

Interactive Data Visualization with Focus on Climate Research

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Agenda

- ▶ Visualization in HPC Environments
- ▶ Climate System, Climate Models and Climate Data
- ▶ Visualization: Domain specific Tools and Systems
- ▶ Application Examples
- ▶ Future Perspectives

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Data Production at DKRZ

6 PByte
GPFS



Hard Disks

158 TFlops
20 TByte Mem.



Supercomputer

7 Silos
88 Drives
100 PByte



Archive System

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Visualization in HPC Environments

Supercomputer



Parallel File System (GPFS)

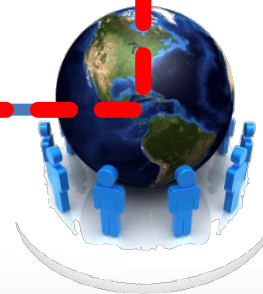
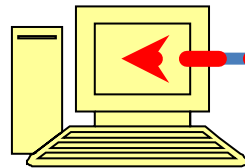


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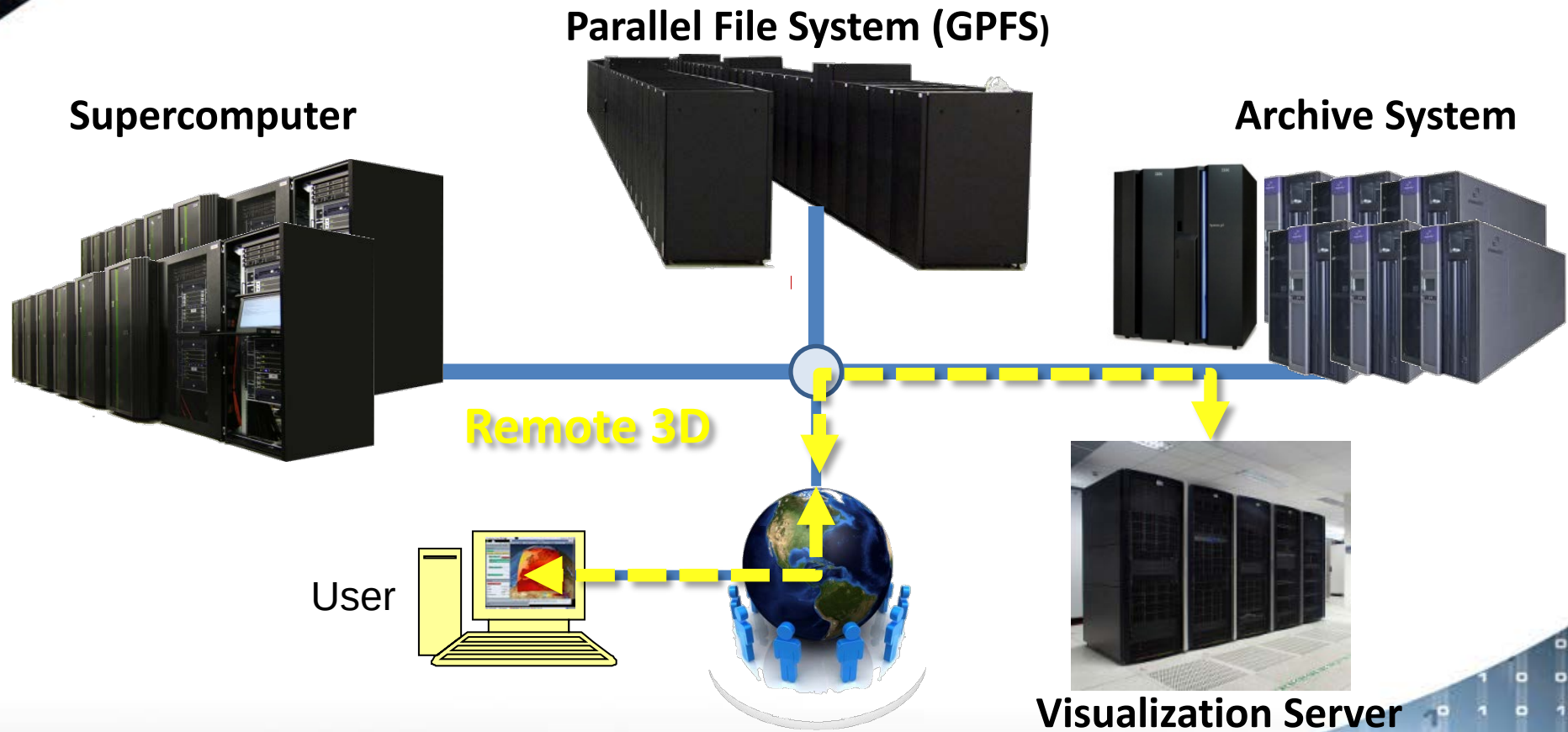
Data Transfer

User



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Visualization in HPC Environments



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Remote-3D-Rendering

Local Computer:

- Keyboard / Mouse
- Display
- Remote-3D Client



Uncompress Image
Display Image

Software Solution: TurboVNC / Virtual GL

Visualization Server:

- 3-D-Software (OpenGL)
- Remote 3D-Server
- Data



Keyboard / Mouse



Capture Framebuffer
Compress Image
Send Image to Client

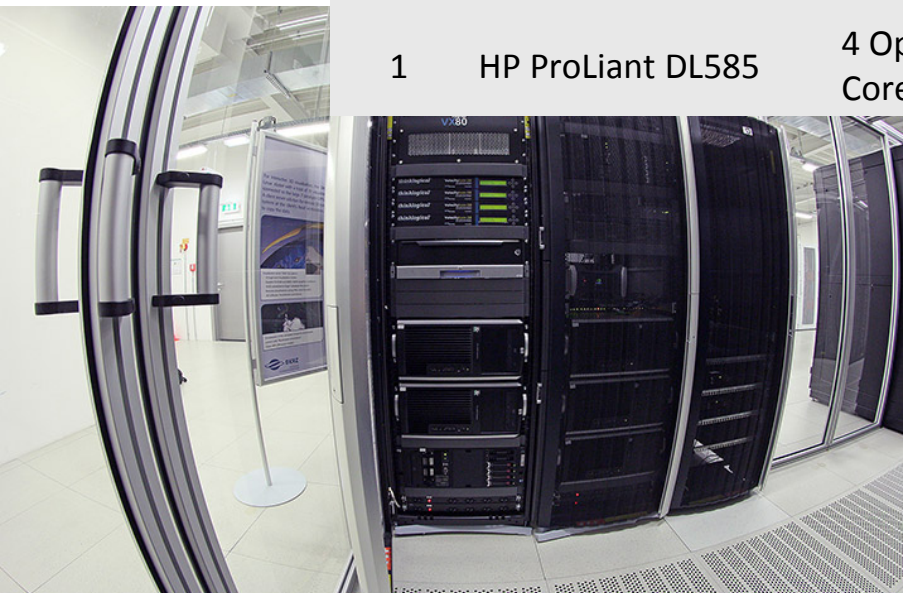
Capture Keyboard / Mouse

Internet

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Visualization Cluster

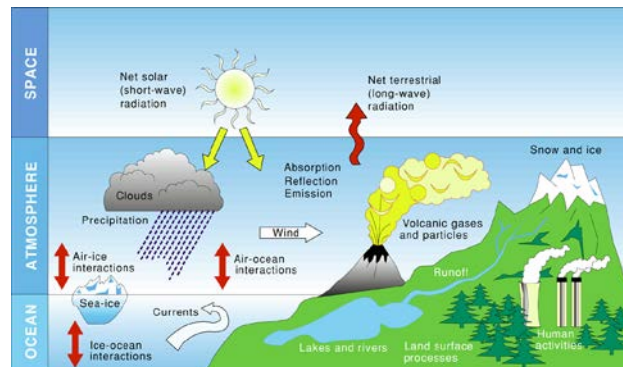
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2	HP ProLiant DL370 G6	2 Intel Xeon X5680 3.33 GHz, 6-Core	96 GB	2 NVidia Quadro 6000, 6 GB
1	Dell Precision R5400	2 Intel Xeon 3 GHz (2-Core)	32 GB	NVidia Quadro 5000, 2.5 GB
4	Dell PowerEdge M610x	2 Intel Xeon E5649 2.53 GHz, 6-Core	96 GB	NVidia Tesla M2070Q, 6GB
1	HP ProLiant DL585	4 Opteron64 2.4 GHz, 2-Core	128 GB	2 Nvidia Quadro FX 5500, 1 GB



- 9 Nodes (HP), heterogenous
- 10 GE Network
- GPFS directly mounted
- CentOS (RH5)

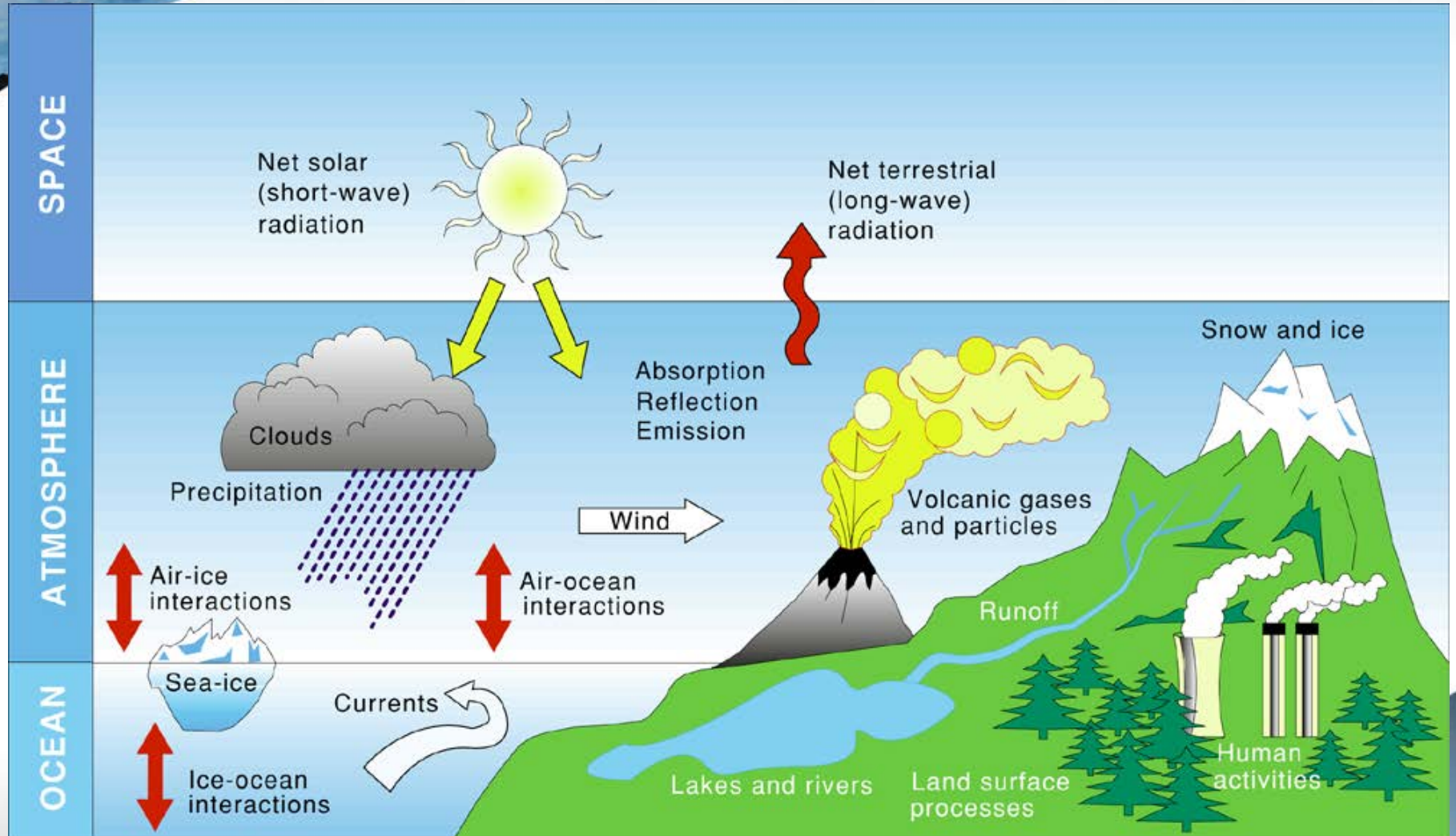
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Climate System, Climate Models and Climate Data



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The Climate System



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Atmosphere Model

- ▶ Conservation Laws (Momentum, Energy, Mass)
- ▶ State Equations
- ▶ Radiation
- ▶ Boundary Conditions (Earth Geometry, Astronomical Parameters, Distribution of Land and Sea)

▶ Differential Equations

$$\frac{\partial U}{\partial t} - (f + \xi) \cdot v + \eta \frac{\partial U}{\partial \eta} + \frac{R_d T_v}{a} \frac{\partial}{\partial \lambda} \ln p + \frac{1}{a} \frac{\partial}{\partial \lambda} (\phi + E) = P_U + K_U \quad (2.2.1)$$

