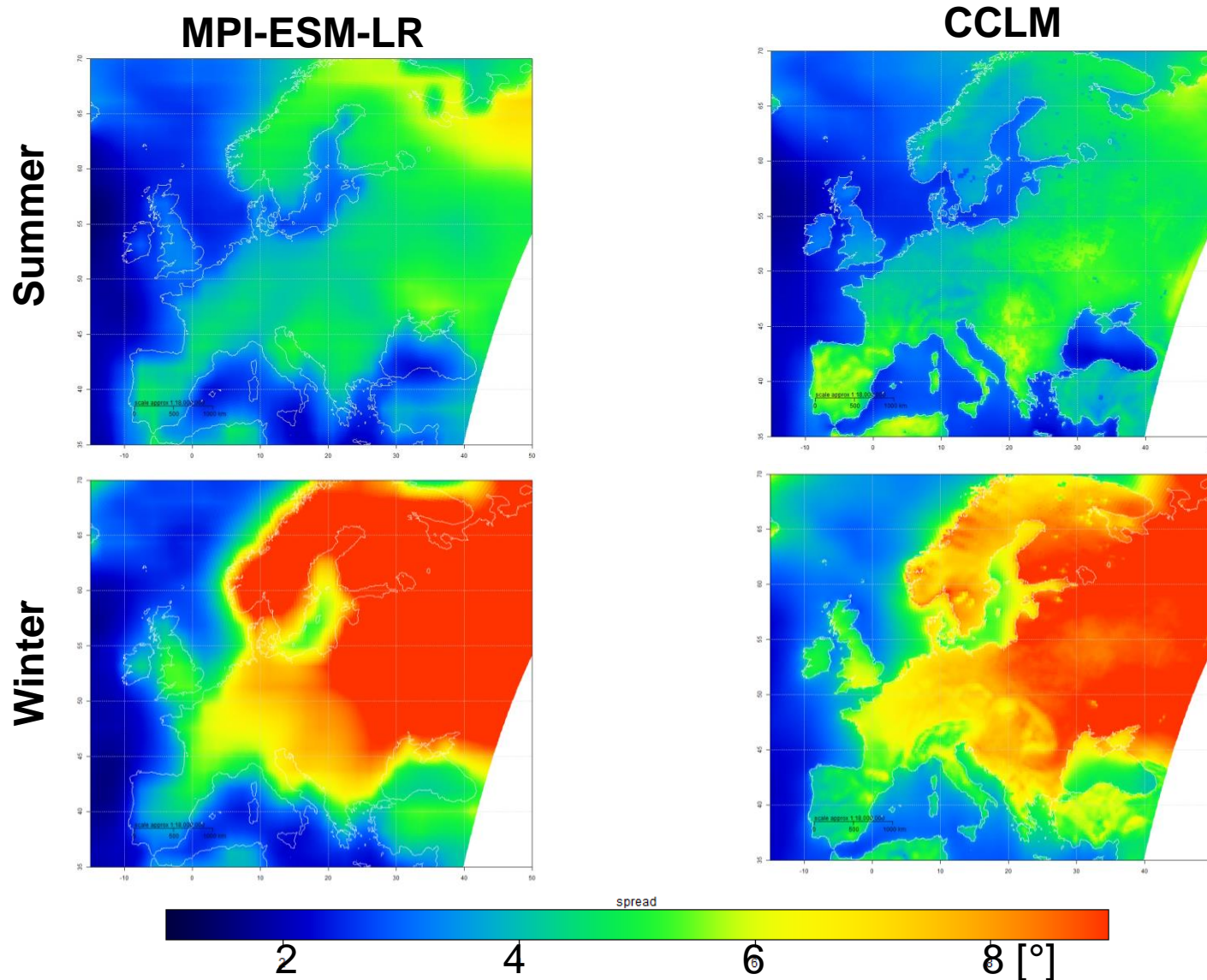


# Skill of (regional) decadal predictions

- Skill CCLM and MPI-ESM-LR ensemble vs. E-Obs gridded observations
  - MPI-ESM interpolated to E-Obs grid and height corrected (temperature)
  - Anomalies of 2m-temperature and precipitation (until now)
  - Hindcast period 1960 – 2010
  - Skill scores with climatology as reference
  - Here year 1-10 but also applied to 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> pentade
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- Metrics for ensemble forecast verification in accordance with VECAP here
    - **Mean Square Skill Score (MSSS)** (Murphy et al., 1988; Goddard et al., 2012)
      - Accuracy - is the forecast close to the observation?
    - Categorical skill scores (CAWCR) – warmer/colder than climatology
      - Here: **Odds ration skill score (ORSS)**
        - *What was the improvement of the forecast over random chance?*

