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# Dynamical Downscaling Simulations of Current Climate over the Tropical Americas: Regional Model Validation and Historical Run

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# Outline

- The CORDEX simulations performed at UECE
- Model and Data
- Validation and Historical Run
- Final Remarks



# CORDEX simulations at UECE

- Focus over Northeast Brazil
  - Water resources
  - Agriculture
  - Renewable Energy
- CORDEX domains (at least two global models)
  - Central America
  - South America
  - Africa





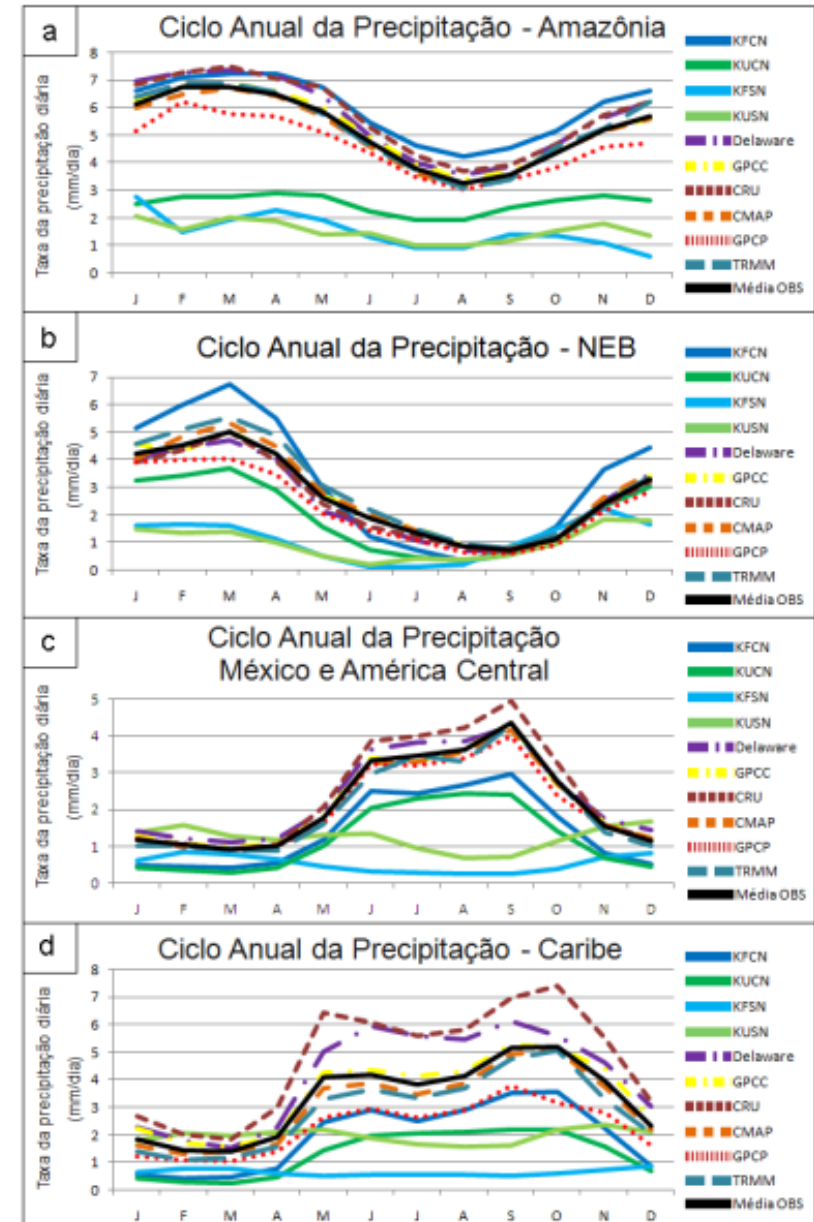
# Model and Data

- Regional Model: RAMS 6.0
  - Model Domain: slightly extended “Central America” CORDEX domain
  - Grid: 252 x 136 horizontal points (50 km grid spacing), 29 levels, with model top at 21 km.
  - Physical parameterizations: Radiation (Chen-Cotton), Cloud Microphysics (Walko et al.), Turbulence (Mellor-Yamada), Surface Processes (LEAF) and Convection
- Forcing data: ERA-Interim (1989-2007), HadGEM2-ES (historical run and RCP 8.5, 1<sup>st</sup> member)
- Validation data: CRU, Delaware, CMAP, GPCP, MERRA, ...