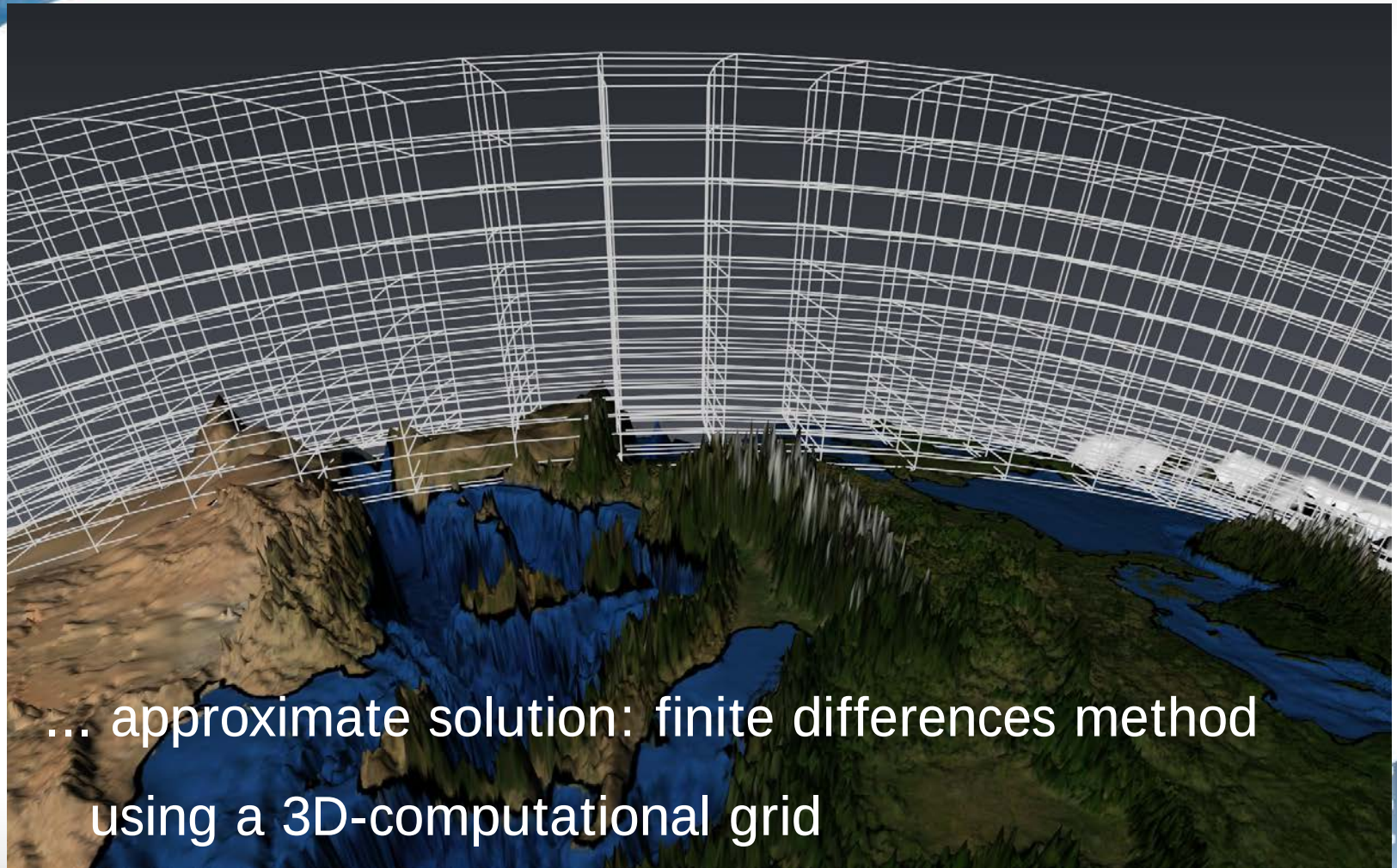
$$\frac{\partial v}{\partial t} + (f + \xi) \cdot U + \eta \frac{\partial v}{\partial \eta} + \frac{R_d T_v}{a} (1 - \mu^2) \frac{\partial}{\partial \mu} \ln p + \frac{(1 - \mu^2)}{a} \frac{\partial}{\partial \mu} (\phi + E) = P_v + K_v \quad (2.2.2)$$

$$\frac{\partial T}{\partial t} + \frac{U}{a(1 - \mu^2)} \frac{\partial T}{\partial \lambda} + \frac{v}{a} \frac{\partial T}{\partial \mu} + \eta \frac{\partial T}{\partial \eta} - \frac{\kappa T_v \omega}{(1 + (\delta - 1) q_v) p} = P_T + K_T \quad (2.2.3)$$

$$\frac{\partial q_v}{\partial t} + \frac{U}{a(1 - \mu^2)} \frac{\partial q_v}{\partial \lambda} + \frac{v}{a} \frac{\partial q_v}{\partial \mu} + \eta \frac{\partial q_v}{\partial \eta} = P_{q_v} + K_{q_v} \quad (2.2.4)$$

$$\frac{\partial q_w}{\partial t} + \frac{U}{a(1 - \mu^2)} \frac{\partial q_w}{\partial \lambda} + \frac{v}{a} \frac{\partial q_w}{\partial \mu} + \eta \frac{\partial q_w}{\partial \eta} = P_{q_w} + K_{q_w} \quad (2.2.5)$$

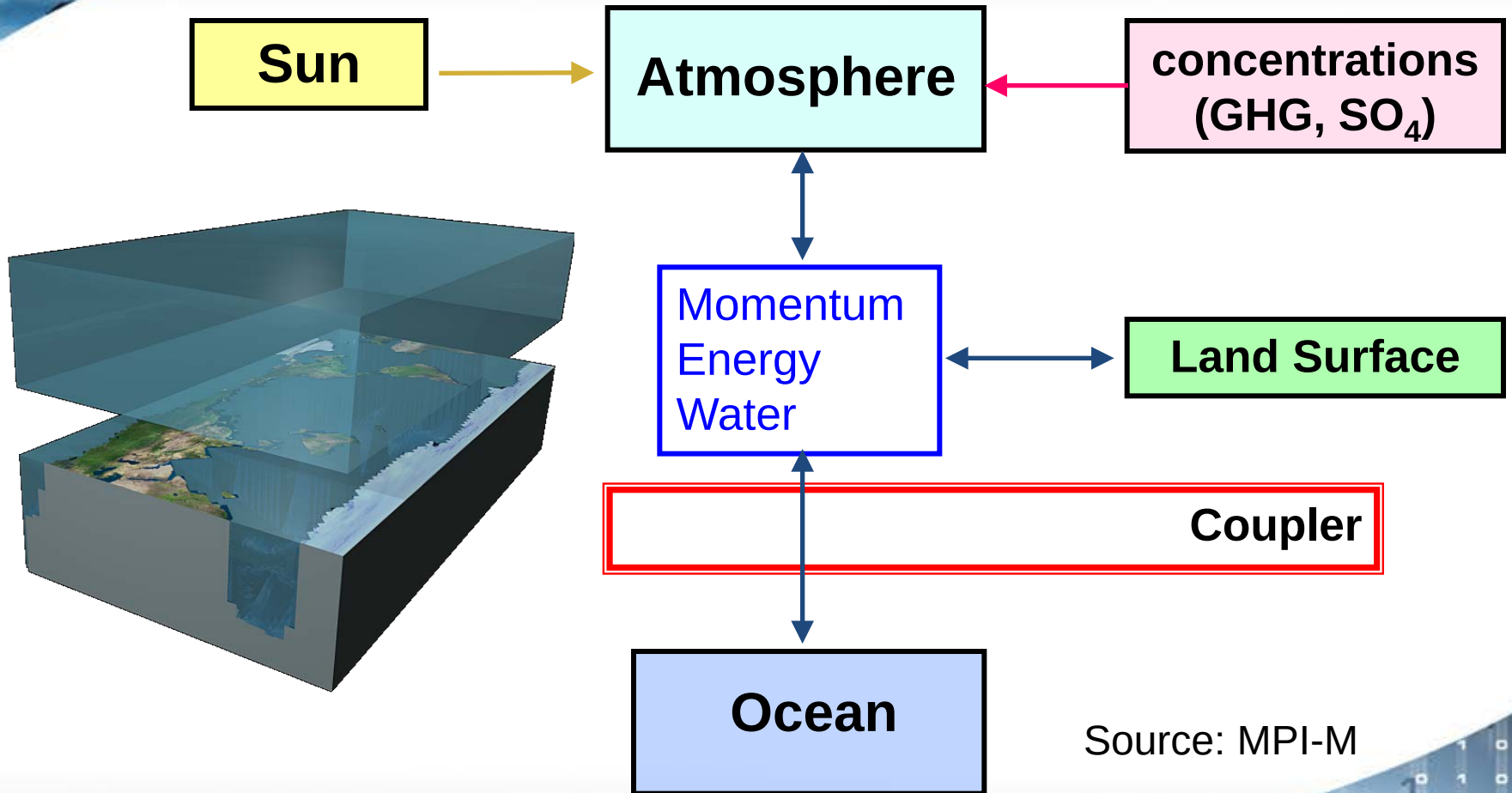
Atmosphere Models



... approximate solution: finite differences method
using a 3D-computational grid

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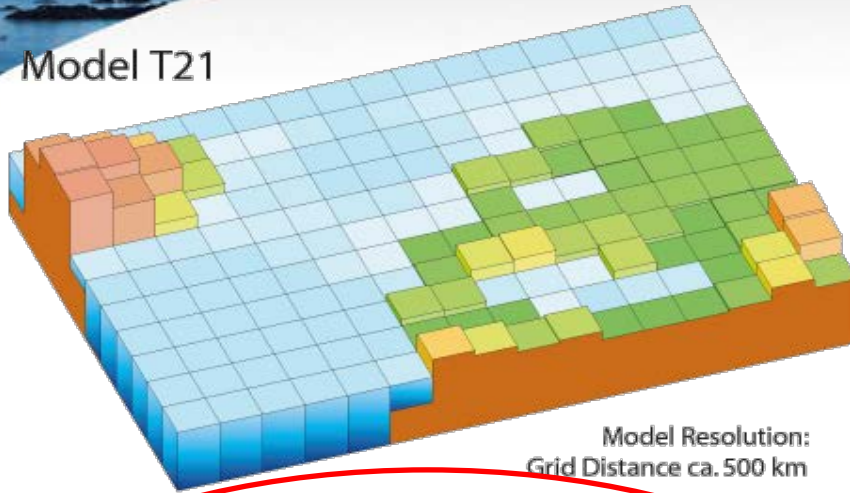
A coupled climate model



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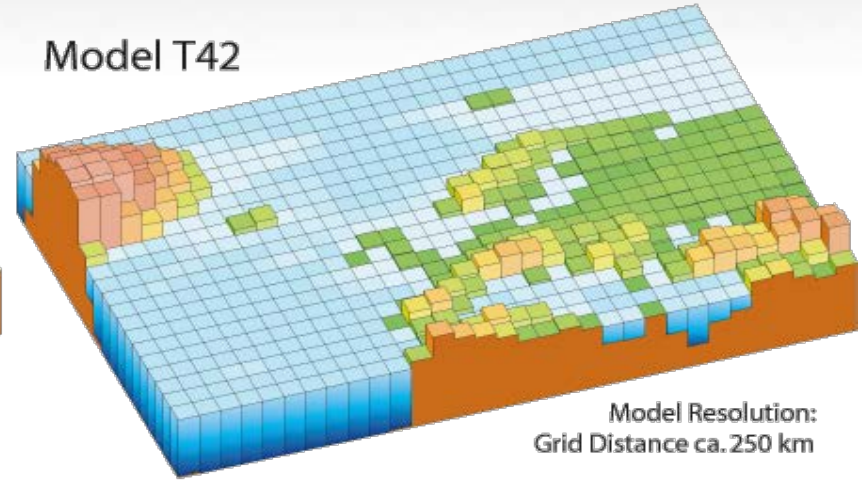
Grid Resolution

Model T21



Model Resolution:
Grid Distance ca. 500 km

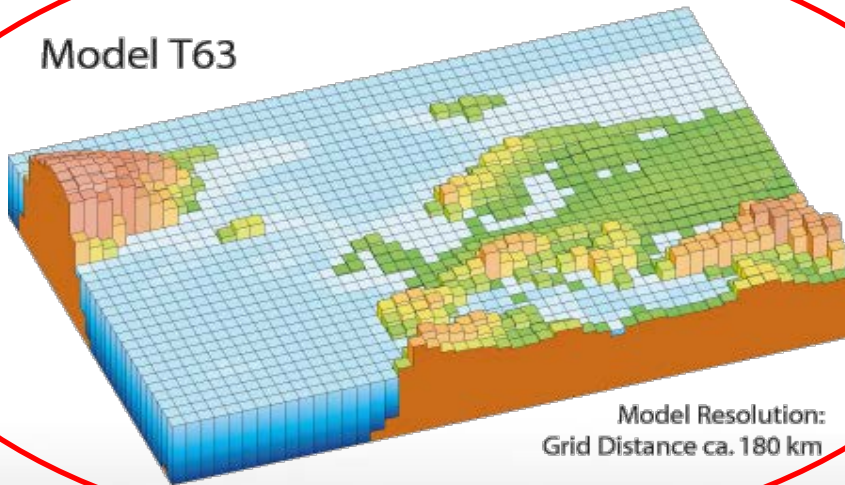
Model T42



Model Resolution:
Grid Distance ca. 250 km

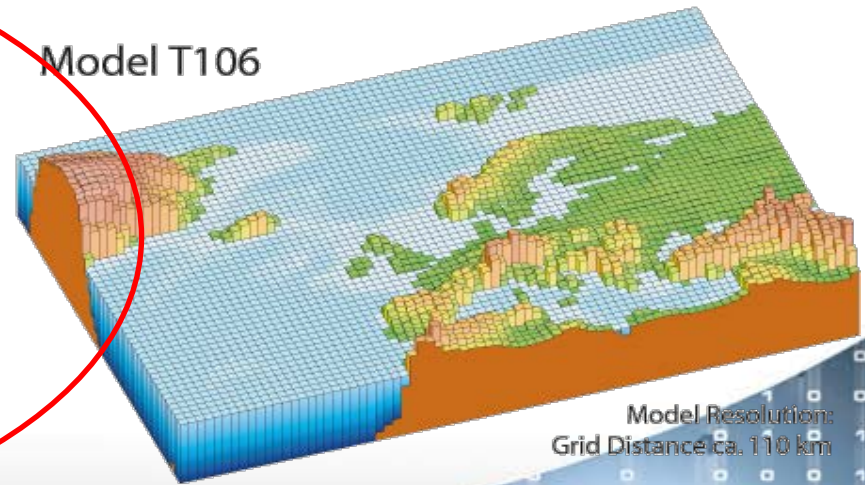
IPCC Simulations

Model T63



Model Resolution:
Grid Distance ca. 180 km

Model T106

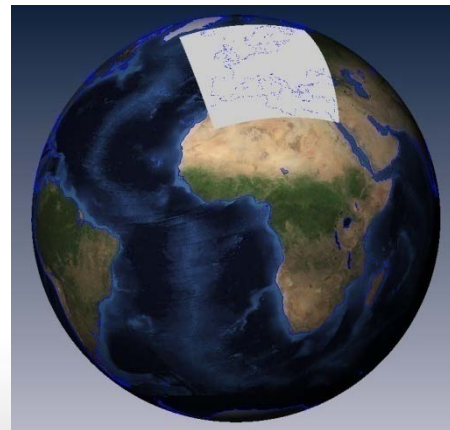
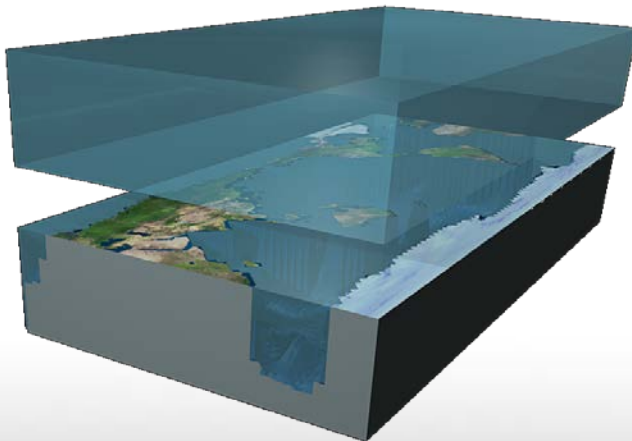
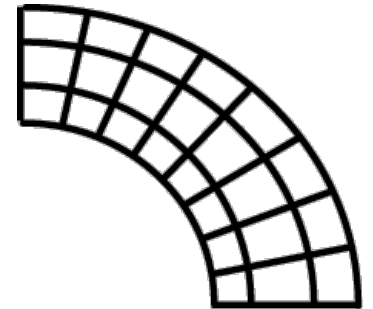
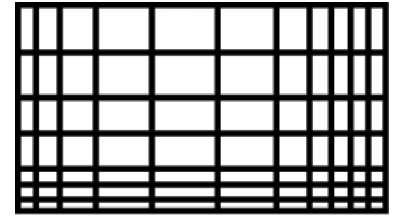


Model Resolution:
Grid Distance ca. 110 km

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Climate Models – Data Structures

