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Impacts of Thermal Roughness Length on Surface Meteorology in IPSL-CM

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Background

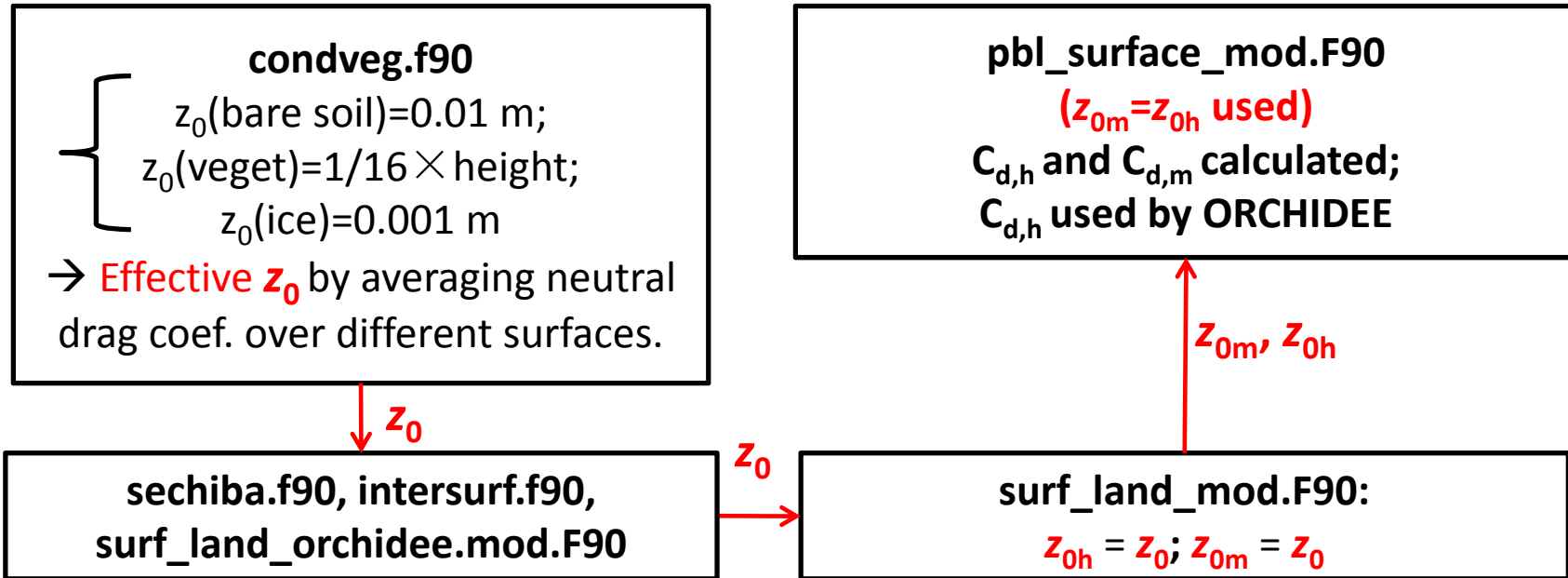
The **roughness length (z_0)** is a crucial parameter to calculate turbulent flux. The transport of scalars (z_{oh} , by molecular diffusion) is considered less efficient than momentum (z_{om} , by pressure fluctuations) in most cases, owing to the absence of bluff-body forces for scalar exchange. The z_{oh} parameterization (over land) varies with models:

Model	z_{oh}
ECHAM6	$z_{oh} = z_{om} * e^{(2-86.276z_{om})0.375}$
MetUM	$z_{oh} = \alpha * z_{om}$; α varies with surfaces
ECMWF	$z_{oh} = z_{om}$ (trees); $z_{oh} = z_{om}/100$ (desert, low vegetations).
JMA	$z_{oh} = z_{om}/7.4$

In **LMDZ-ORCHIDEE**: $z_{oh} = z_{om}$. The **objective** of the current work is to test varies z_{oh} formulas in LMDZ-ORCHIDEE model, and to study its effects on surface meteorology.

Method

z_0 in ORCHIDEE-LMDZ



Experiment Design: CTL: $z_{0m} = z_{0h}$; EXP₁₀: $z_{0h} = z_{0m}/10$; EXP₁₀₀: $z_{0h} = z_{0m}/100$;

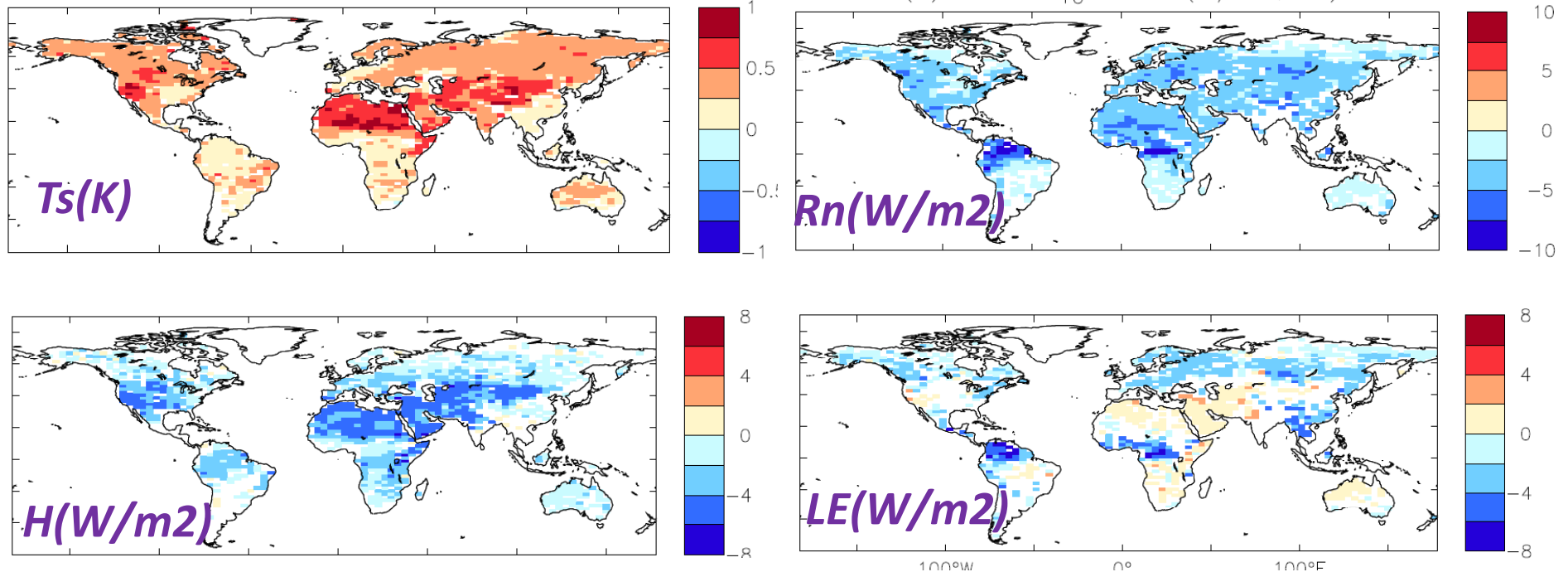
EXP_{cz09}: CZ09 ($z_{0h} < z_{0m}$) [Chen and Zhang, 2009] $\ln\left(\frac{z_{0m}}{z_{0h}}\right) = 10^{-0.4 \times h} \kappa Re_*^{1/2}$

Model: LMDZ-ORCHIDEE (NPv3.2 + CWRR); Resolution: $96 \times 95 \times 39$.