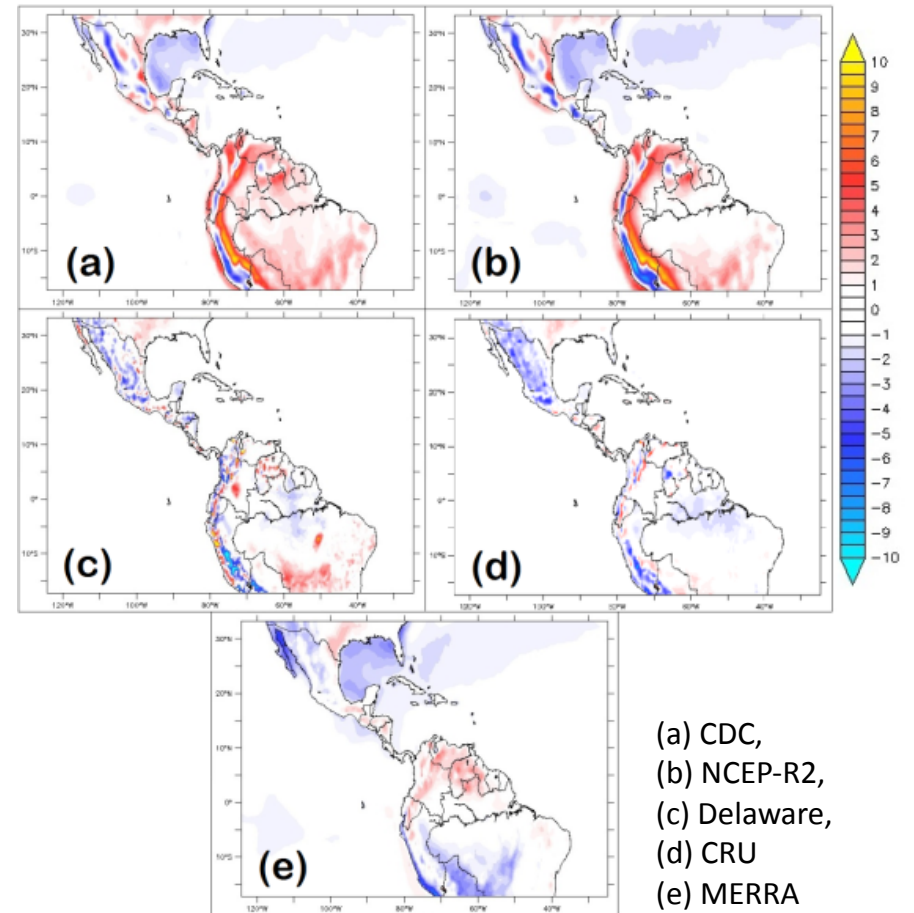