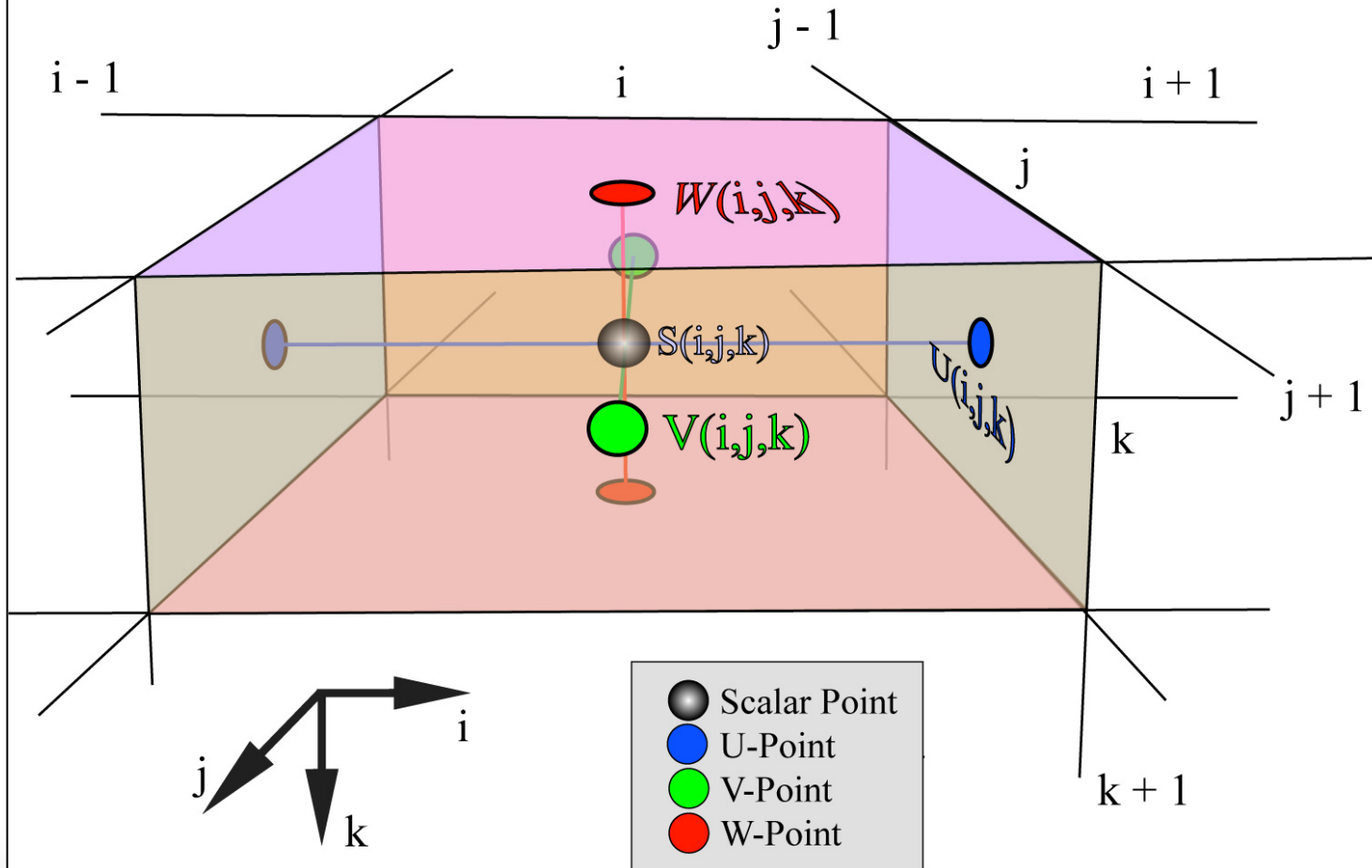
- Relatively coarse 3D grids, some quantities only 2D
- Grids: rectilinear, curvilinear, rotated, irregular ...
- Multivariate / scalar and vector fields
- Time dependence: very long time series
- Coupled models: distinct grids
- Multi run experiments (ensembles)



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Staggered Grids

MPI-OM - Grid-Definition for Scalar and Vector Quantities

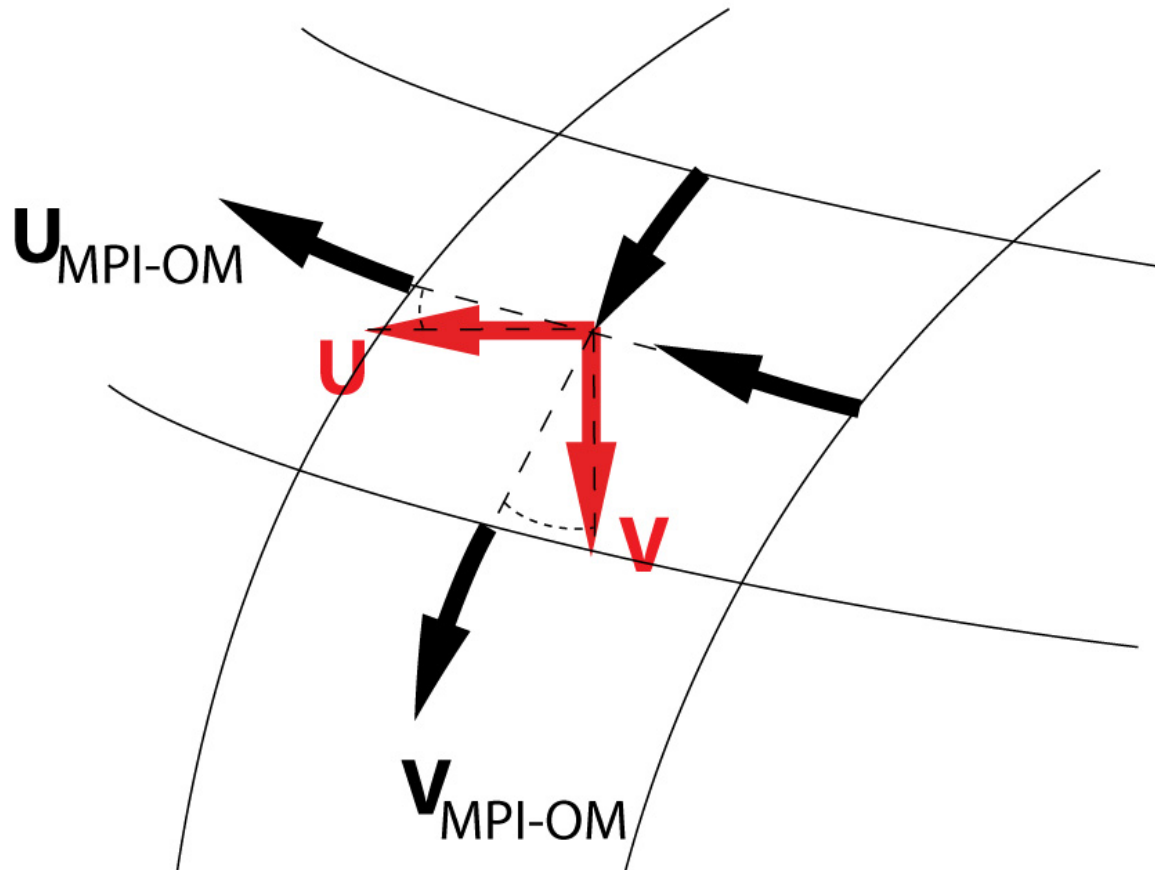


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Curvilinear Grids

Rotation and Interpolation of horizontal Velocity Vectors



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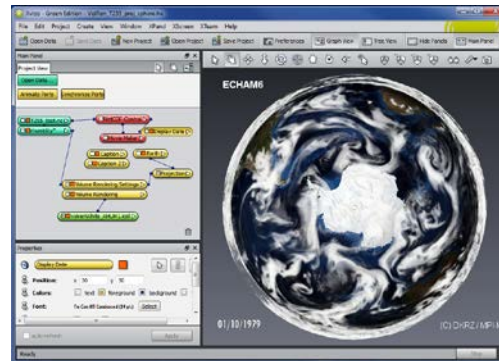
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File Formats and other requirements

- ▶ Formats: GRIB and **NetCDF**
 - *Conventions* for Metadata (NetCDF/**CF-1.0**)
- ▶ Other domain specific features
 - Geographical mapping of data
 - *Special Values* (masking of grid cells with “no data”)

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Visualization: Domain specific Tools and Systems

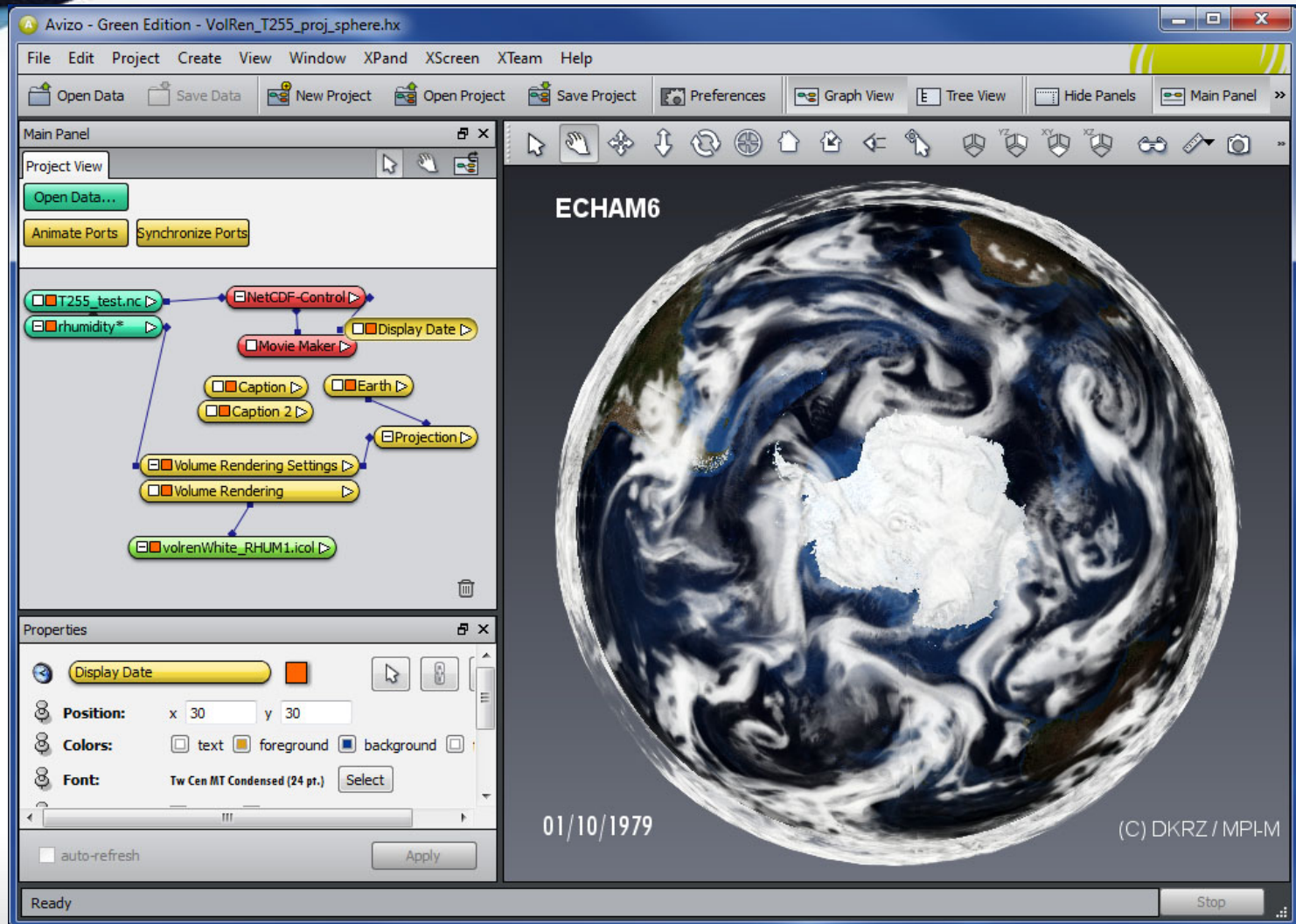


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Visualization Software

Categorie	Typ	Name	URL	Features
Programming- and Scripting languages for analysis	\$\$	Matlab	www.mathworks.de/products/matlab	Simulation + Gfx
	\$\$	IDL	www.exelisvis.com	2D+ scripting
	\$\$	Mathematica	www.wolfram.com/mathematica	Simulation + Gfx
	free	R	www.r-project.org	Statistik, 2D script
Domain specific Visualization Software	frei	Ferret	ferret.wrc.noaa.gov/Ferret	2D script based
	frei	GrADS	www.iges.org/grads	2D script based
	frei	Vis5D+	vis5d.sourceforge.net	3D interactive (old)
	frei	GMT	gmt.soest.hawaii.edu	2D script based
	frei	ODV	odv.awi-bremerhaven.de/	2D script based
	frei	IDV	www.unidata.ucar.edu/software/idv	3D interactive
3D Visualization Systems	frei	NCL	www.ncl.ucar.edu/	2D script based
	\$\$	Avizo	www.vsg3d.com/products/avizo.asp	Climate Extensions
	frei	OpenDX	www.opendx.org	3D, alt
	\$\$	AVS/Express	www.avs.com	climate features
	frei	Paraview	www.paraview.org	3D GUI, parallel
	\$\$	SimVis	http://www.simvis.at	3D/2D -> multivariate
	frei	VisIt	wci.llnl.gov/codes/visit	3D, parallel