# Ensemble Spread GCM and RCM Ensemble

$T_{2m}$  CCLM and MPI-ESM-LR – decadal2000 (2001-2010)



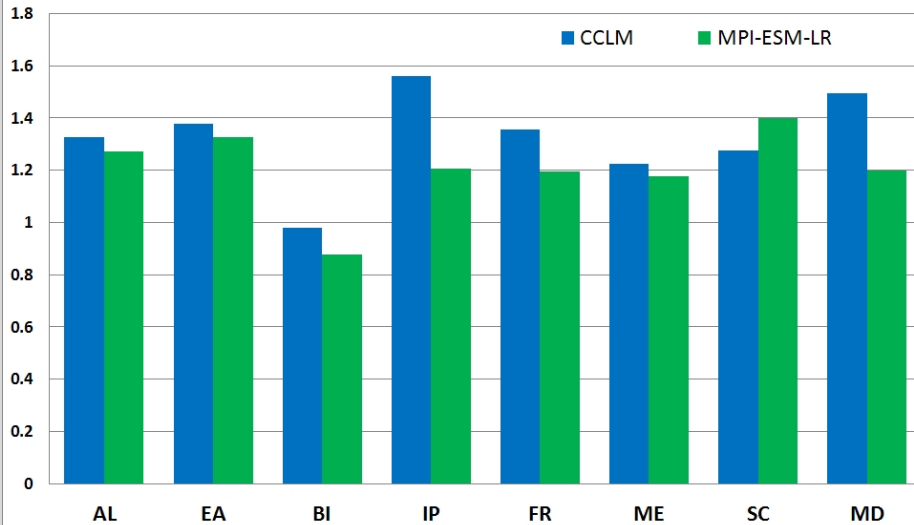


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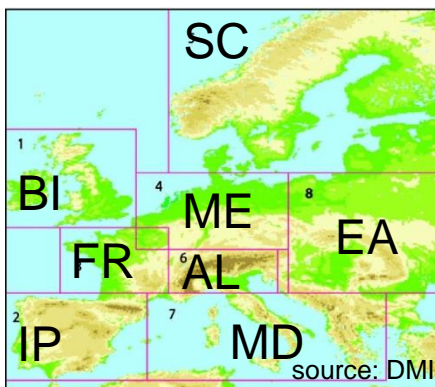
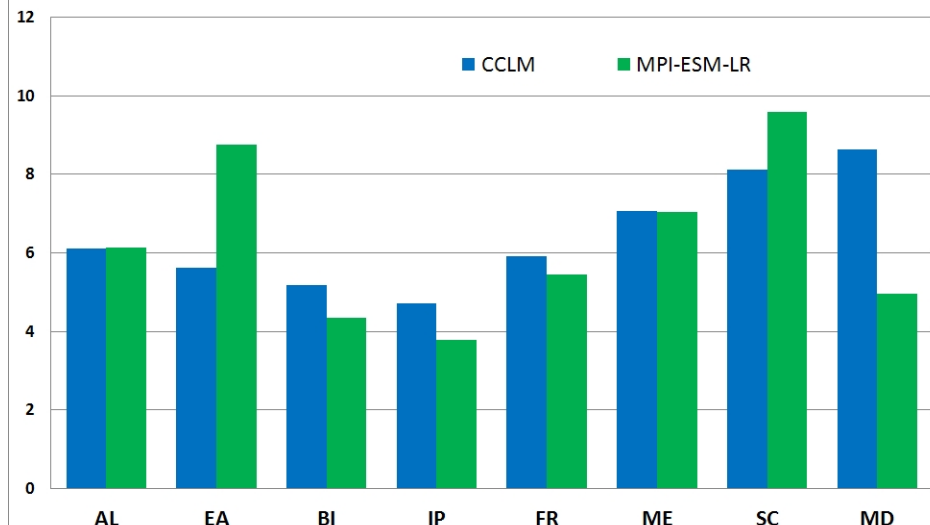
### Summer