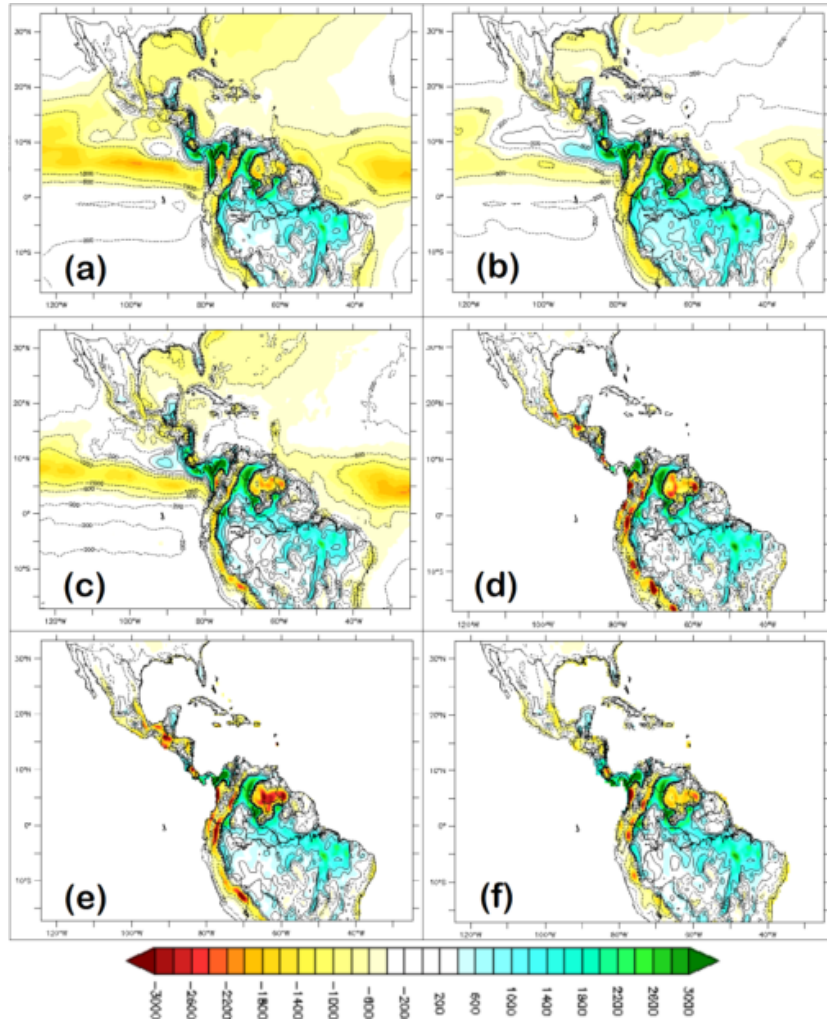
# Validation Run