Simulation: 5-Year (nudged) after 20 years spin-up; global

Impacts of z_{oh} on T_s , R_n , H , LE (JJA)

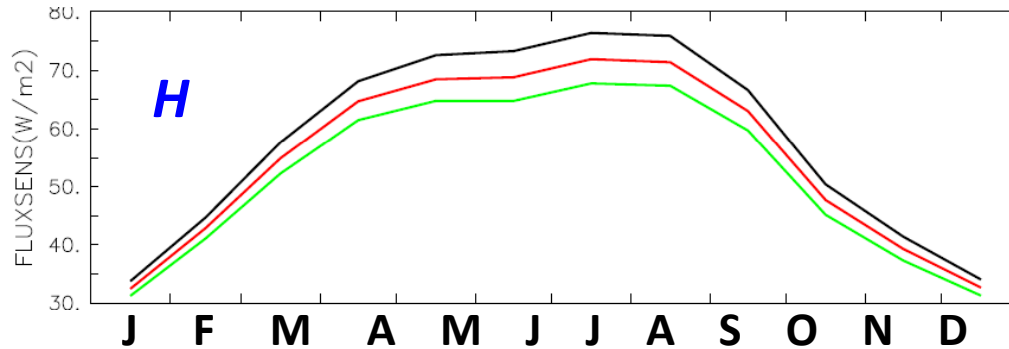
EXP₁₀ ($z_{oh} = z_{om} / 10$) - CTL ($z_{om} = z_{oh}$)



- $z_{oh} \downarrow \rightarrow$ drag coeff. $\downarrow \rightarrow$ Turbulent heat flux \downarrow (weaker turbulent exchange);
- $T_s \uparrow$ (0.9-1.8 K); larger change over bare soil (lower soil heat capacity);
- R_n decreases \downarrow (outgoing $R_{lw} \uparrow$);
- The change for EXP₁₀₀ ($z_{oh} = z_{om} / 100$) is even larger (both JJA & DJF).

Seasonal Cycles

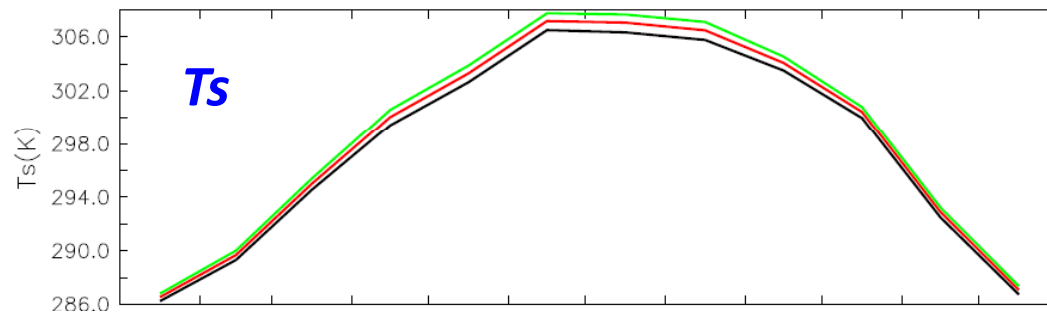
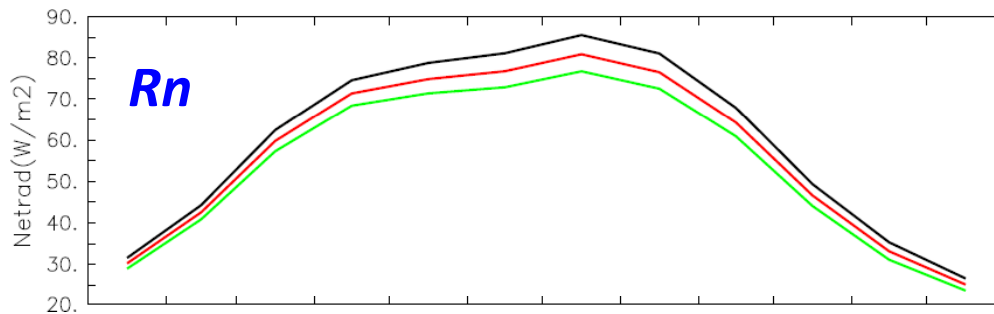
Sahara desert [10W-10E, 20N-25N]



CTL ($z_{0m} = z_{0h}$)

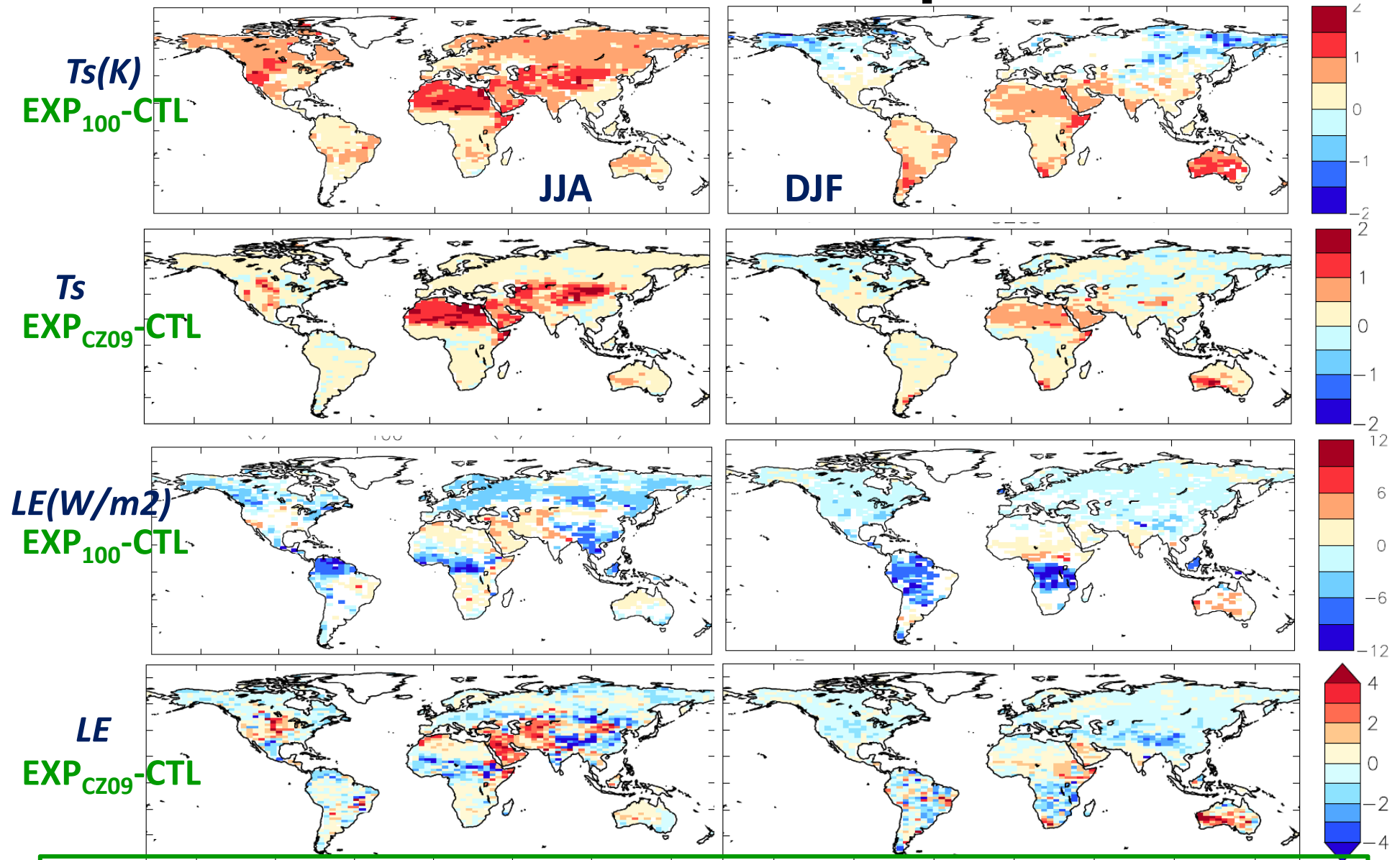
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More significant in warm season (stronger turbulent) than cold season.