3D Visualization Software: Avizo Green



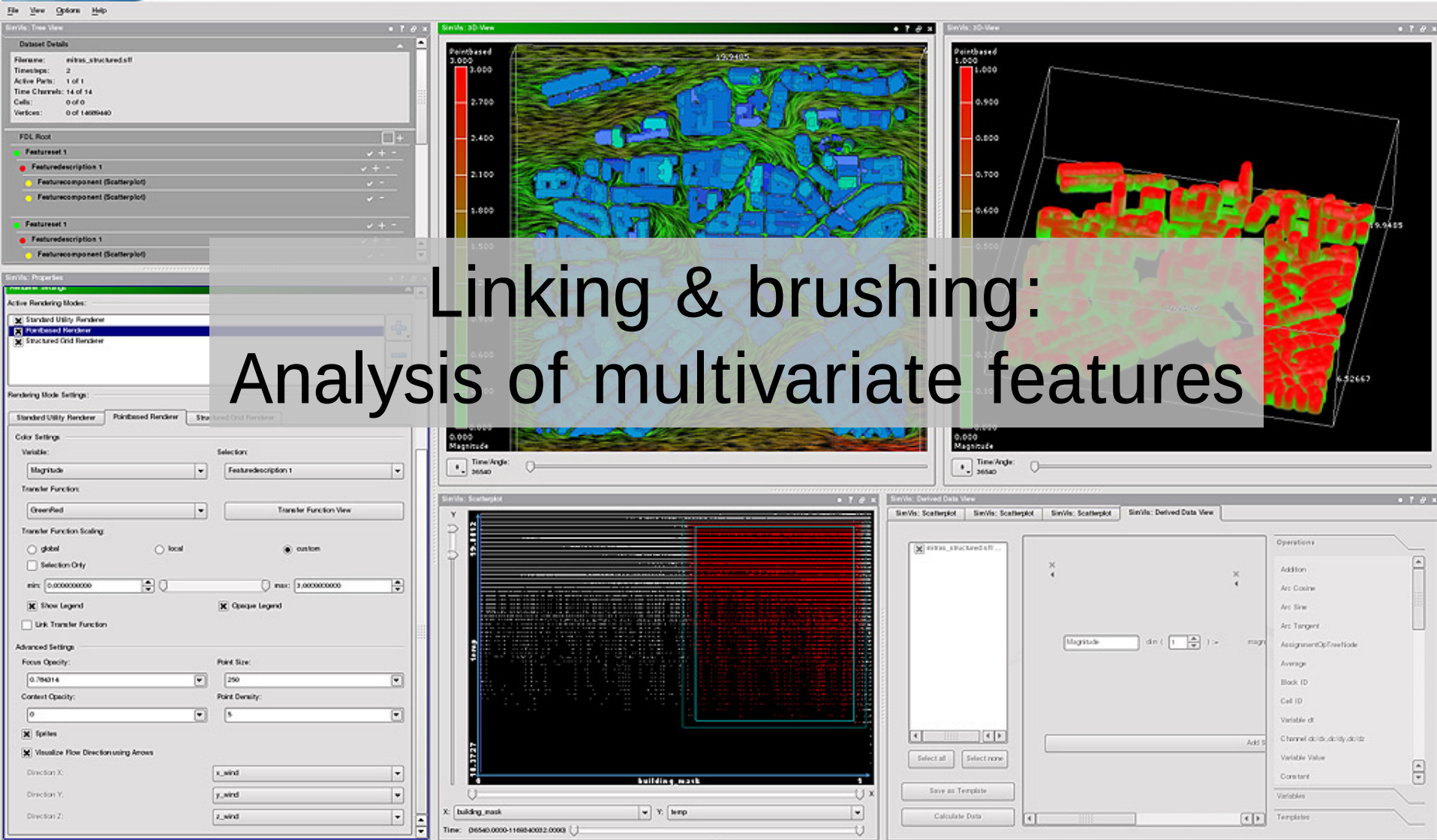
3D Vis-Software: Avizo Green

Avizo with domain specific extensions

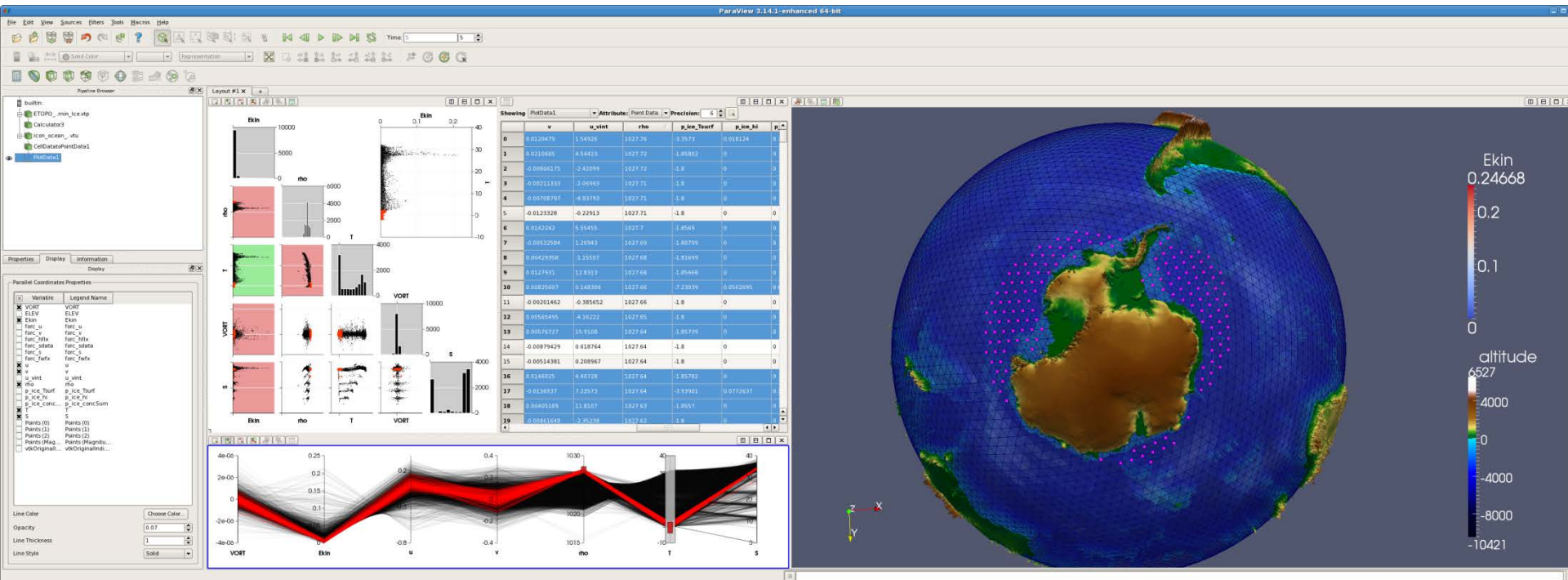
- ▶ **NetCDF CF-1.0 Reader**
 - supports regular, rectilinear, rotated, curvilinear and irregular grids
 - “larger” data: streaming for time dependent data
 - Caching in memory
- ▶ **Map Projections**
 - Cylindric Equidistant, Spherical, Mollweide etc.
- ▶ **„Earth“ Module**
 - Textures, LOD techniques
 - Topography / Bathymetry
 - Continental and political Outlines
- ▶ **HW-based Bump Shading for 2D Slices**
- ▶ **Vector Vis Methods**
- ▶ **Volume Rendering (rectilinear grids)**

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Another 3D-Visualization Paradigm: SimVis

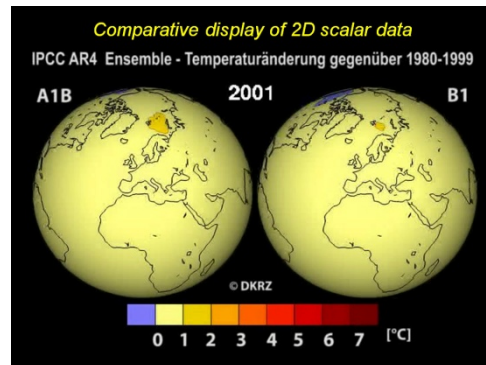


Paraview



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Application Examples



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Simulations for CMIP5 / IPCC AR5

- ▶ Simulations 2010/2011
- ▶ Earth System: Biosphere, Ocean Biogeochemistry
- ▶ Computational effort: factor 60 compared to that of IPCC AR4
- ▶ 13 000 simulated model years
- ▶ Results: 650 TeraBytes -> 60 Terabytes ESG



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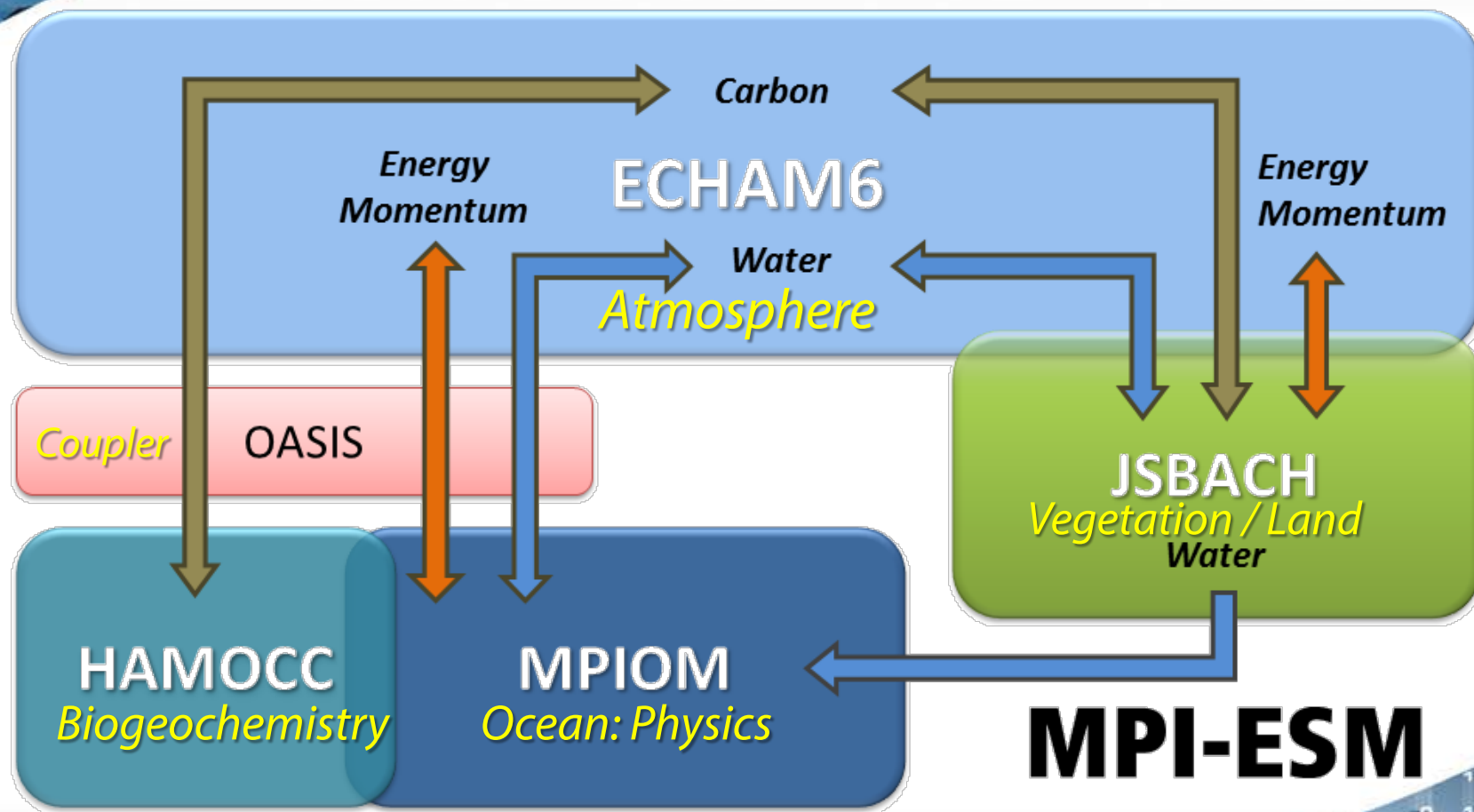


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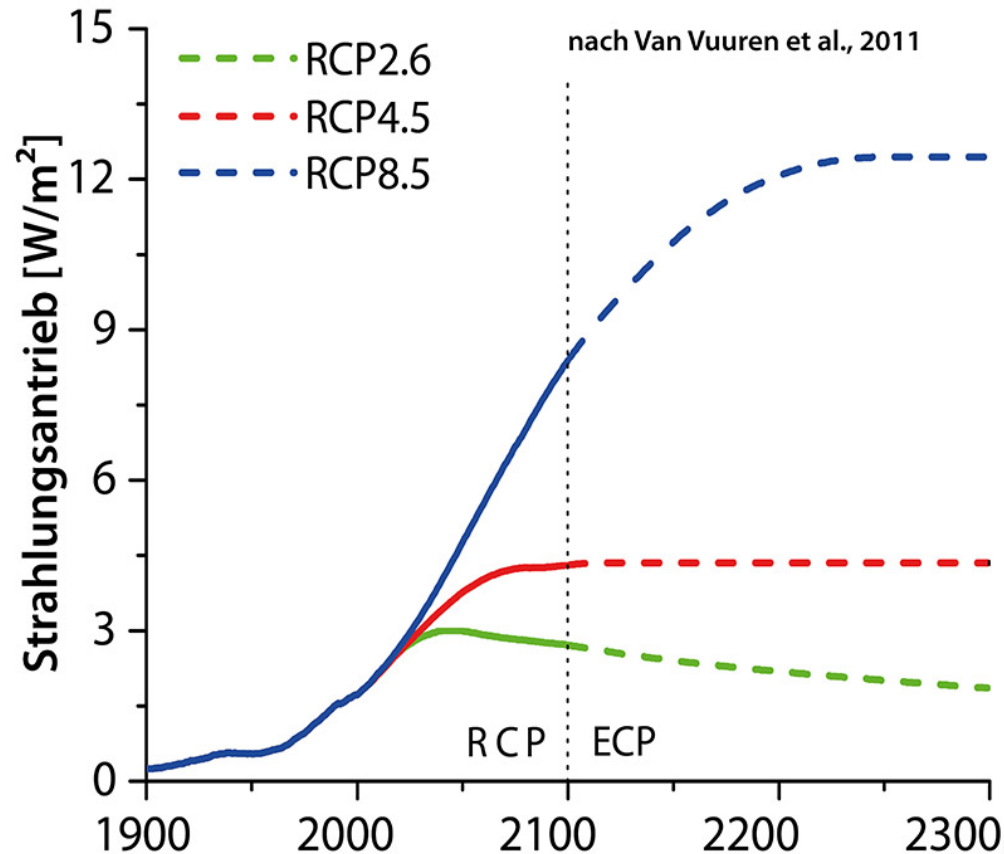
Earth System Model



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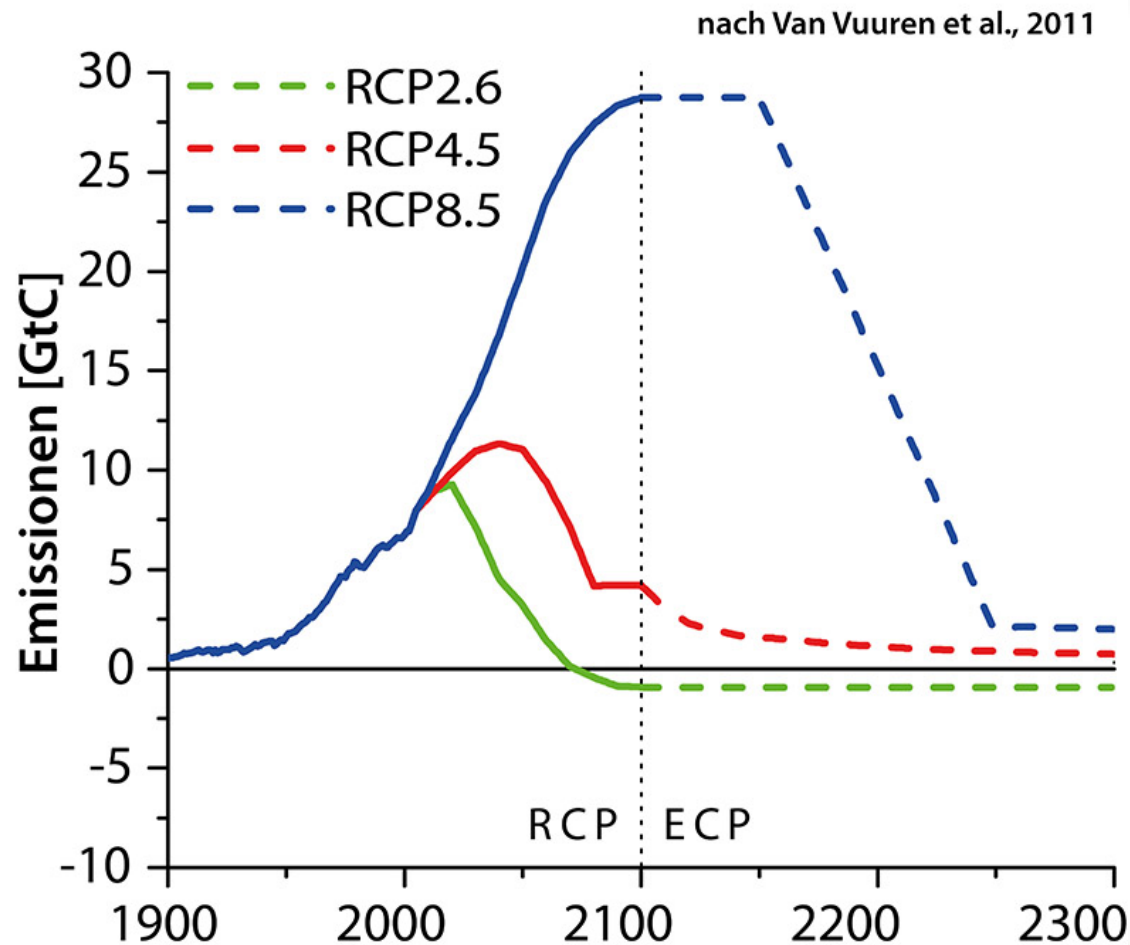
IPCC-AR5 Simulations RCP-Scenarios