Ensemble Spread T<sub>2m</sub> [K] - Summer (JJA)  
decadal2000 R1-R7



### Winter

Ensemble Spread T<sub>2m</sub> [K] - Winter (DJF)  
decadal2000 R1-R7



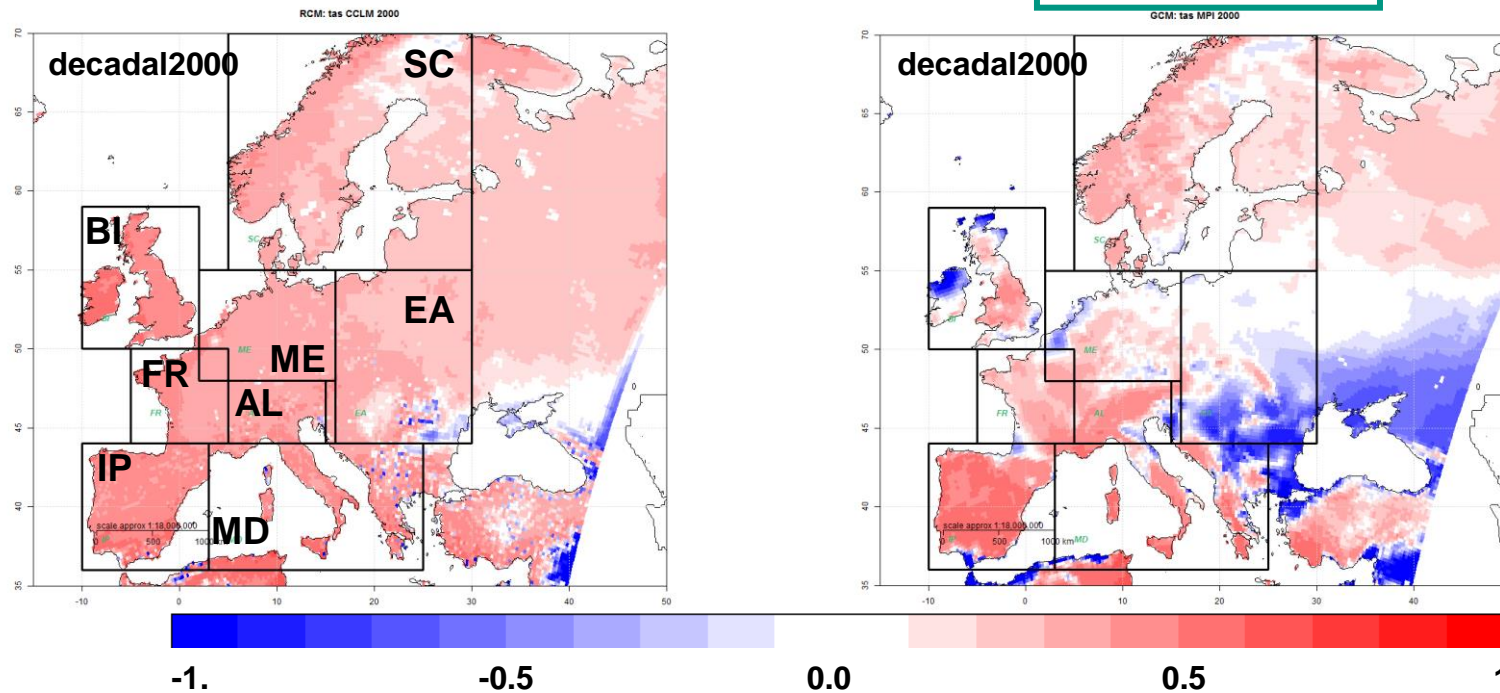
ensemble spread of  
2-m-temperature for  
the PRUDENCE  
regions