T_s & LE Diff. in Various Experiments

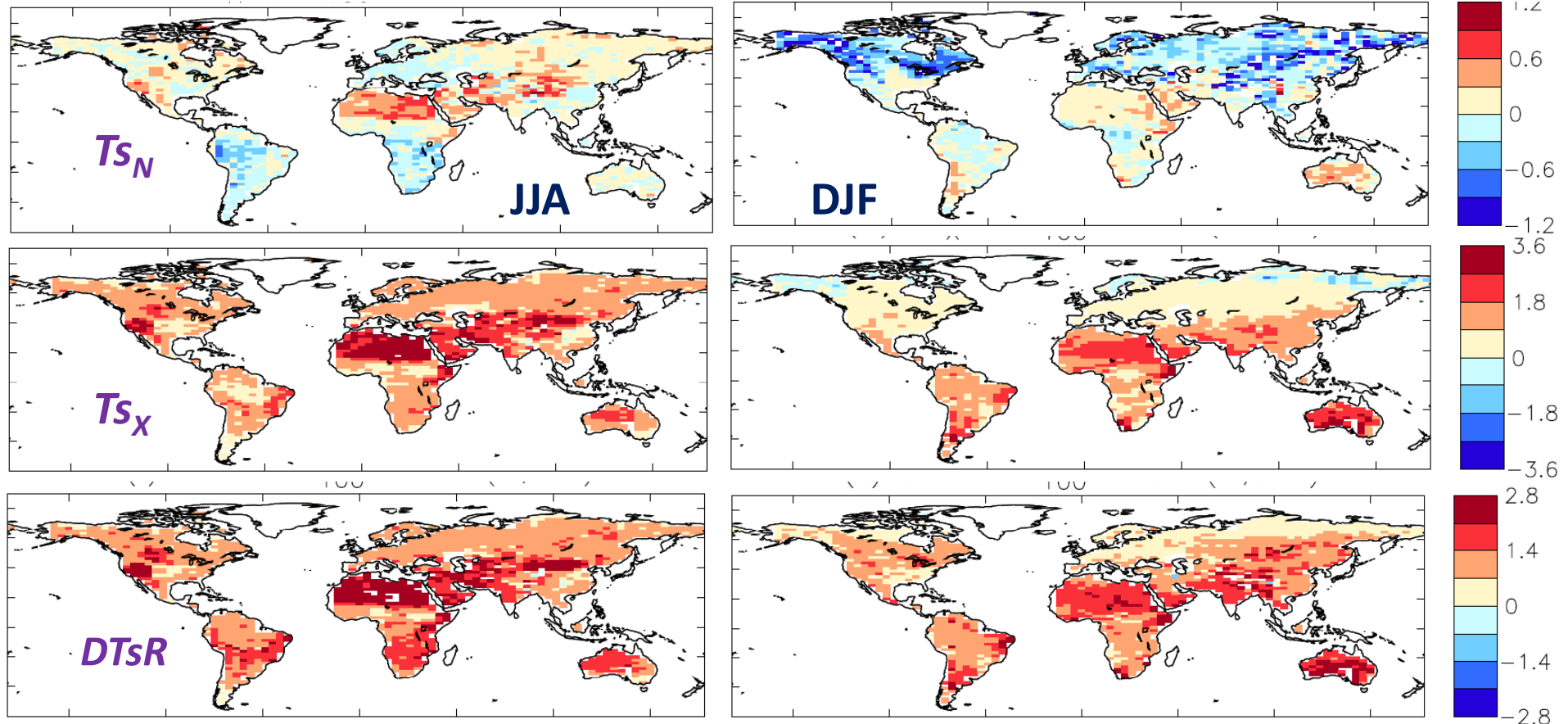


Different z_{oh} formulas have similar change pattern for T_s, LE (as well as for H, R_n)

Impacts of z_{oh} on Max. Min. DTsR. of T_s

EXP₁₀₀ ($z_{oh} = z_{om} / 100$) - CTL ($z_{om} = z_{oh}$)

Unit: K



Ts_x \uparrow (during the day, turbulent heat flux \downarrow , less cooling).