- Four model configurations were tested
  - Convective parameterization (Kain-Fritsch versus modified Kuo)
  - Large-scale (“central”) nudging: activated or not





# Validation Run





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# Historical Run

- RAMS forced by HadGEM2-ES r1i1p1 historical run
- Baseline period: 1985-2005

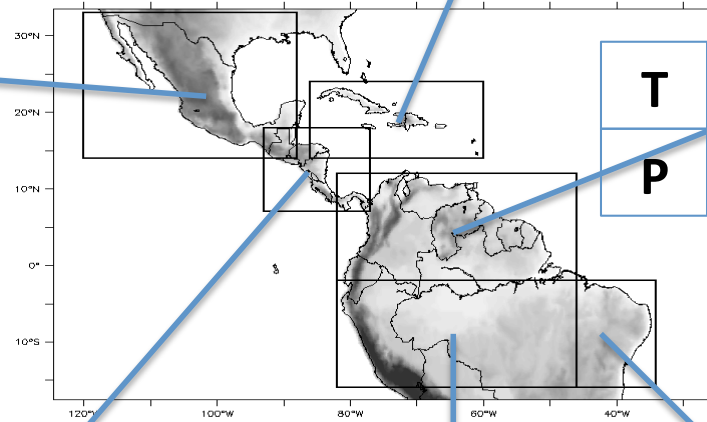
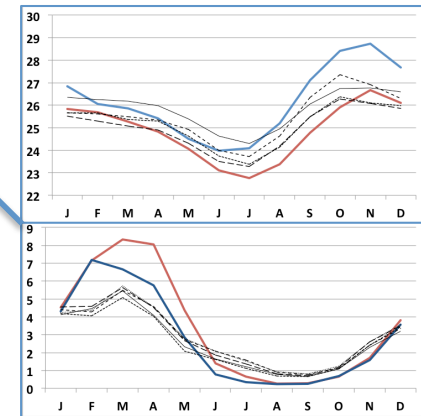
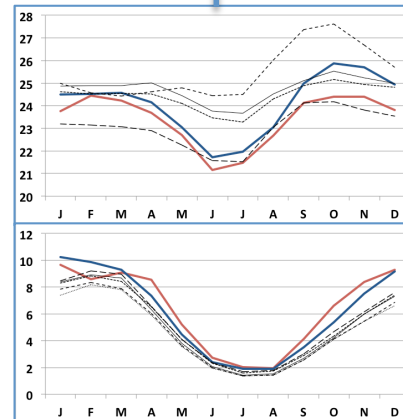
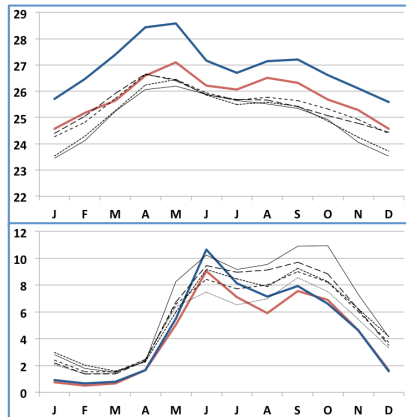
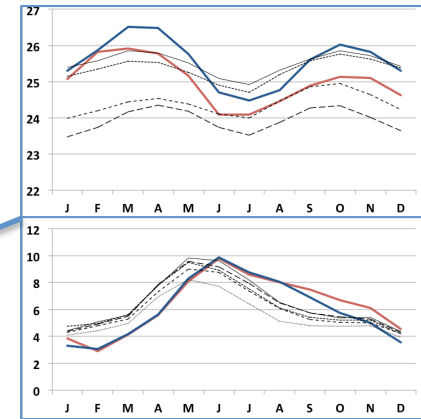
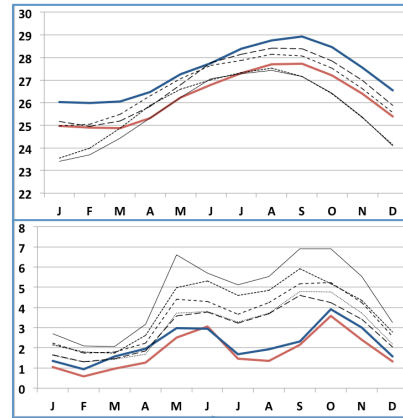
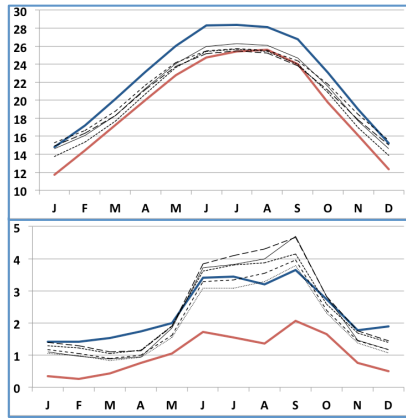