RCP = Representative Concentration Pathways



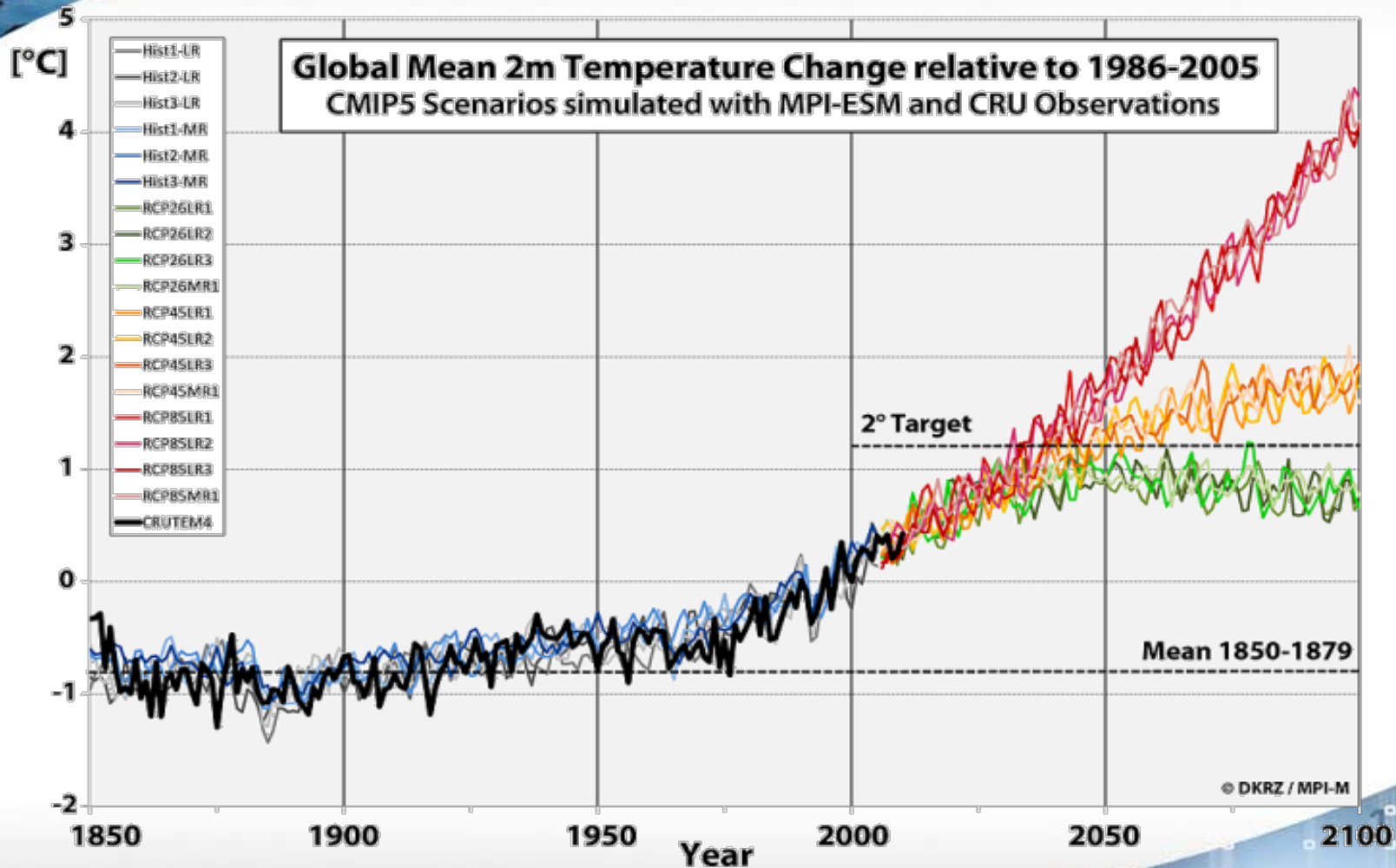
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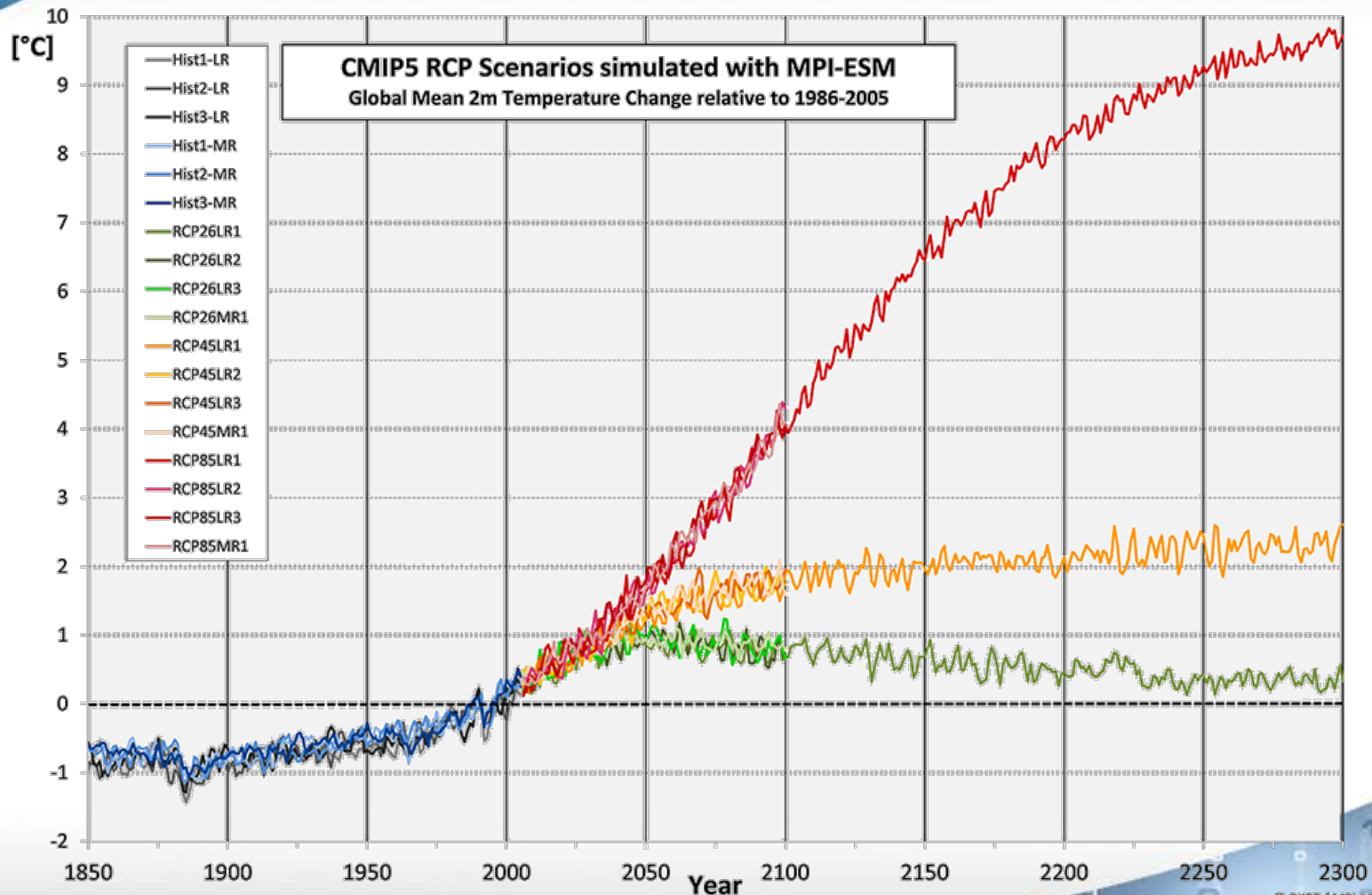


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IPCC-AR5 Simulations Temperature Change



IPCC-AR5 Simulations Temperature Change



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RCP 2.6

Temperature Change

10 year running
ensemble
mean

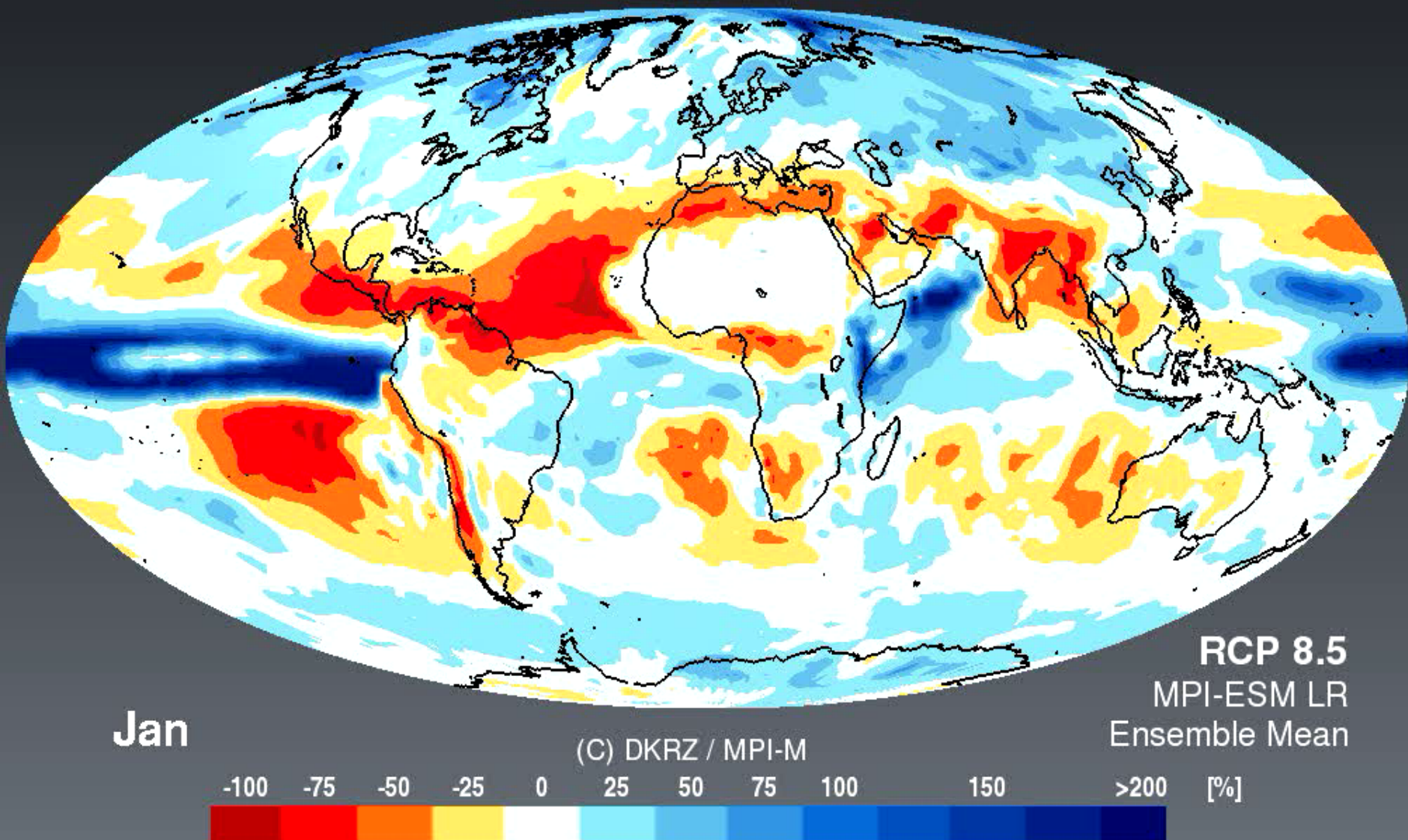
RCP 8.5

MPI-ESM LR
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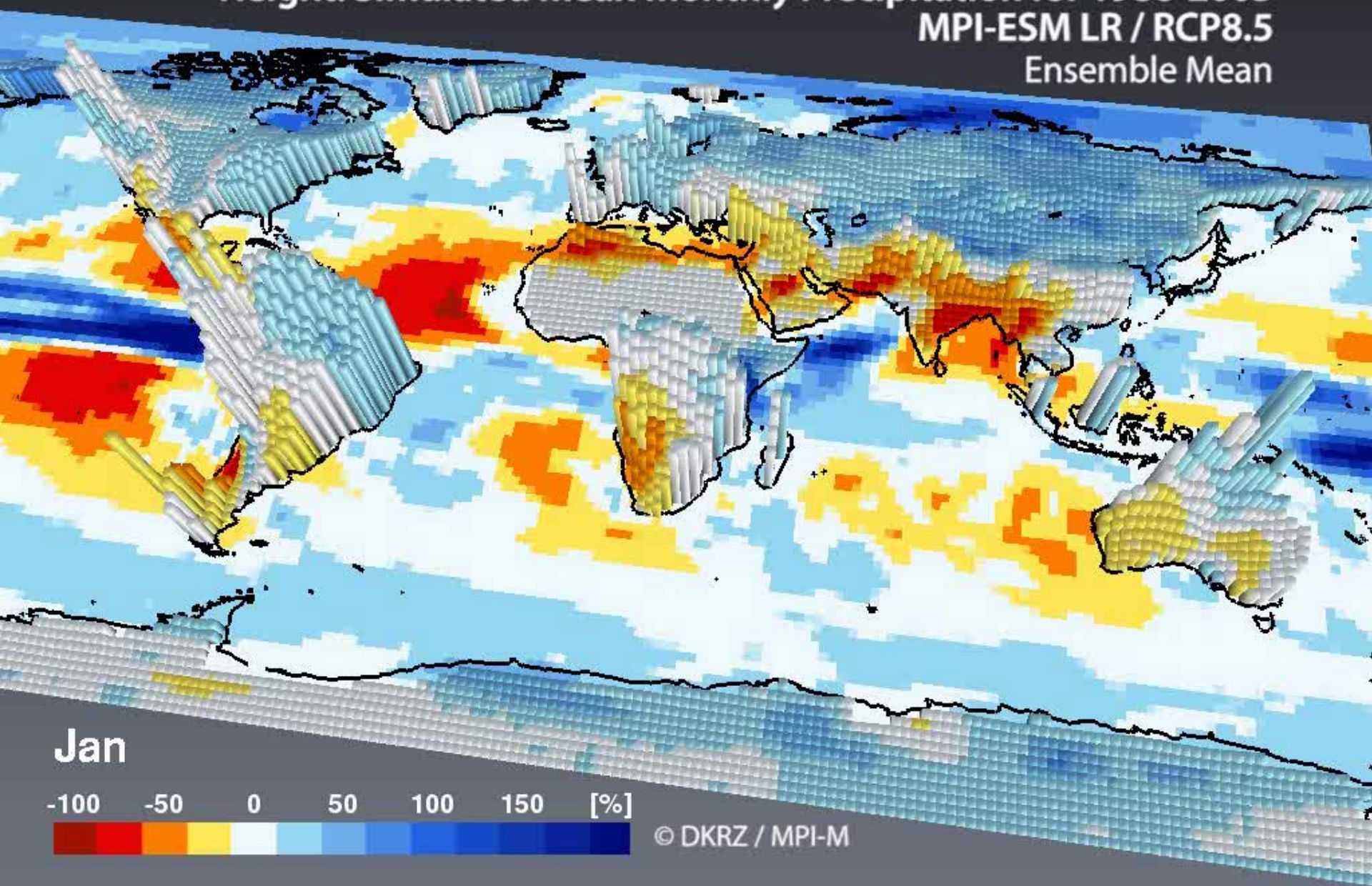