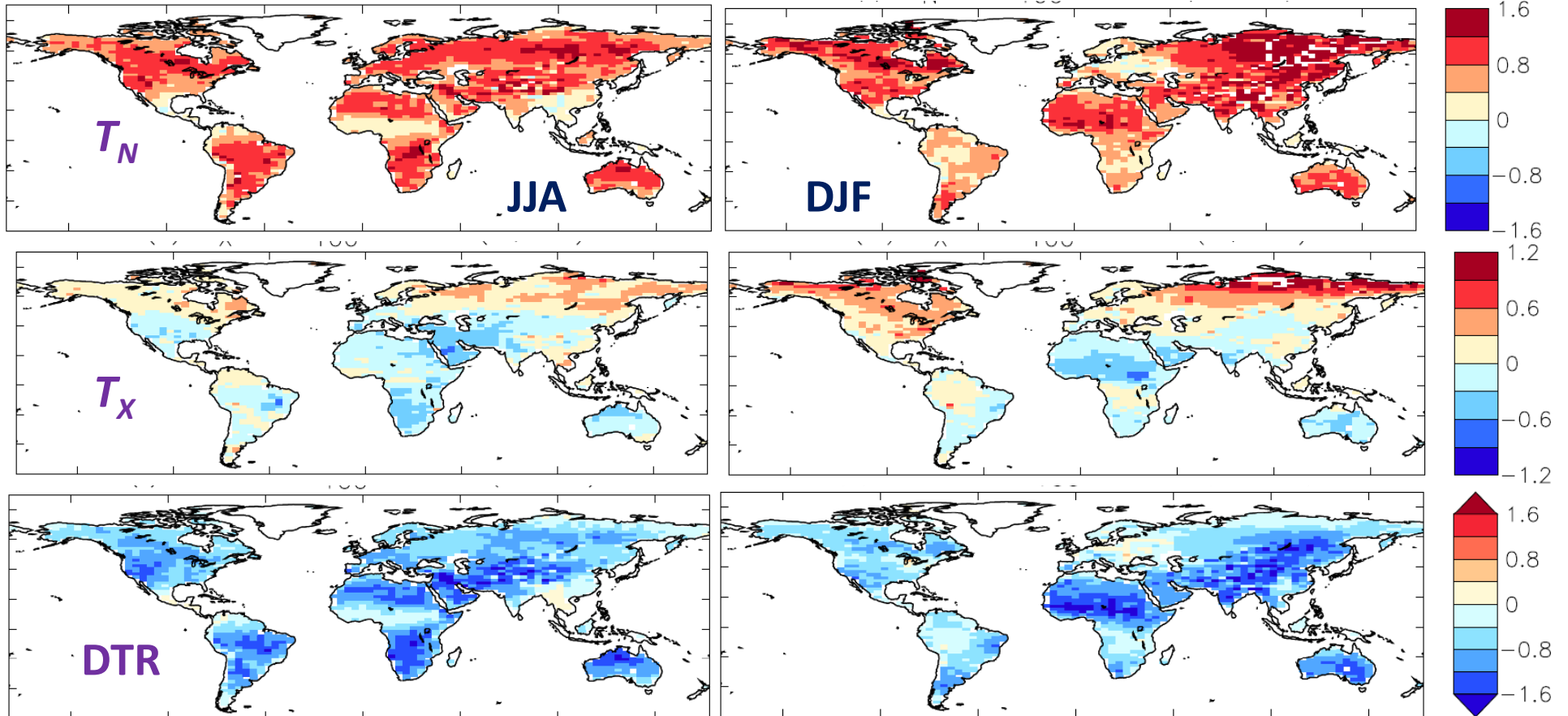
Ts_N small change (weak turbulent heat transfer during night).

DTsR (Diurnal range of $T_s = Ts_x - Ts_N$) \uparrow (most significant over desert).

Impacts of z_{0h} on Max. Min. DTR. of T_{air}

EXP₁₀₀ ($z_{0h} = z_{0m} / 100$) - CTL ($z_{0m} = z_{0h}$)

Unit: K

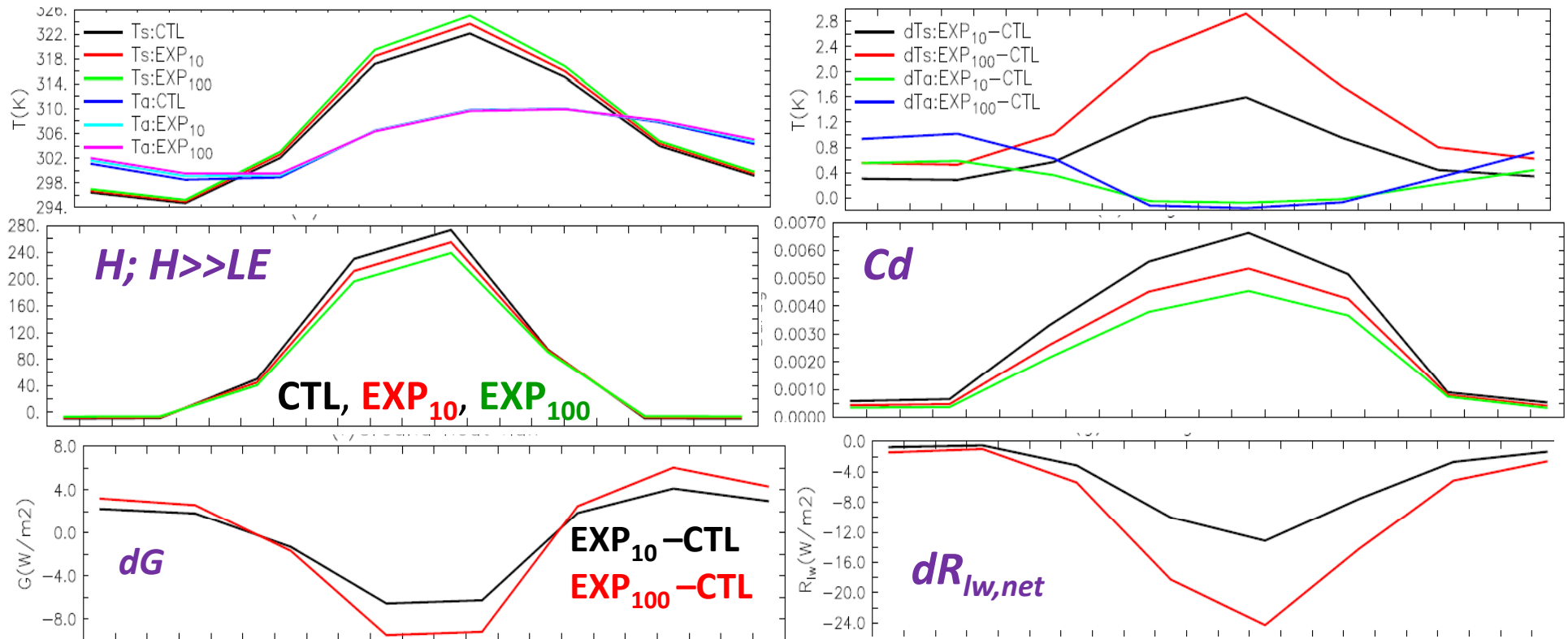


$T_N \uparrow$. T_N varies more than T_X ; DTR (Diurnal range of $T_{air} = T_X - T_N$) \downarrow

Diurnal Cycles (Arid Environment)