# Annual Cycle



# Historical Run





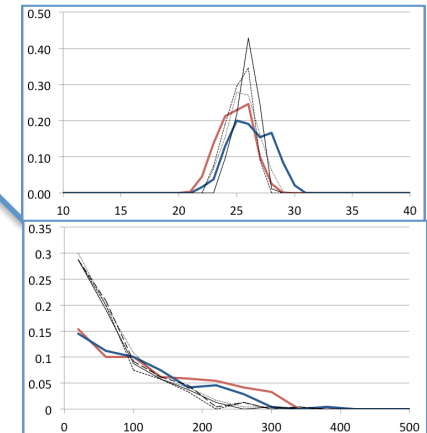
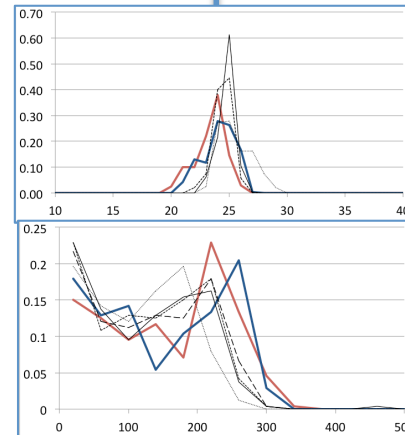
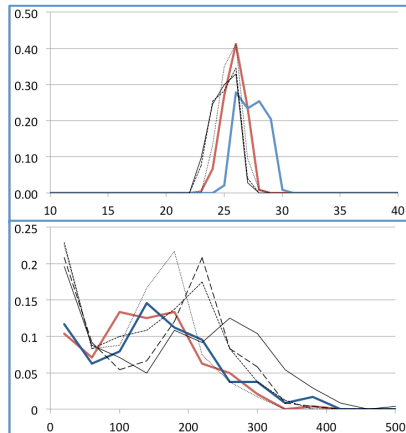
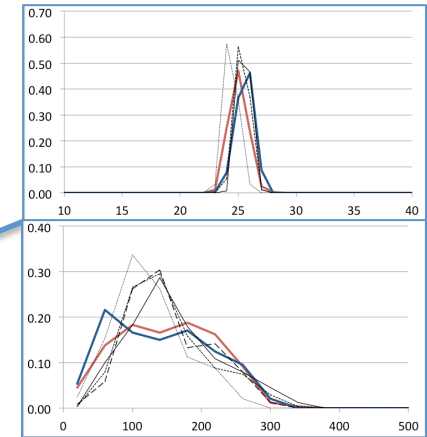
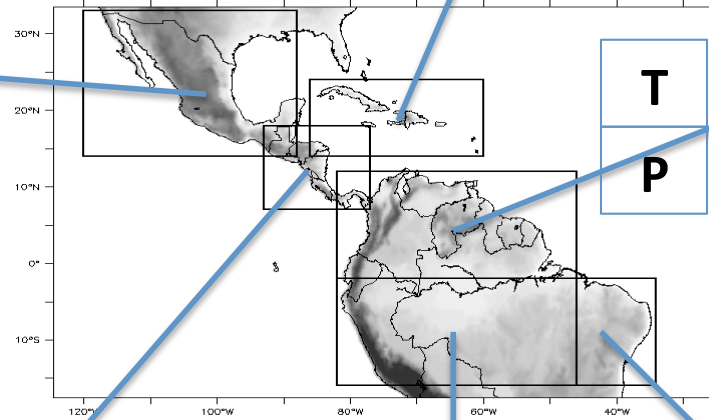
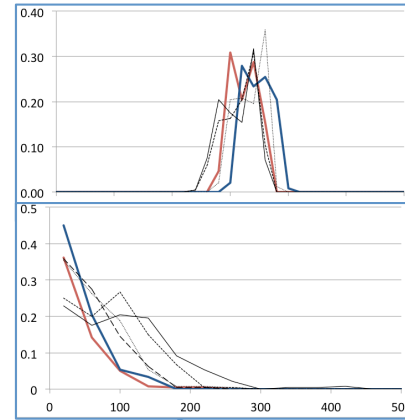
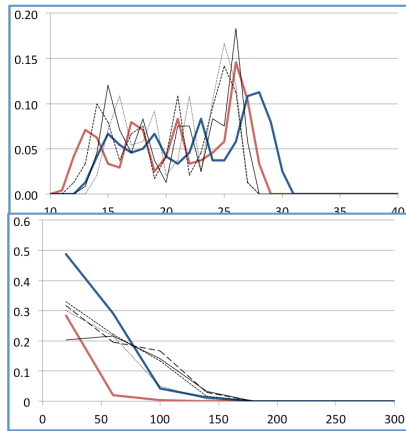