# Mean Square Skill Score MSSS - Temperature 1960 – 2010

CCLM and MPI-ESM-LR MiKlip Baseline Ensemble

CCLM

MPI-ESM-LR\*



Interpolated to E-Obs grid, height corrected

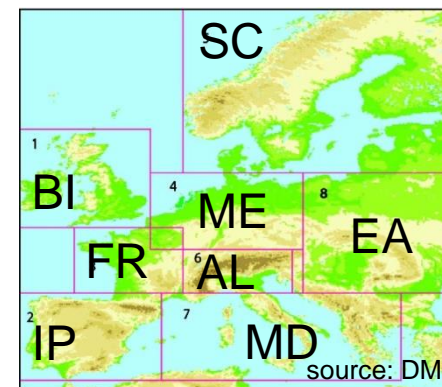
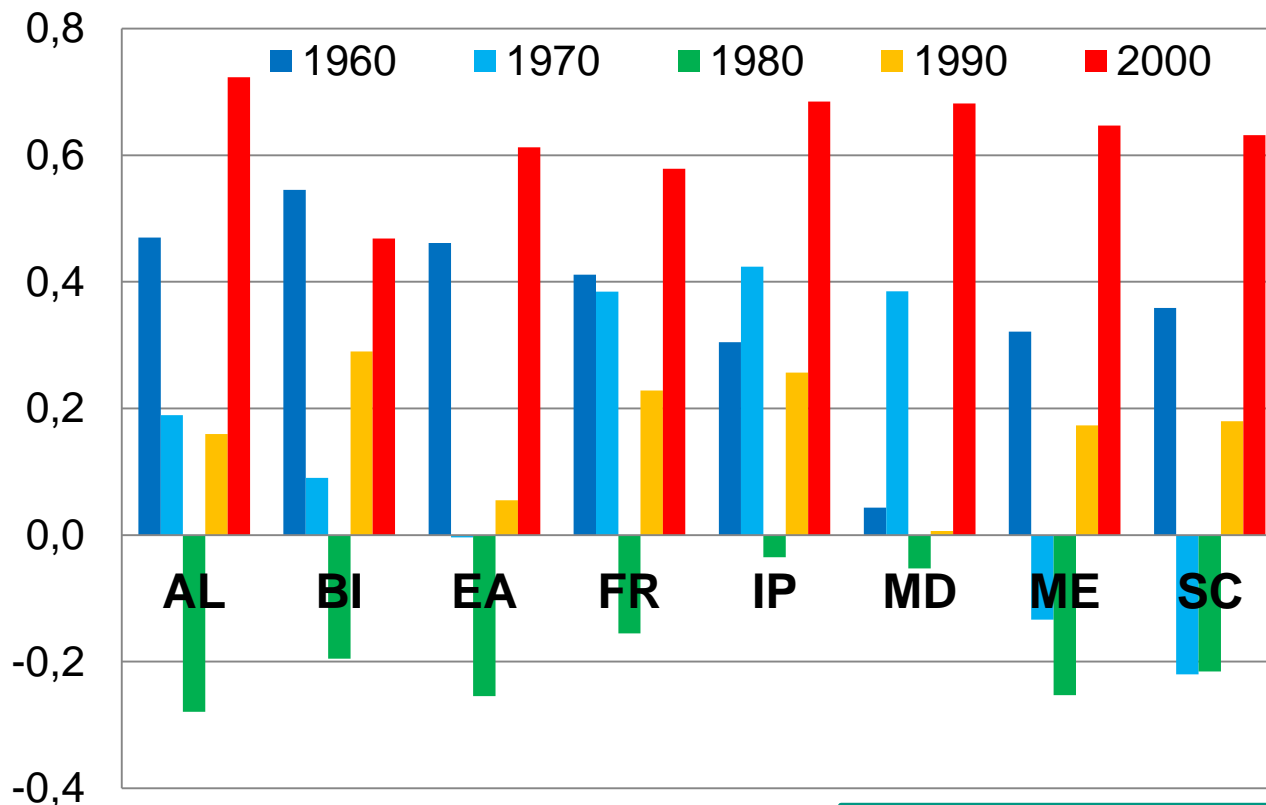
$$MSSS = 1 - \frac{MSE}{MSE_{Reference}}$$

$$MSE = \frac{1}{N} \sum (C_i - O_i)^2$$

10 ensemble members  
 trend not removed  
 Observation: E-Obs  
 Reference: Climatology 1960 - 2010  
 based on anomalies year 1-10  
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CCLM Baseline Ensemble vs E-Obs annual values