Sahara desert [10W-10E, 20N-25N], July

DTsR \uparrow ; DTR \downarrow



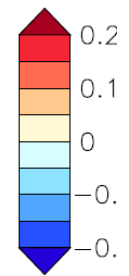
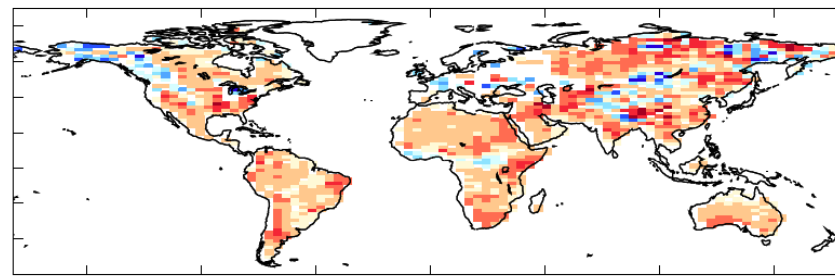
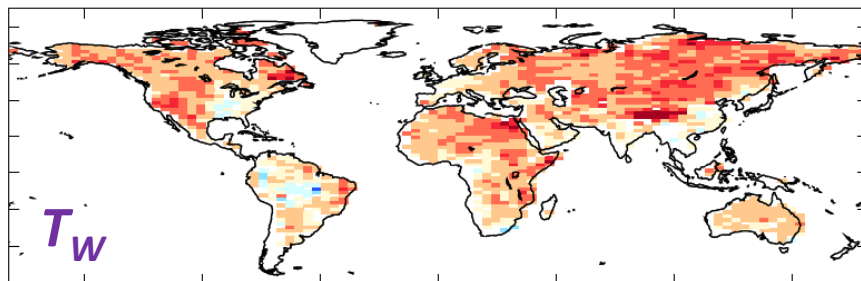
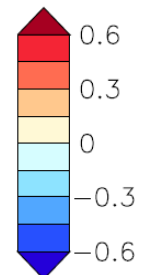
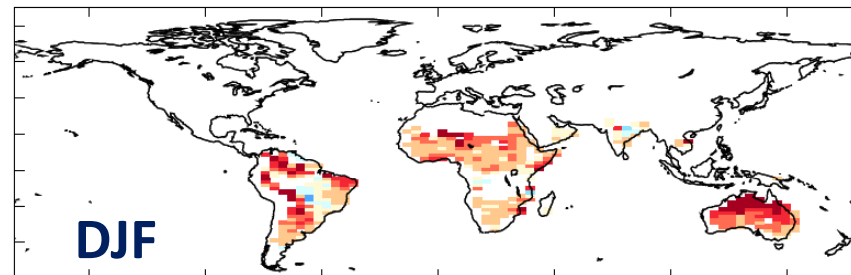
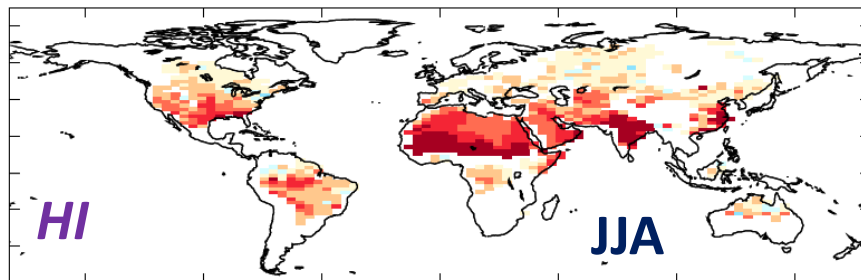
Daytime: H large, $C_d \downarrow \rightarrow H \downarrow$ (weaker turbulent transfer) $\rightarrow T_s \uparrow \rightarrow$ heat absorbed by soil \uparrow ; $H \downarrow$ compensated by $R_{lw,up} \uparrow$ (little difference of diabatic heating of the lowest layer, T_a less affected).

Nighttime: $H \sim 0$, C_d changes small; heat released by soil \uparrow , $R_{lw,up} \uparrow \rightarrow T_s, T_a \uparrow$

Impacts on Heat Index & Wet-bulb T.

$$\text{EXP}_{10}(z_{0h} = z_{0m} / 10) - \text{CTL}(z_{0m} = z_{0h})$$

Unit: K



HI ↑: human-body feels hotter (*HI* measures the human-perceived equivalent temperature);

T_w ↑: less net conductive & evaporative cooling of human body can occur to remove the metabolic heat.

Conclusions

➤ It is generally accepted that $z_{oh} \neq z_{om}$, but $z_{oh} = z_{om}$ in LMDZ-ORCHIDEE. Various z_{oh} formulas were tested (1) $z_{oh} = z_{om}/10$; (2) $z_{oh} = z_{om}/100$; (3) CZ09 ($z_{oh} < z_{om}$). Main findings are:

I. A smaller z_{oh} (smaller drag coefficient) corresponds to a higher T_s & T_a , lower LE , H , & Rn (more significant change over arid region).

II. For T_s , the increase of T_{sx} is larger than T_{sn} , DTsR increases (weaker turbulent during day); for T_a , DTR decreases (T_n increases greater than T_x) (larger ground heat flux and upward R_{lw} during night).

III. The heat index and wet-bulb temperature increase as well, which implies hotter temperature of human body feels.

➤ Further directions

I. Evaluation with observations (site to global).

II. Another scheme is being tested [Su et al., 2001; Su, 2002].

$$z_{0m} = h \left(1 - \frac{d}{h}\right) e^{-k \frac{u(h)}{u^*}} \quad \ln \left(\frac{z_{0m}}{z_{0h}}\right) = \frac{k C_d}{4 C_t \frac{u^*}{u(h)} (1 - e^{-\frac{n}{2}})} f_c^2 + \frac{\kappa \frac{u^*}{u(h)} \frac{z_{0m}}{h}}{C_t^*} f_c f_s + \kappa B_S^{-1} f_s^2$$

Formulas for S01

$$\frac{z_{0m}}{h} = \left(1 - \frac{d}{h}\right) e^{-k \frac{u(h)}{u^*}} \quad kB^{-1} = \frac{kC_d}{4C_t \frac{u^*}{u(h)} (1 - e^{-\frac{n}{2}})} f_c^2 + \frac{k \frac{u^*}{u(h)} \frac{z_{0m}}{h}}{C_t^*} f_c f_s + kB_s^{-1} f_s^2$$

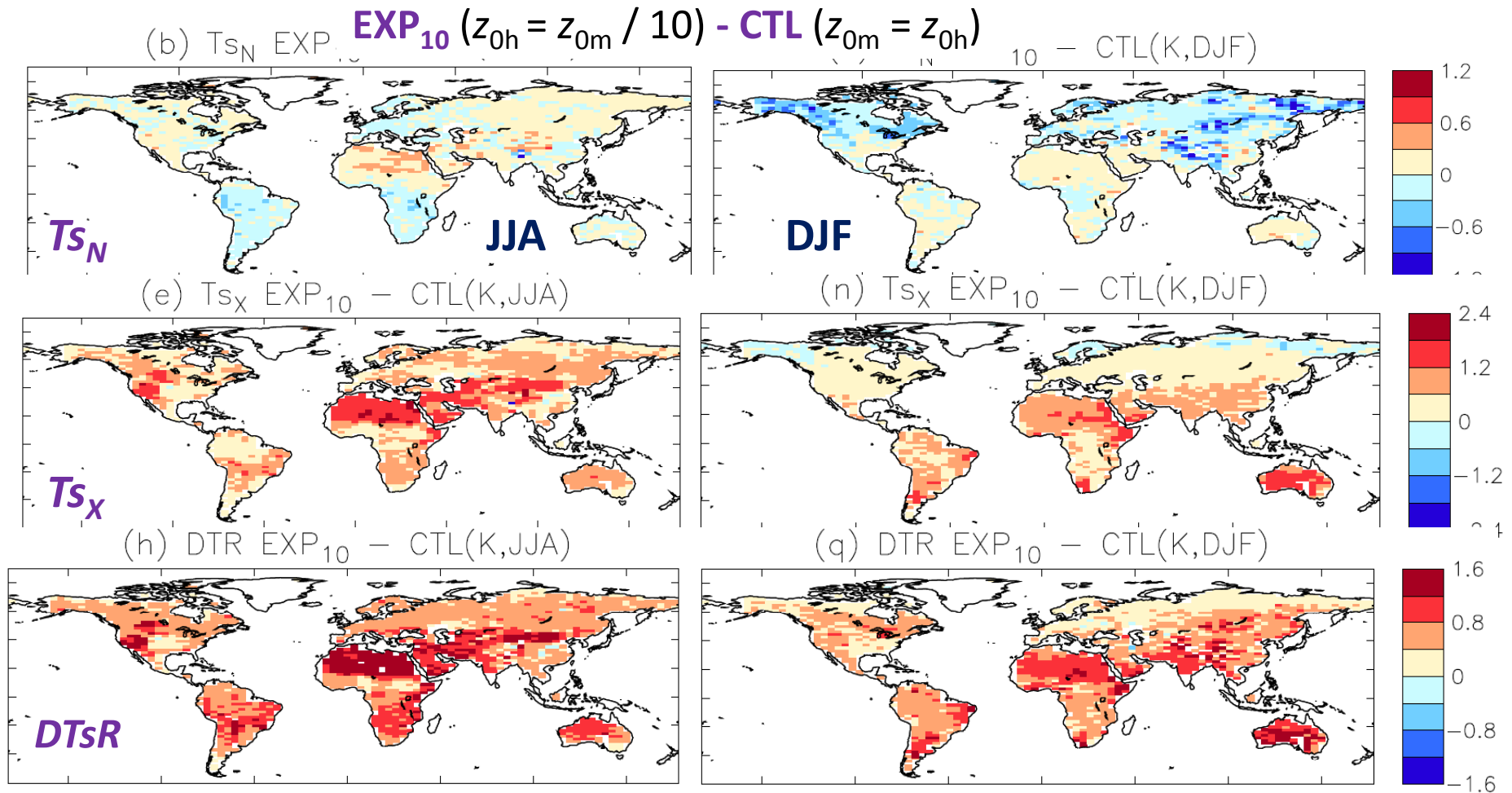
$$kB^{-1} = \ln\left(\frac{z_{0m}}{z_{0h}}\right) \quad \zeta(z) = \int_0^z \left[\frac{C_d(z') \alpha(z')}{P_m(z')} \right] dz' \approx C_d \times LAI \quad \frac{u^*}{u(h)} = c_1 - c_2 e^{-c_3 \zeta(h)}$$