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Change in Precipitation for 2071-2100 relative to 1986-2005



Color: Change in Precipitation in 2071-2100 relative to 1986-2005
Height: Simulated mean monthly Precipitation for 1986-2005
MPI-ESM LR / RCP8.5
Ensemble Mean



Sea Ice Concentration

September

March

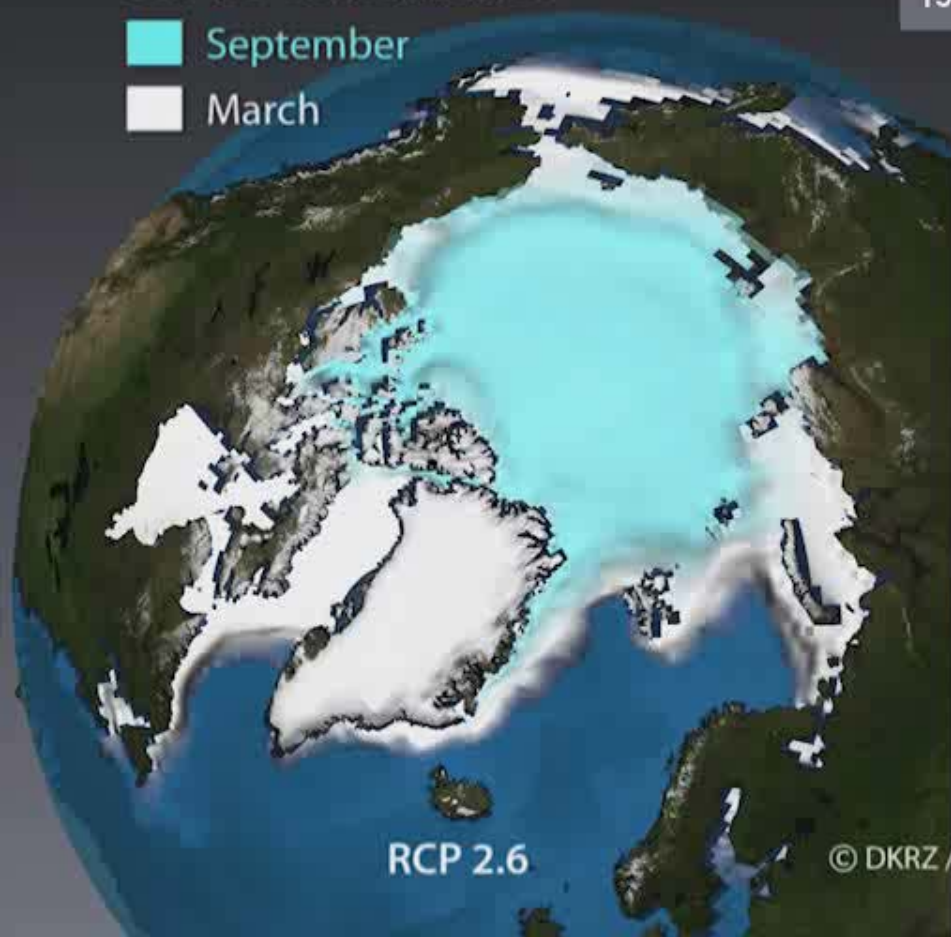
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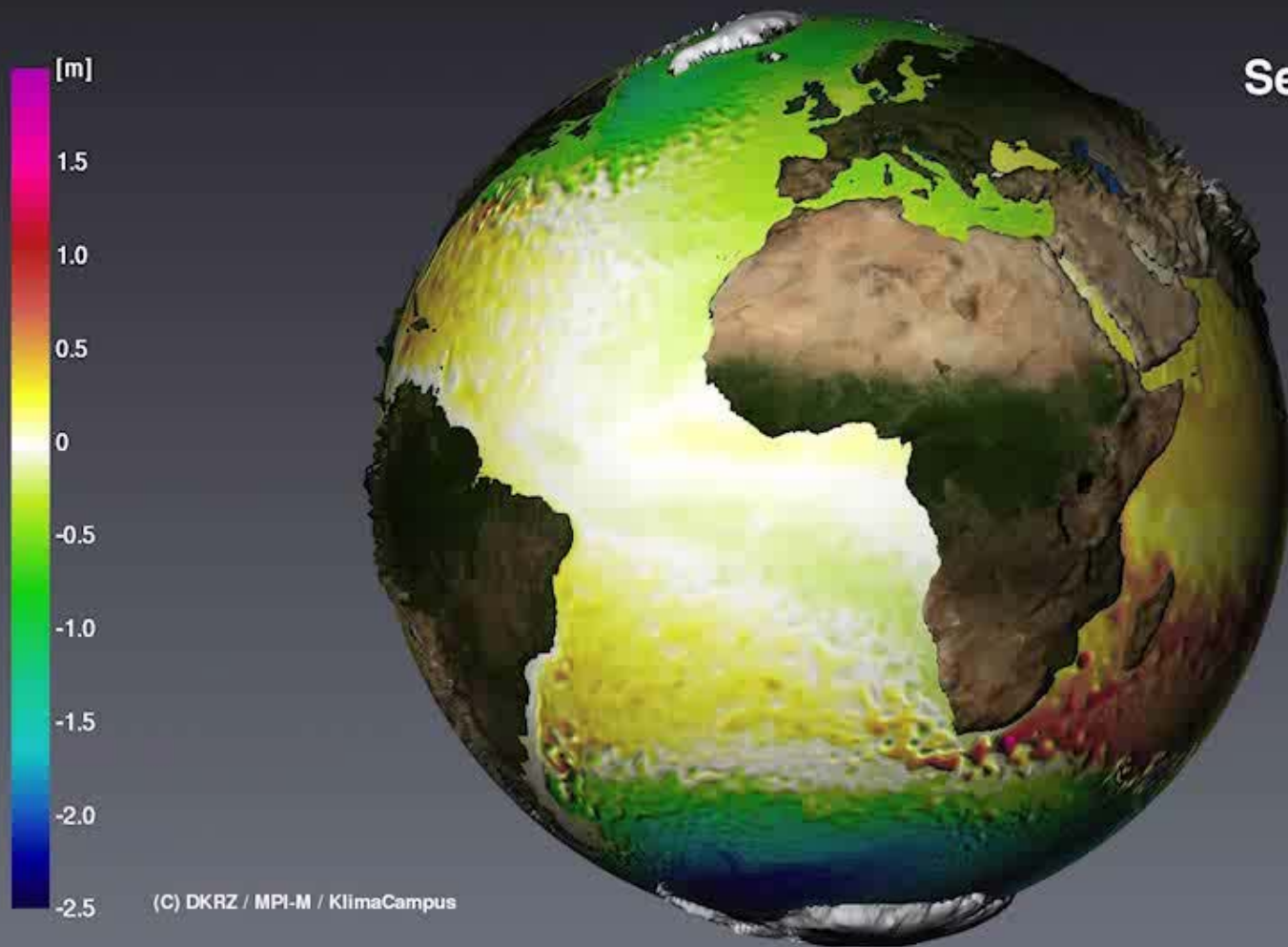
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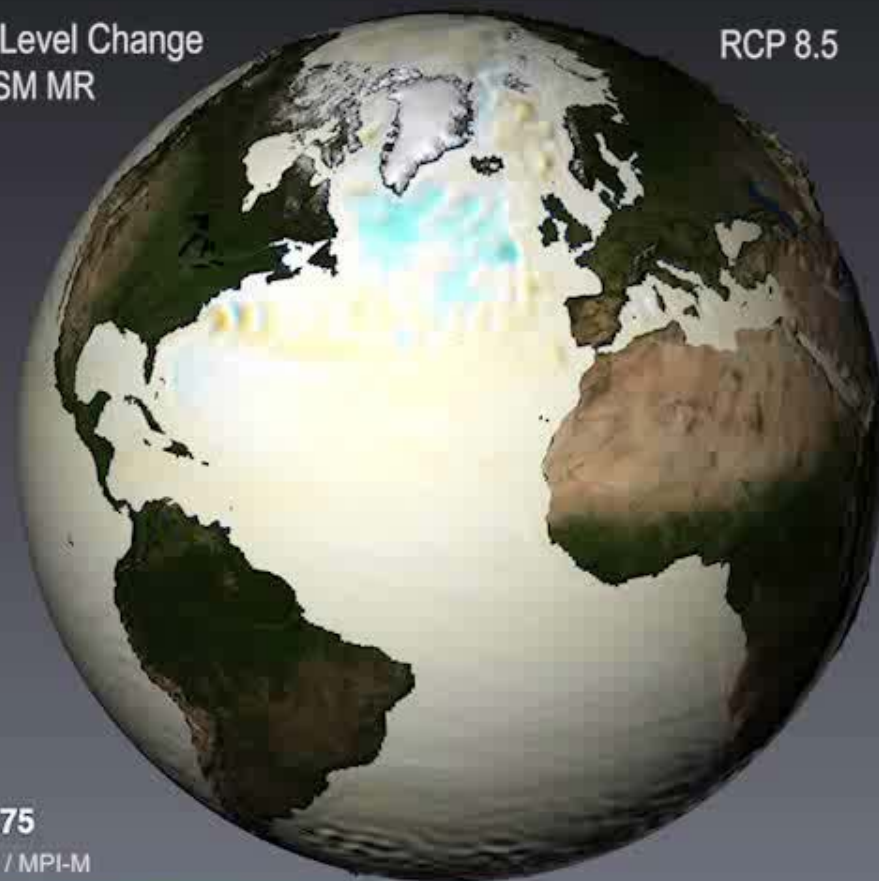
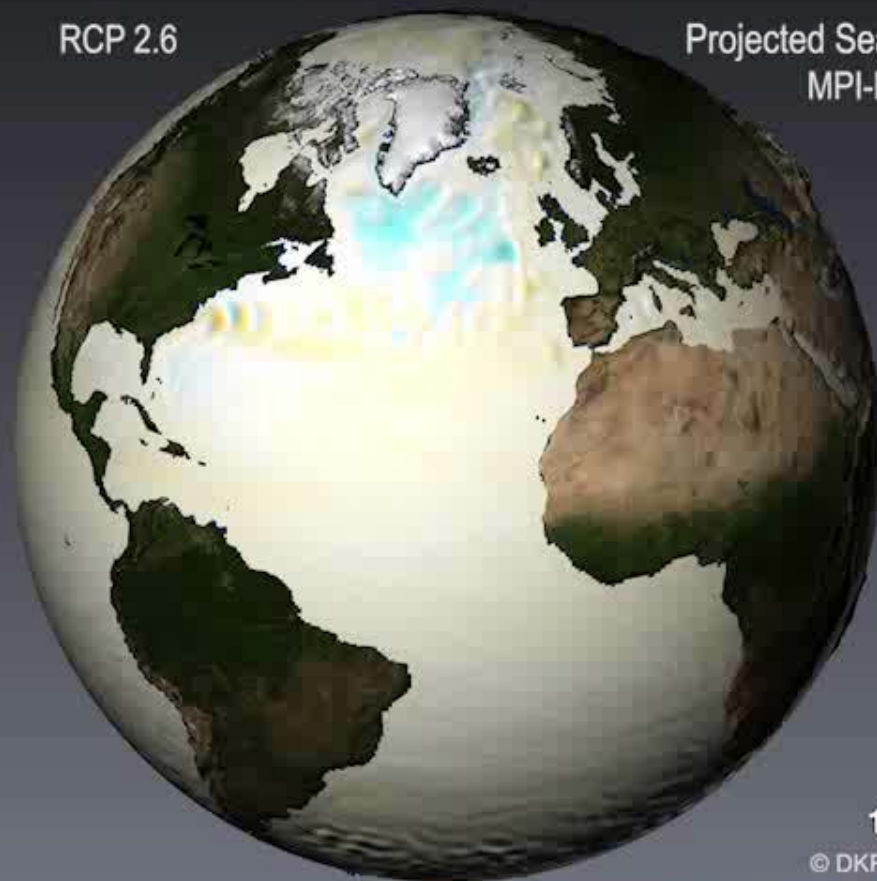
Sea Surface Height
MPI-OM (TP6M)