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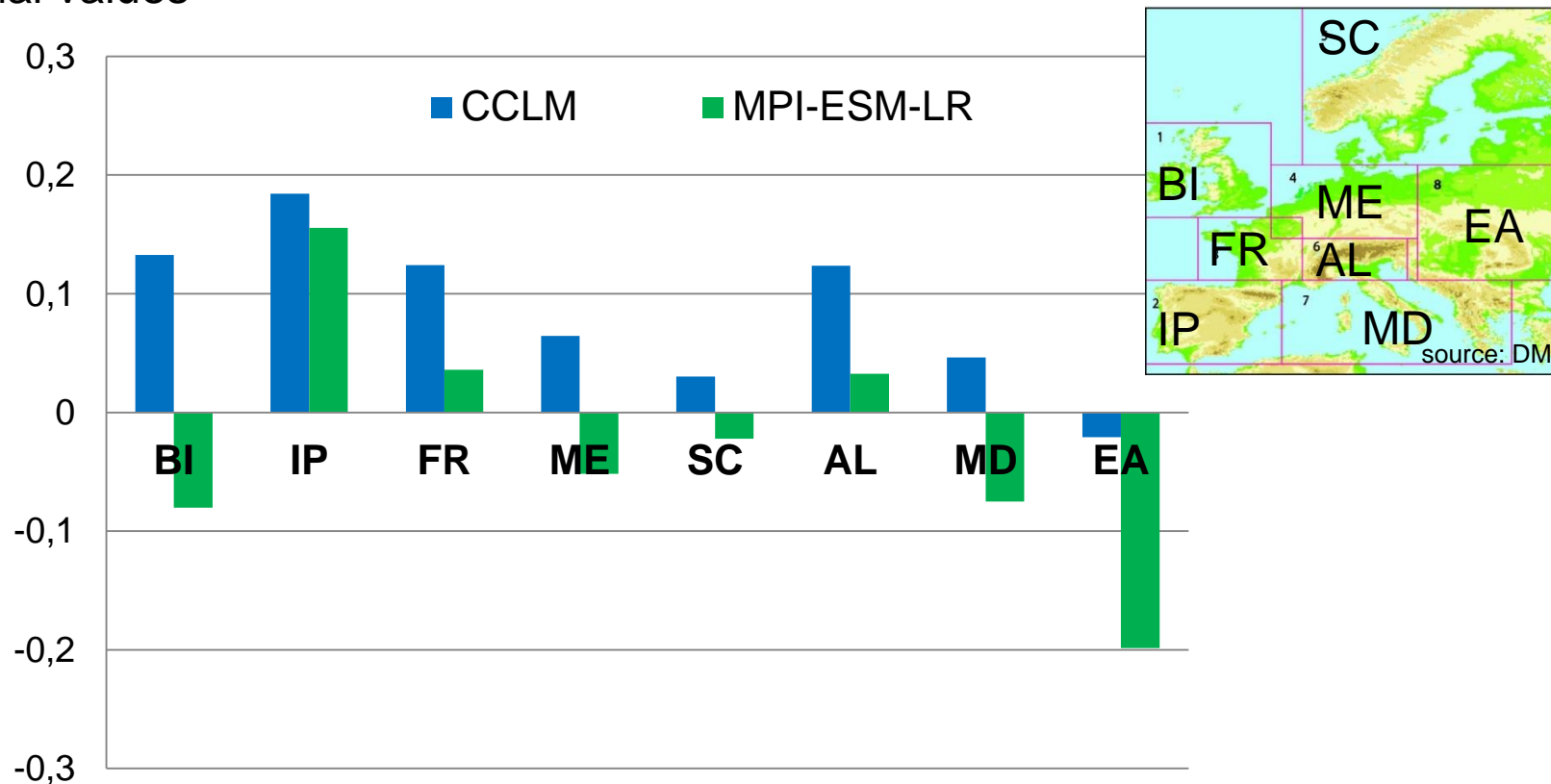
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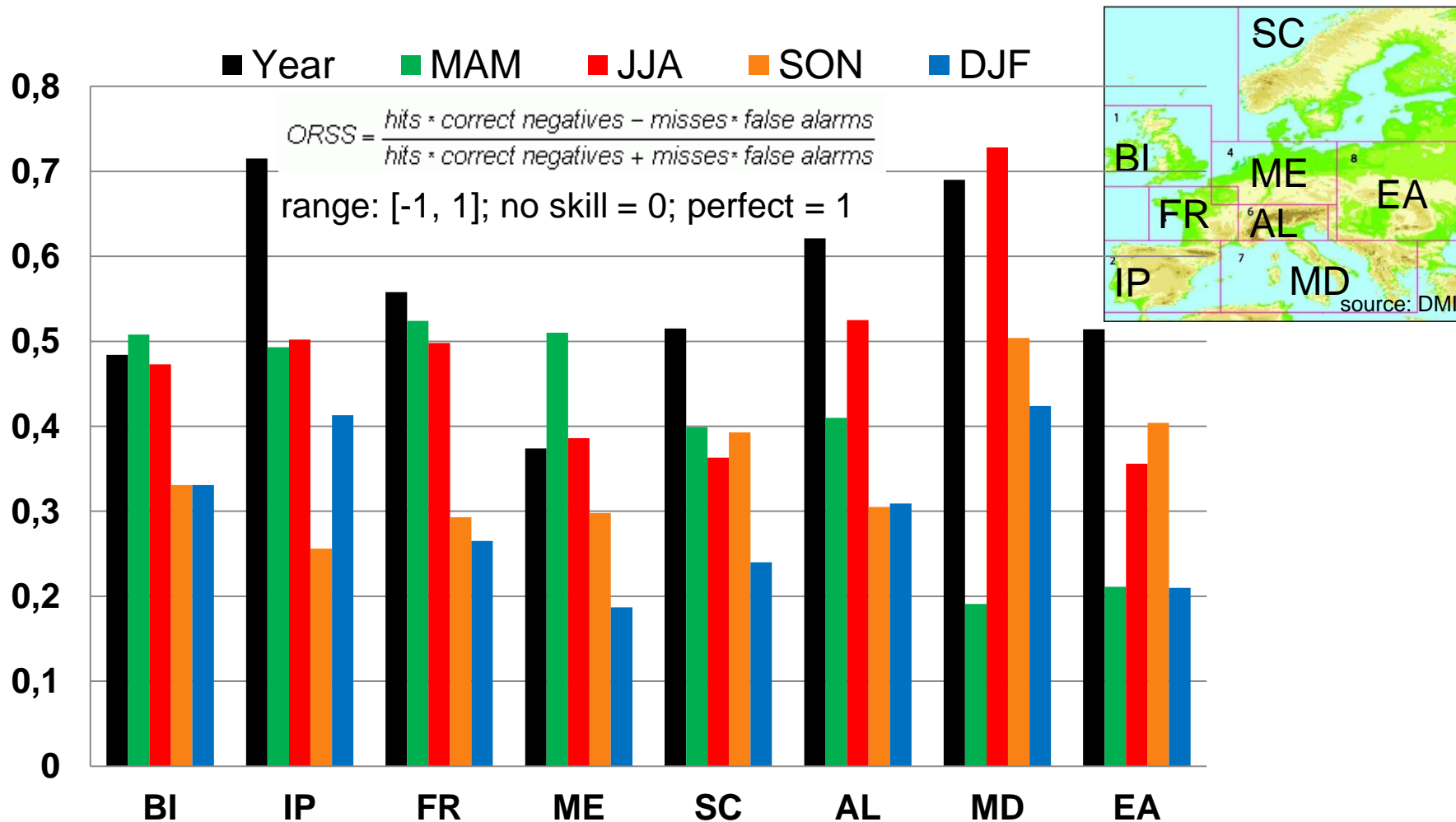
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# Odds Ratio Skill Score (ORSS) CCLM Baseline Ensemble - T<sub>2m</sub> 1960 – 2010

CCLM Baseline Ensemble vs. E-Obs, annual values year 1-10

Answers the question: What was the improvement of the forecast over random chance?



# Conclusions

- There seems to be some decadal predictability for Europe in the MiKlip Baseline ensemble
  - Main source seems to be the climate trend (for temperature)
- There seems to be some added value in regional downscaling
- The skill varies with season, region and decade
  - With higher skill in southern and western Europe
  - Higher for year, spring and summer and lower in winter
  - Skill in last decade (decadal2000) seem to be higher than in earlier phases (e.g. decadal1980)
- Outlook:
  - Proper analysis of relevant temporal and spatial scales is currently analysed
  - Identification of valuable predictions beyond mean temperature and precipitation anomalies
  - Improvement of the global and regional prediction system in the next development stages
    - w.r.t initialisation, ensemble generation, coupling and model performance



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