$$n = \frac{\zeta(h)}{2 \left[\frac{u^*}{u(h)} \right]^2} \quad \nu = 1.327 \times 10^{-5} \frac{p_0}{p} \left(\frac{T}{T_0} \right)^{1.81} \quad \kappa B_s^{-1} = 2.46 (Re_*)^{1/4} - \ln(7.4)$$

$$C_t^* = Pr^{-2/3} Re_*^{-1/2} \quad Re_* = \frac{z_{0m} u^*}{\nu}$$

B^{-1} : inverse Stanton number; f_c : fractional canopy coverage and f_s is its complement; u : wind speed (m/s); u^* ($=\tau_0/\rho$)^{1/2}: friction velocity, τ_0 : surface shear stress (kg/m/s²), ρ : density of air (kg/m³); p and T : ambient pressure and temperature, $P_0=101.3$ kPa, $T_0 = 273.14$ K; ν : fluid kinematical viscosity (m²/s); c_1 (=0.320), c_2 (=0.264), c_3 (=15.1): model constants related to the bulk surface drag coefficient and to the substrate or soil drag coefficient c_s as discussed by Massman [1997]; $\zeta(h)$: cumulative leaf drag area per unit planform area, $\zeta(h) \approx C_d \times LAI$; C_d : drag coefficient of the foliage elements assumed to take the value of 0.2 [Su, 2002]; α : vertical leaf area density function; P_m : momentum shelter factor; C_t : heat transfer coefficient of the leaf. For most canopies and environmental conditions, C_t is bounded as $0.005N \leq C_t \leq 0.075N$ (N : number of sides of a leaf to participate in heat exchange); $C_t = 0.01$ currently (why?). For bare soil, kB_s^{-1} by [Brutsaert, 1982].

Impacts of z_{oh} on Max. Min. DTsR. of T_s



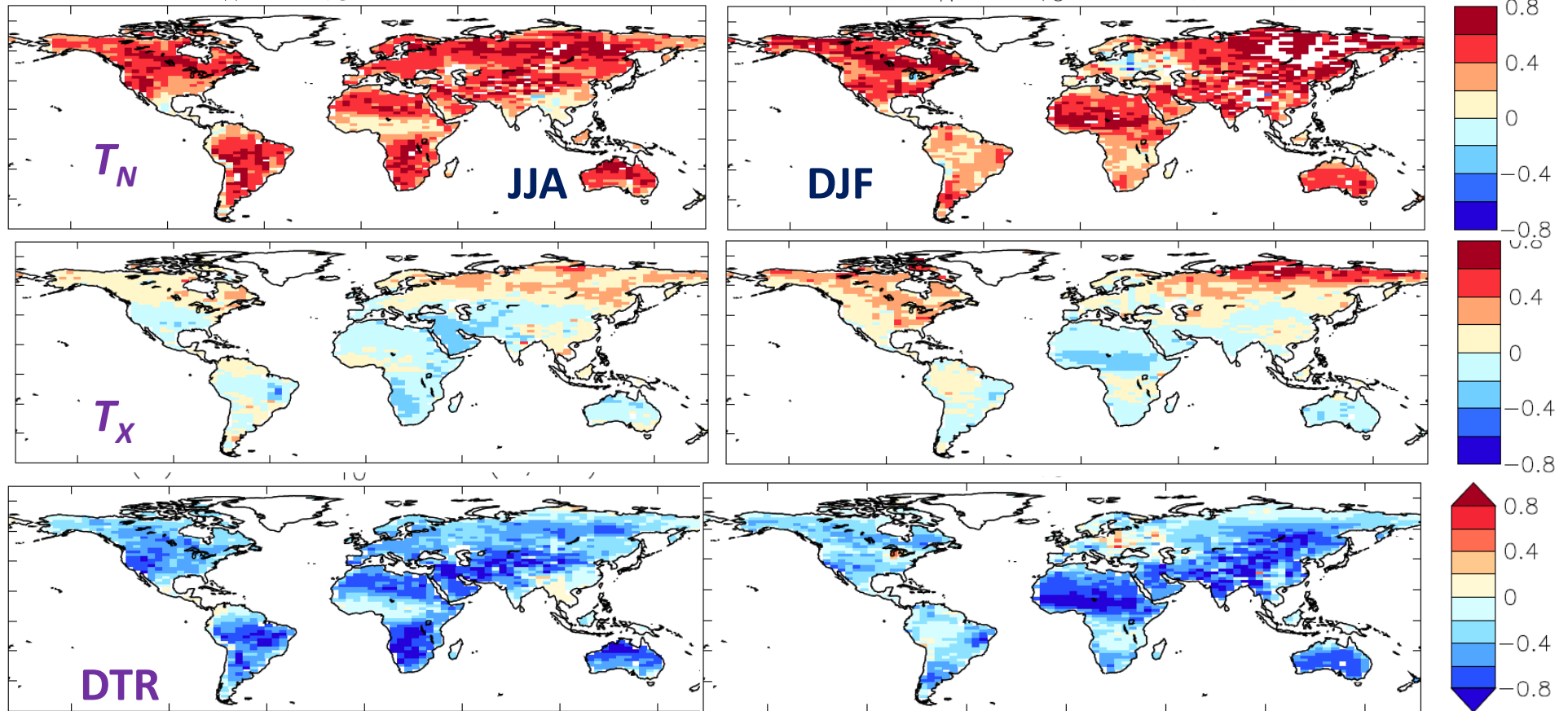
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T_{sN} small change (weak turbulent heat transfer during night).