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RCP 2.6

Projected Sea Level Change
MPI-ESM MR

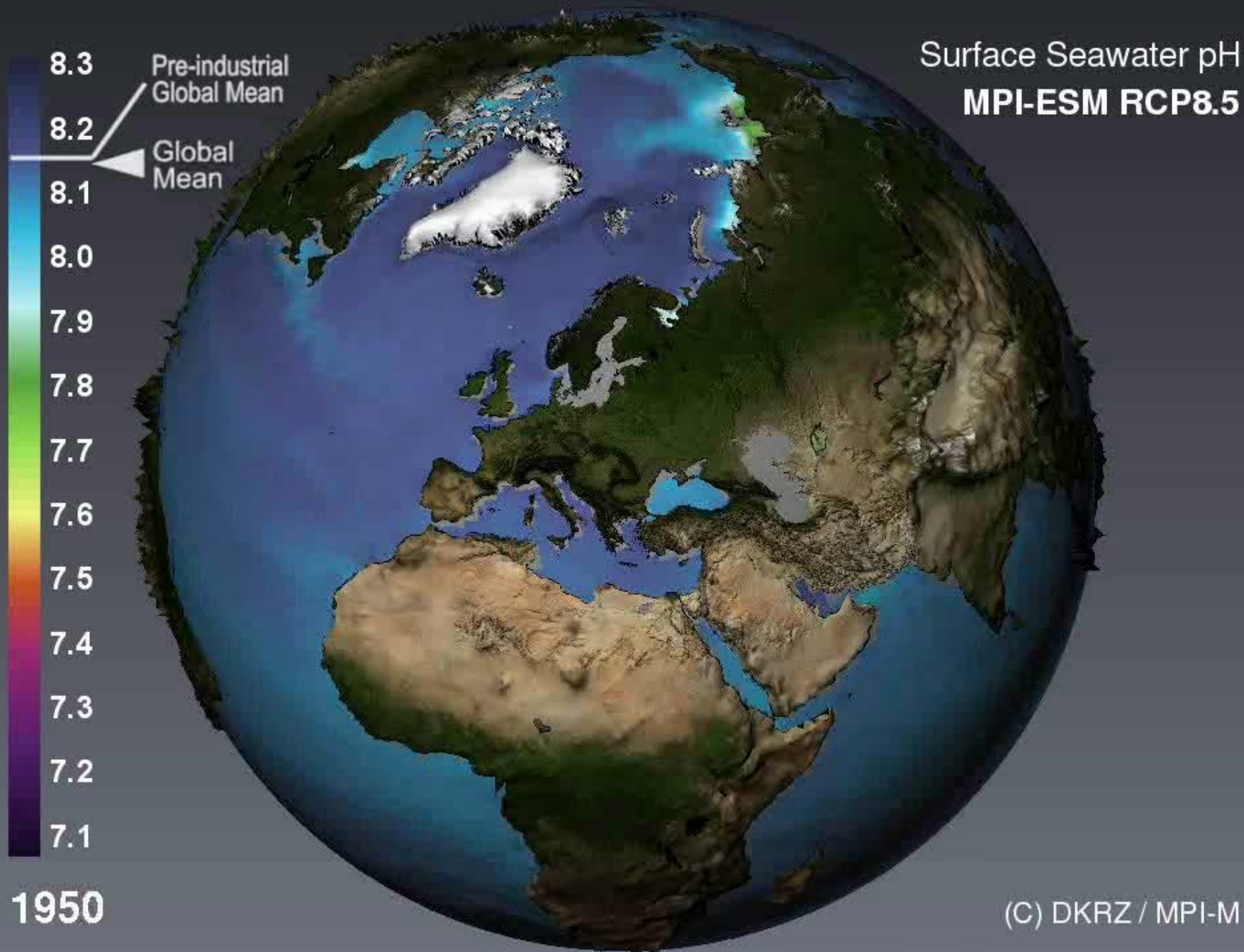
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1975

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MPI-ESM RCP 8.5

CaCO₃ Saturation State

Values > 1: Supersaturation
Values < 1: Undersaturation

2006

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7



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Accumulated
Ash
[kg/m²]

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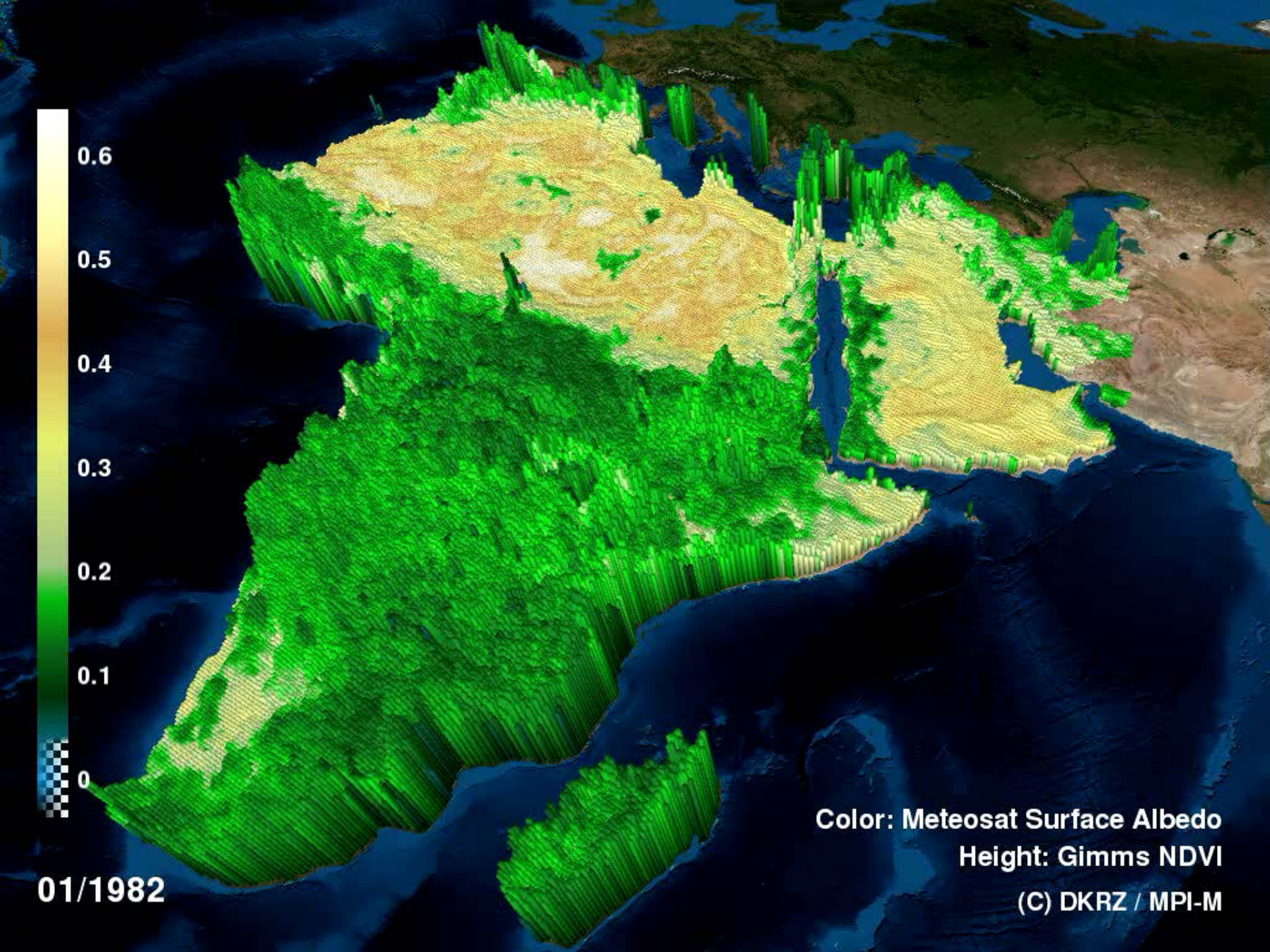
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Ash:
Isosurface
1.e-5 kg/kg

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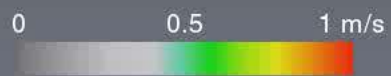
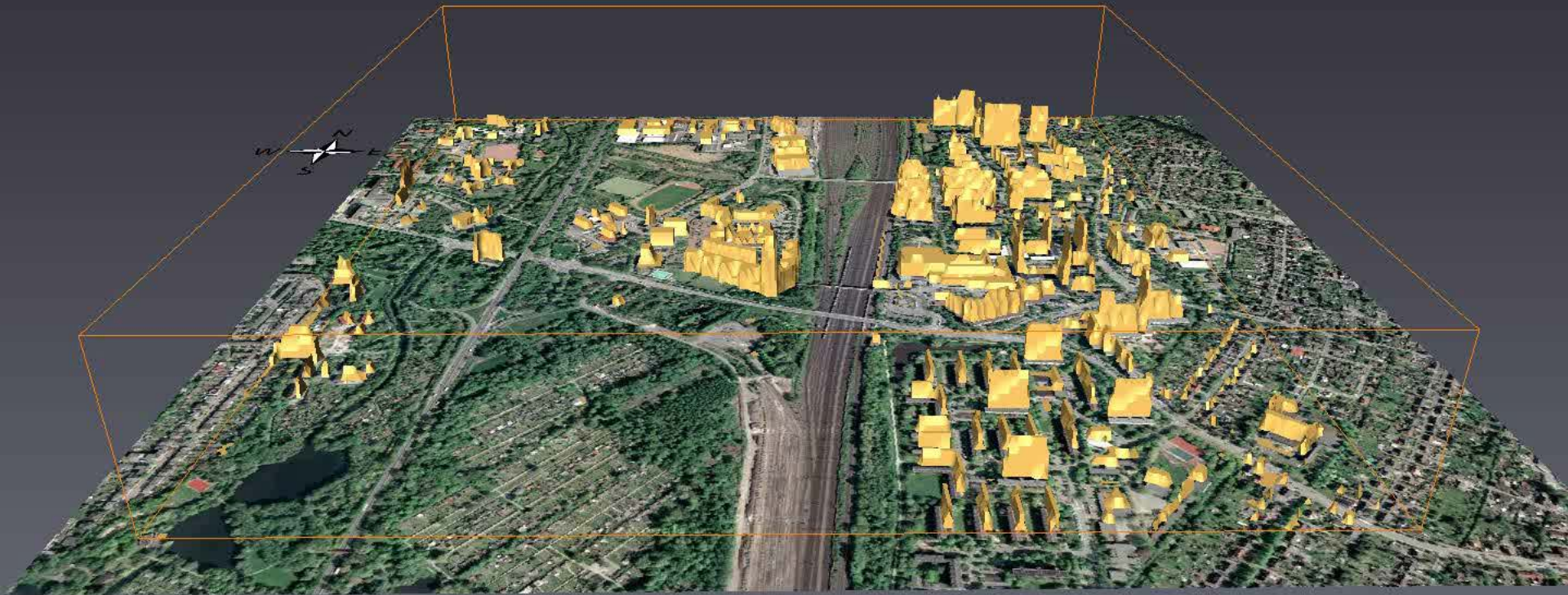
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Color: Meteosat Surface Albedo

Height: Gimms NDVI

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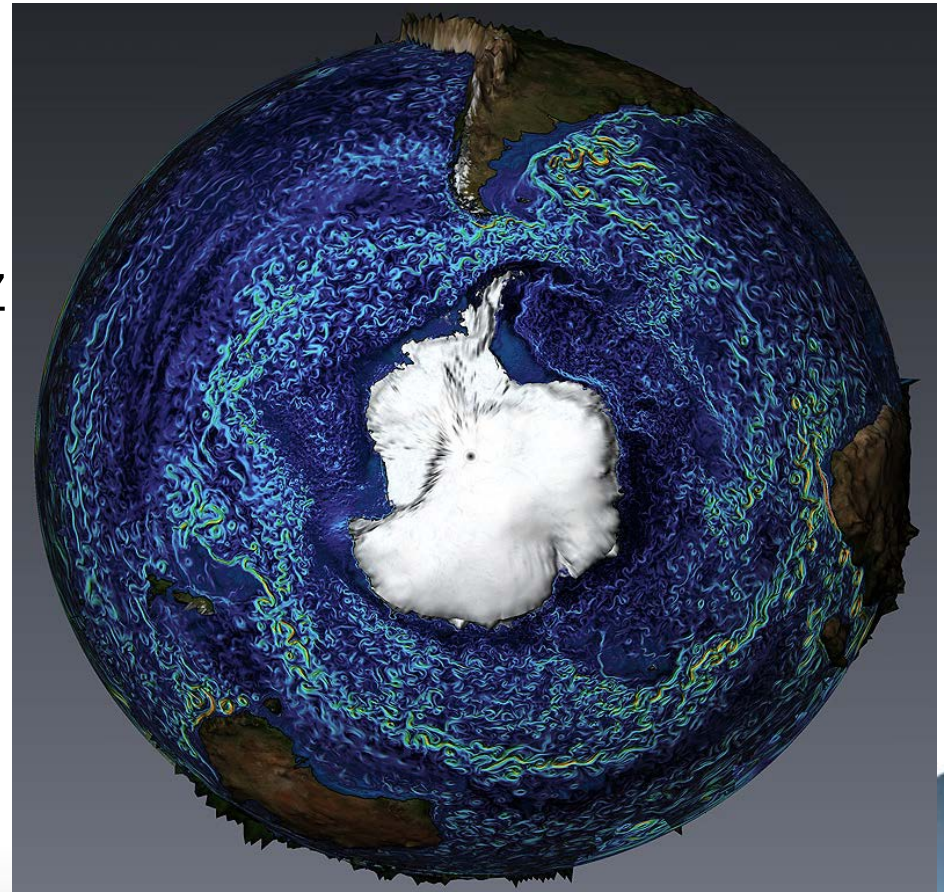
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Towards Exascale Models

STORM: development of a high resolution coupled climate model

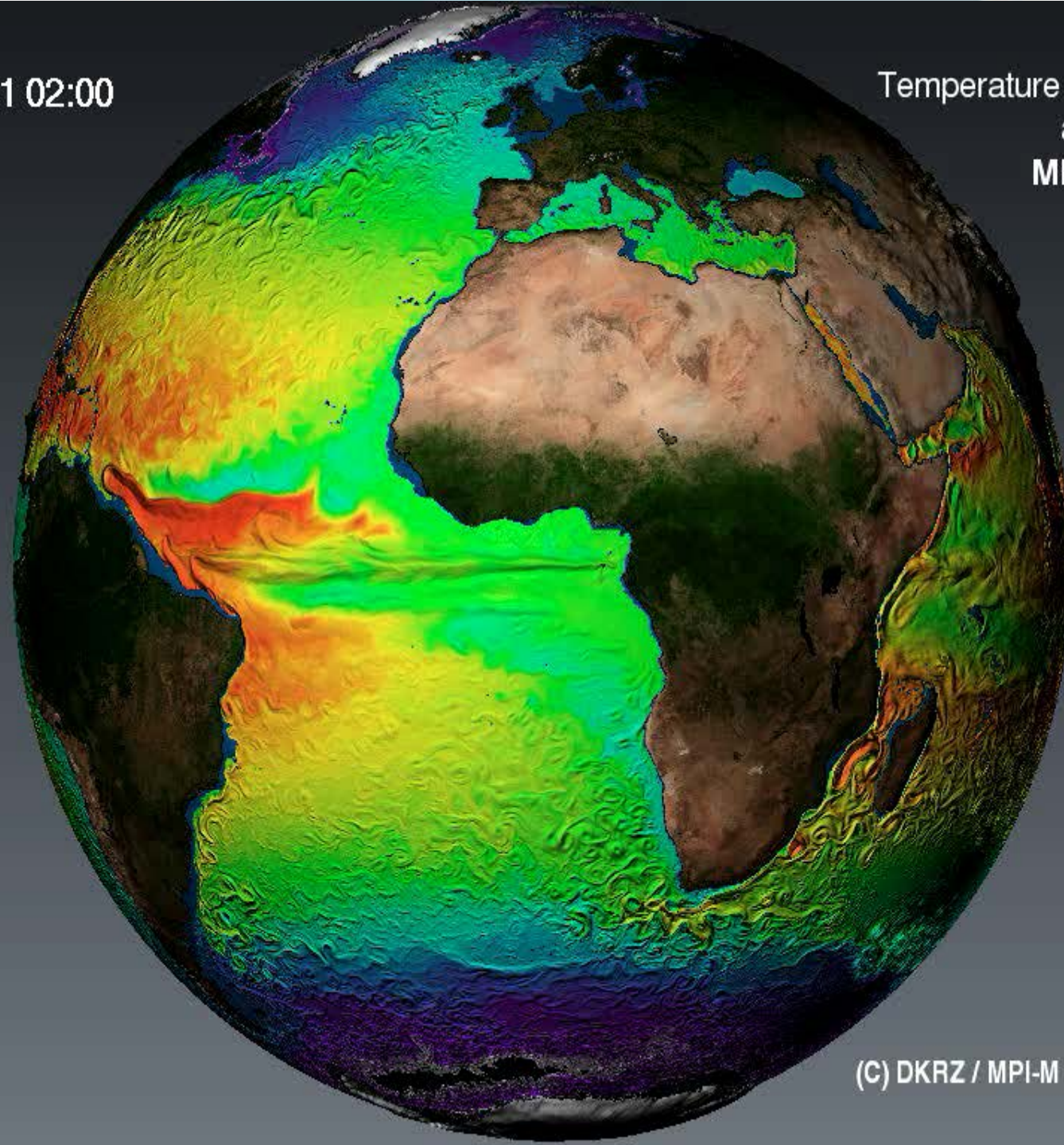
- ▶ Joint project: MPI-M, KlimaCampus, DKRZ
- ▶ Atmosphere: ca. 40 km, 768 x 384 x 95
- ▶ Ocean: ca. 10 km, 3600 x 2394 x 80
- ▶ High storage frequency: data storage expensive
- ▶ Vis-SW /HW not prepared for data size