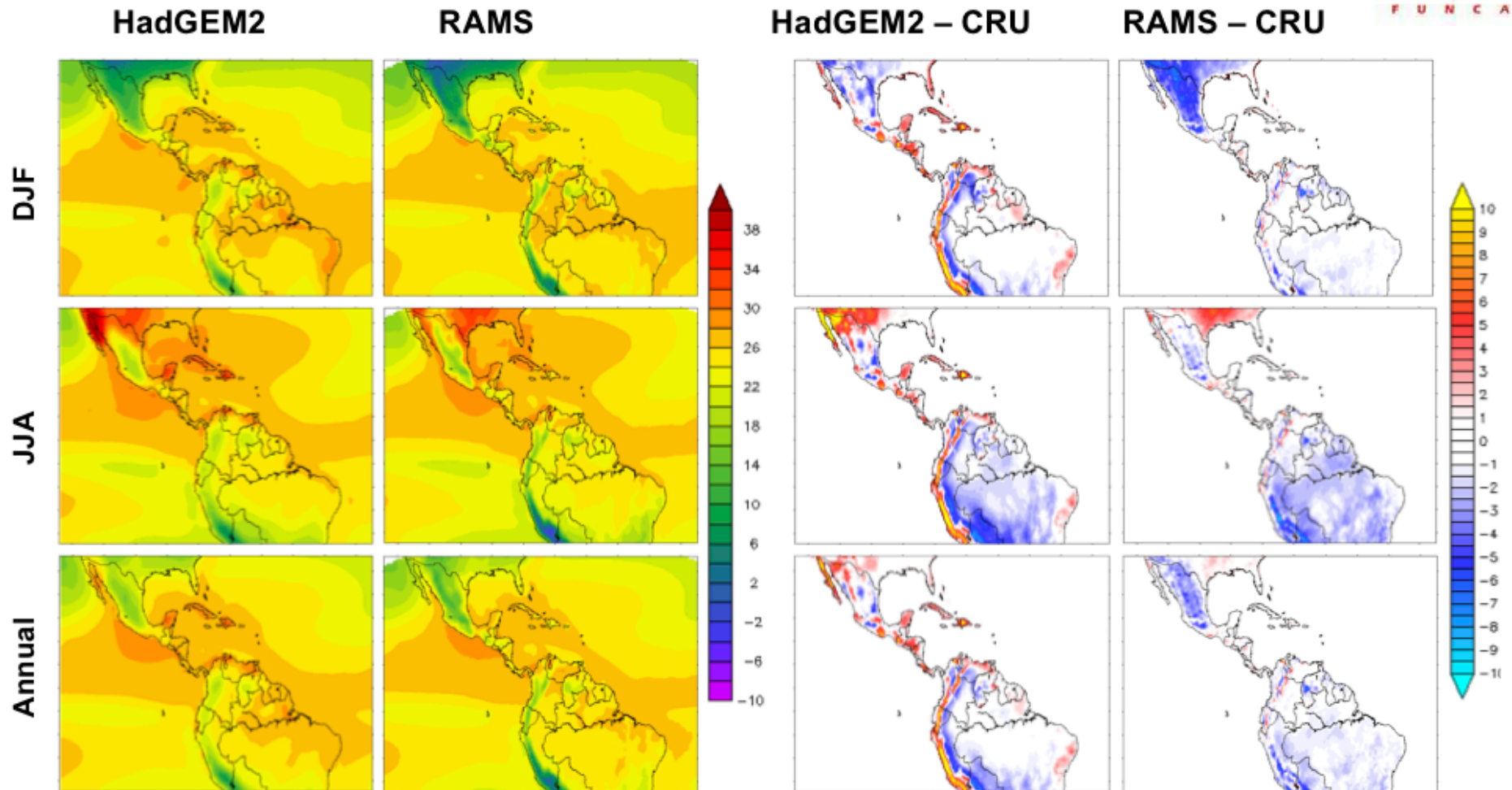
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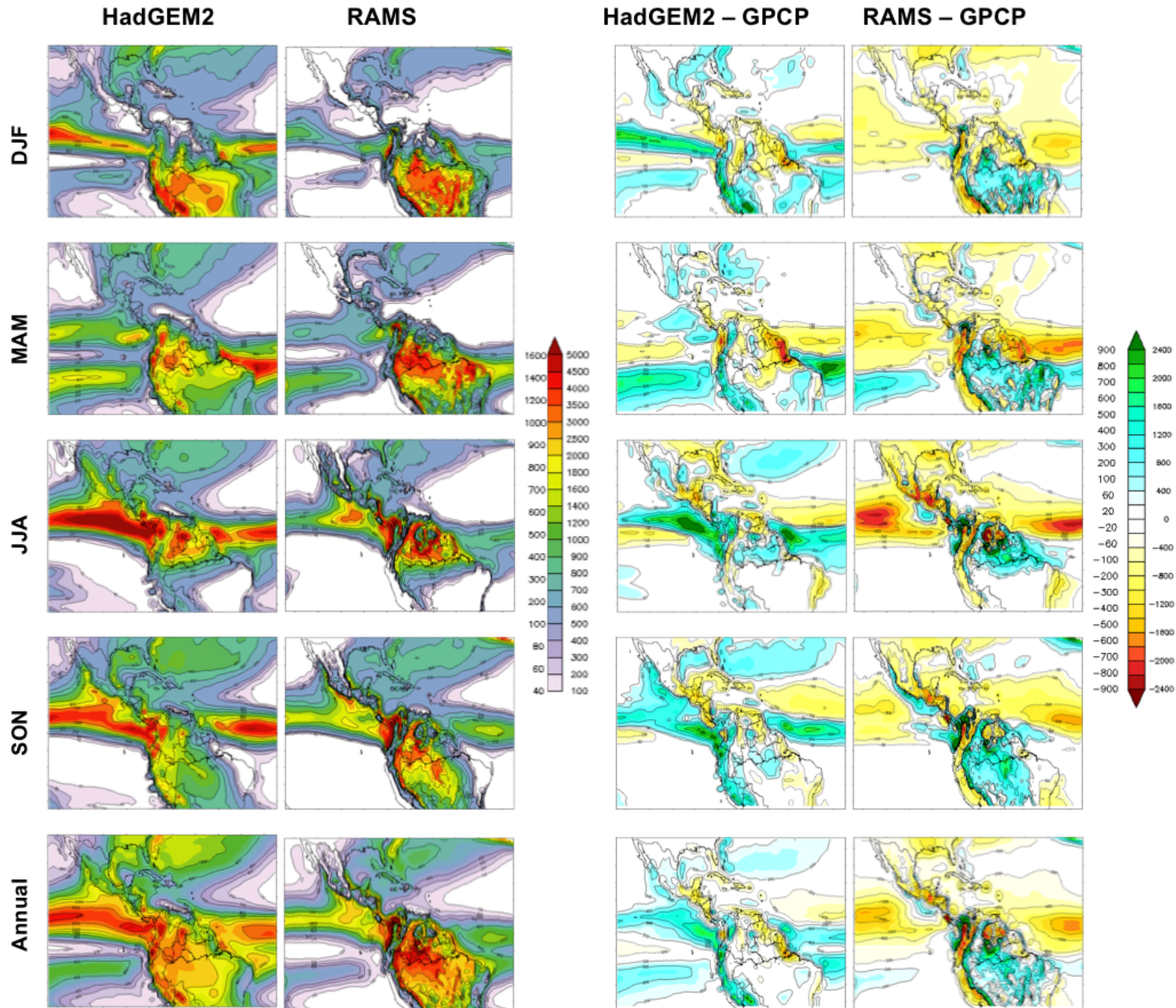
# Historical Run



Monthly PDFs









# Final Remarks

- Validation runs using ERA-Interim data allowed us to attain a best model configuration
- The regional model have systematic errors even when forced by ideal boundary conditions
- Putting RCM and GCM outputs side by side, there is no clear superiority in the RCM results, but these can be regarded as another member to produce a very large ensemble

# Thank you!