DTR (= $T_{sx} - T_{sN}$) \uparrow (most significant over desert); DTR varies more for EXP₁₀₀.¹⁴

Impacts of z_{oh} on Max. Min. DTR. of T_{air}

(b) T_N EXP₁₀ - EXP₁₀ ($z_{oh} = z_{om} / 10$) - CTL ($z_{om} = z_{oh}$)₁₀ - CTL(K,DJF)

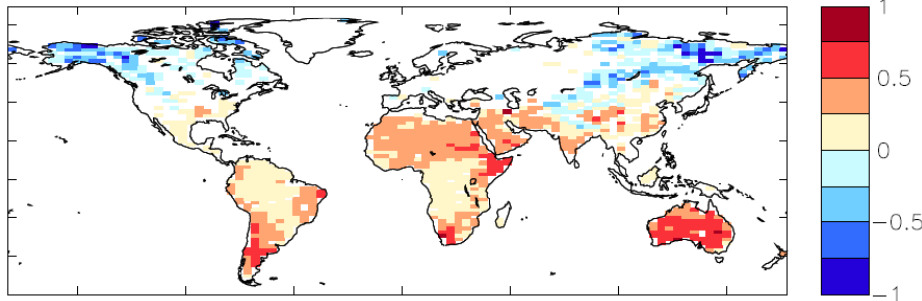


$T_N \uparrow$. T_N increases more than T_x ; DTR ($=T_x - T_N$) \downarrow

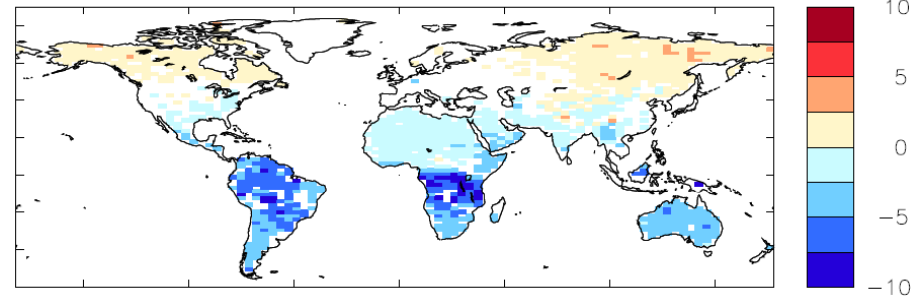
Impacts of z_{oh} on T_s , R_n , H , LE (DJF)

EXP₁₀-CTL

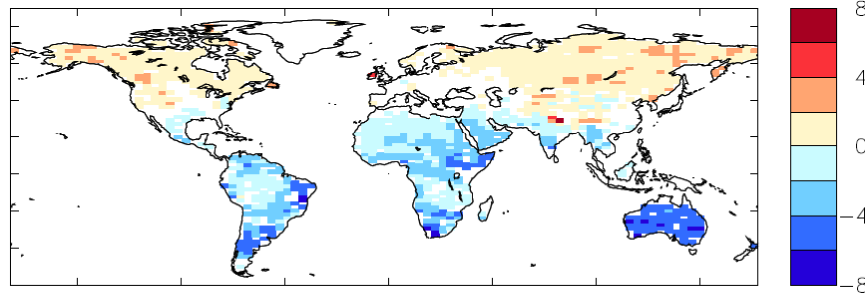
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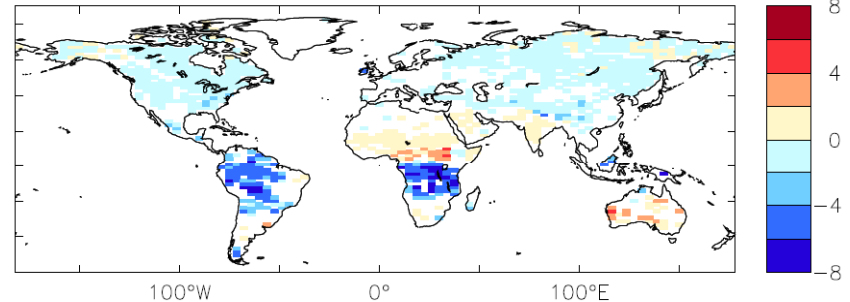
(e) R_n EXP₁₀ - CTL(W/m²,DJF)



(h) H EXP₁₀ - CTL(W/m²,DJF)



(k) LE EXP₁₀ - CTL(W/m²,DJF)