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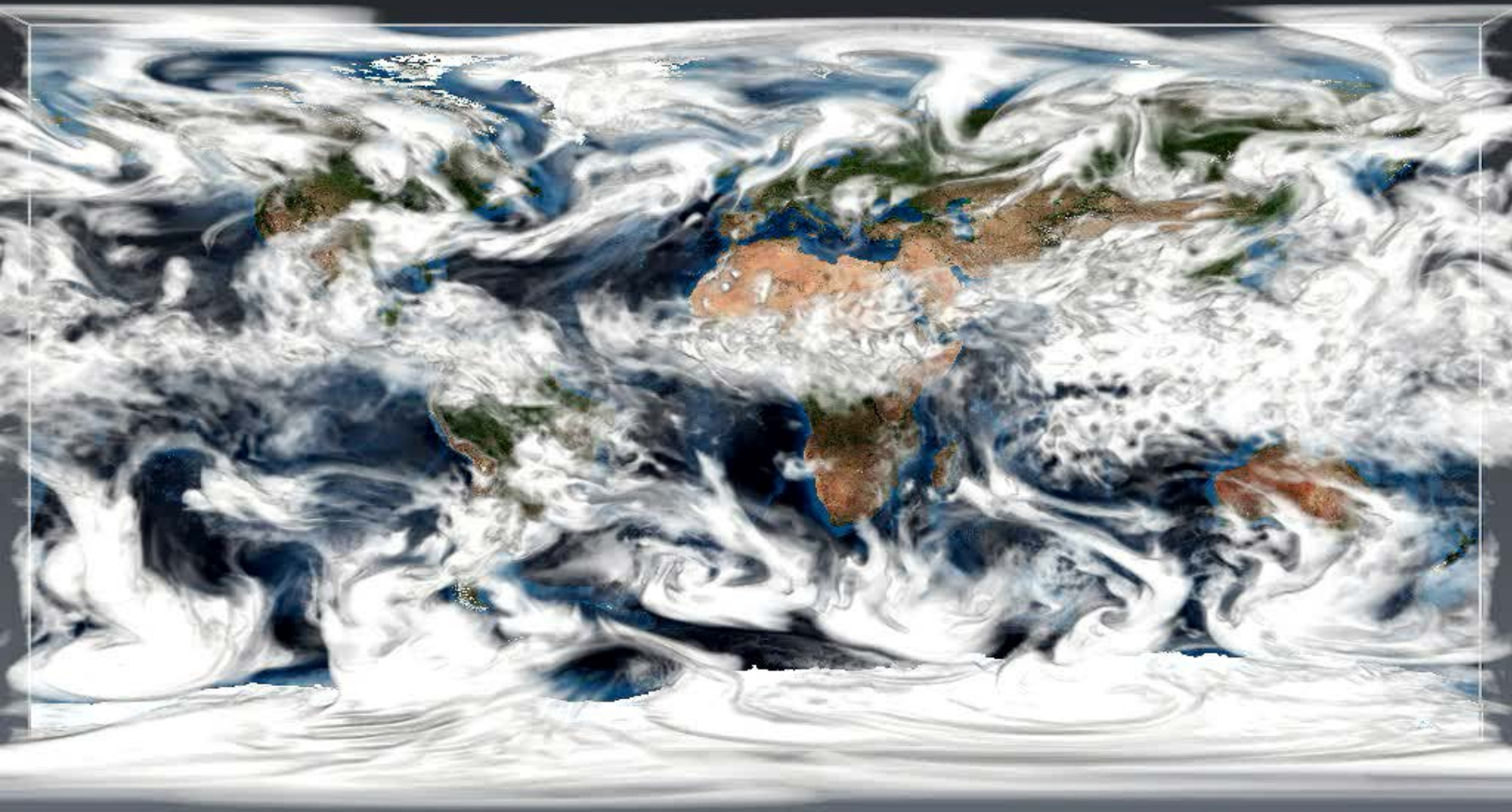
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Temperature and Velocity
at 75m depth
MPI-OM TP6M



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ECHAM6 T255
Relative Humidity



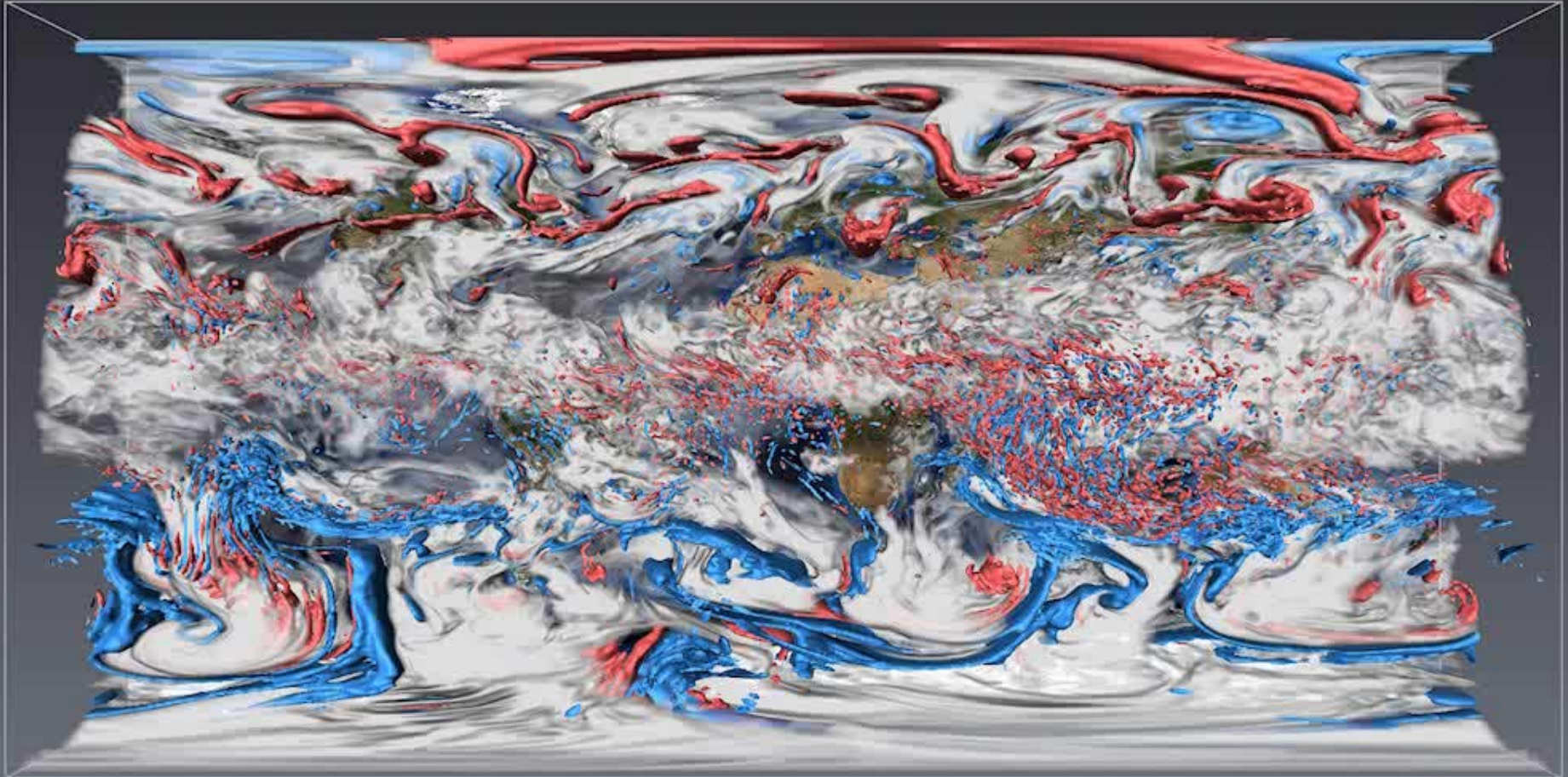
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Volume Rendering: Relative Humidity

Vorticity Isosurfaces: Blue: -0.0001 , Red: 0.0001

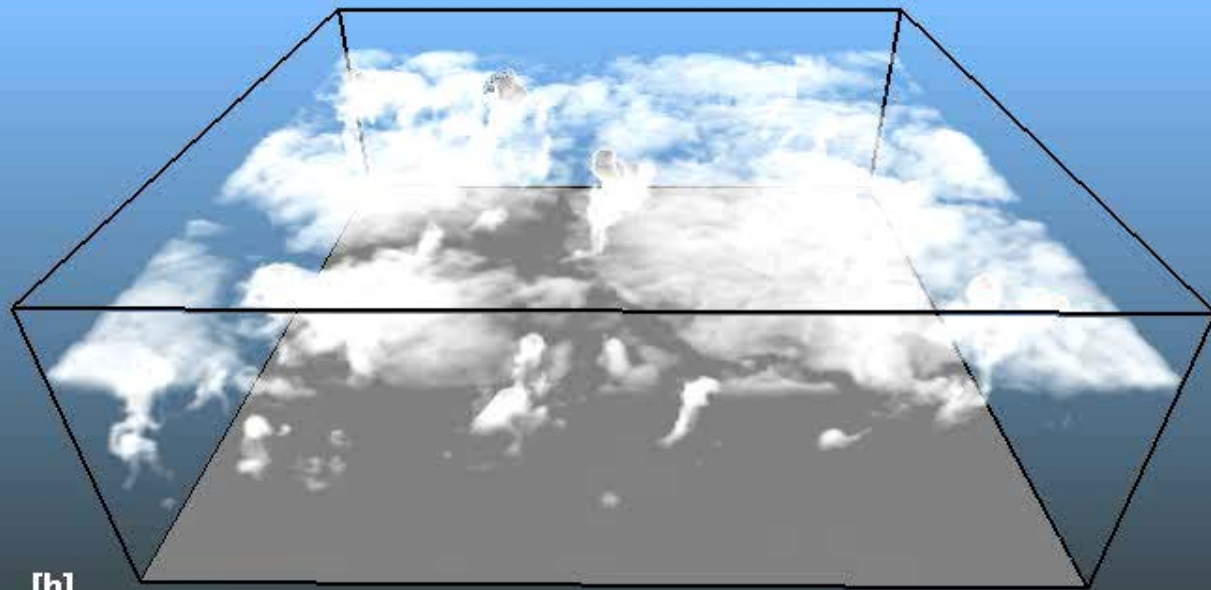
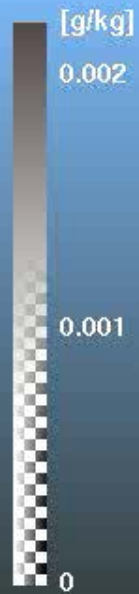


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Volume rendering: Liquid water mixing ratio

Isosurface: Rain-water mixing ratio: $5 \cdot 10^{-6} \text{ kg/kg}$



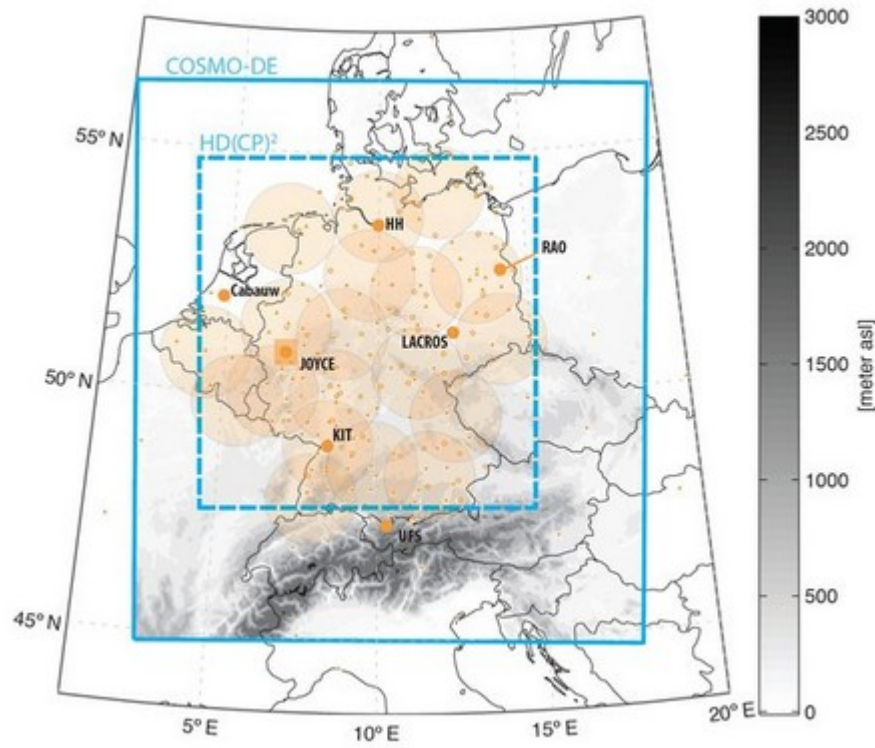
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Future Challenges



HD(CP)²

High definition clouds and precipitation
for advancing climate prediction



- ▶ BMBF funded project
- ▶ Cloud resolving model
- ▶ ICON-Grid (unstructured)
- ▶ Horizontal grid spacings of 100 m
- ▶ Vertically: e.g. 250 layers
- ▶ Domains of 1000 km x 1000 km

<http://hdcp2.zmaw.de/>

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Summary and Outlook

- ▶ Visualization of Climate Model Data (with Avizo)
 - Data interface supports native model data formats
 - Many domain specific requirements met (mapping, map projections, geographical context, time dependence)
 - New: irregular grids via NetCDF
 - Extendability (DKRZ: source code agreement with VSG)
- ▶ Challenges: towards Exascale Vis
 - High spatial resolution
 - -> for visualization high *temporal* resolution required
 - -> High cost of data output/storage/access
 - Scalability of Data transfer / access / processing
 - Scalability of Visualization Software
 - Paradigm change?

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Questions?

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<http://www.dkrz.de>



Many of the animations shown can be found here:

<http://www.dkrz.de/Klimaforschung-en/konsortial-en/ipcc-ar5/ergebnisse>

or here:

<http://www.dkrz.de/about-en/media/galerie/Vis>

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