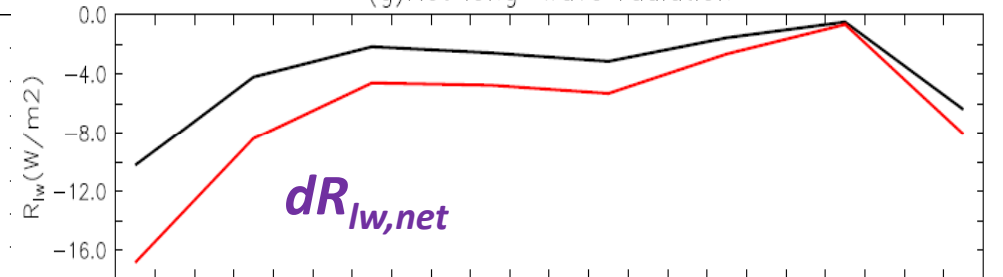
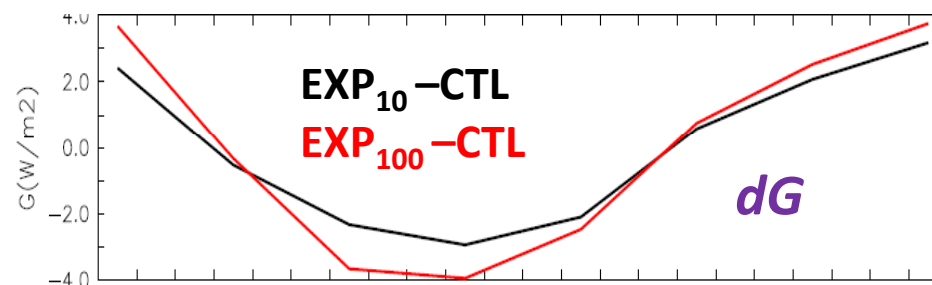
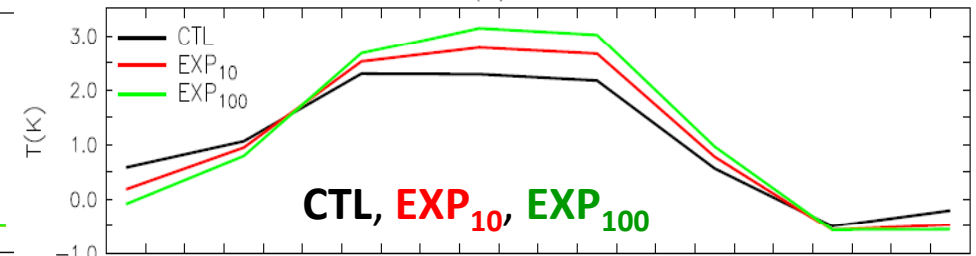
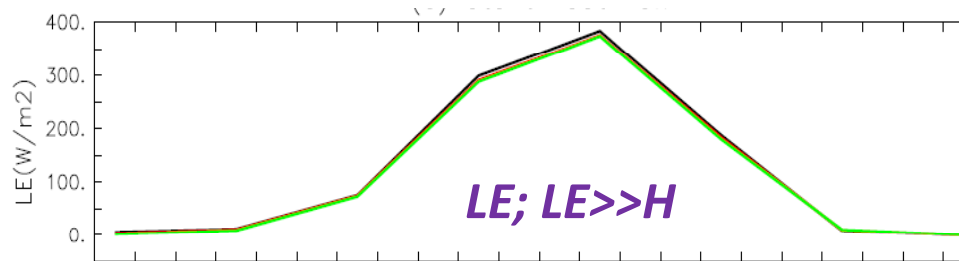
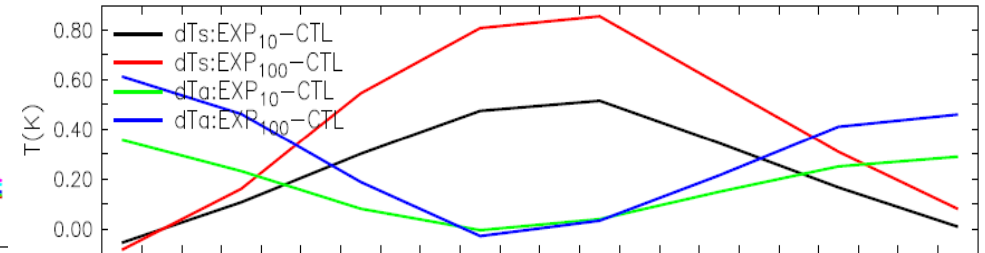
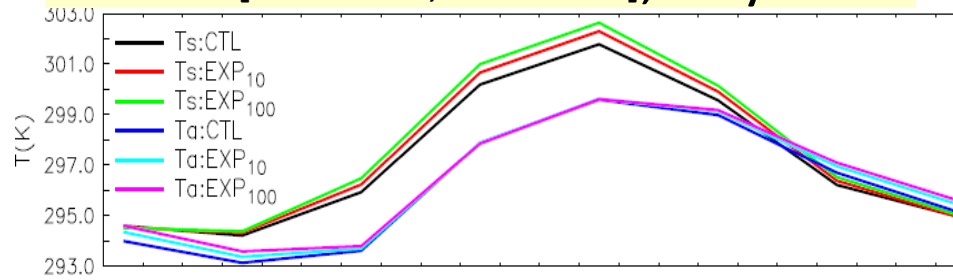


The T_s change is the most significant over bare soil for both JJA and DJF (lower soil heat capacity over the desert).

Diurnal Cycles (Humid Environment)

Sahel: [10W-10E, 10N-15N], July

DTsR \uparrow ; DTR \downarrow



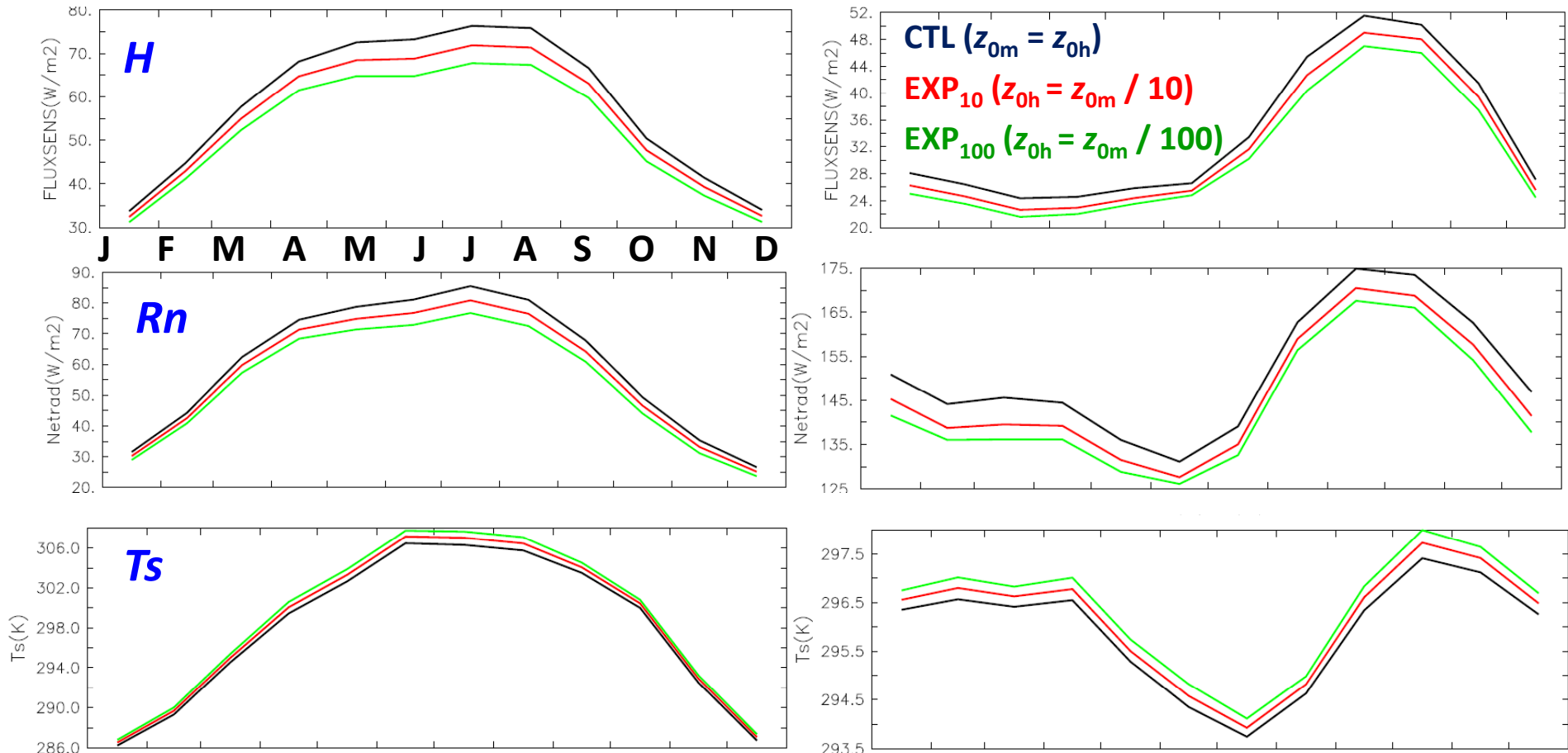
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Nighttime: heat released by soil \uparrow , $R_{lw,up} \uparrow \rightarrow Ts, Ta \uparrow$

Seasonal Cycles (Arid vs. Humid Region)

Sahara desert [10W-10E, 20N-25N]

Amazon [80W-45W, 18S-5N]



Larger change of *H*, *Rn*, *Ts* over dry region (lower heat capacity) than wet region.
Arid : More significant in warm season (stronger turbulent) than cold season.
Humid: Similar change in warm and cold seasons.