

# **Thermodynamics vs Dynamics? a holistic approach to extreme event attribution**

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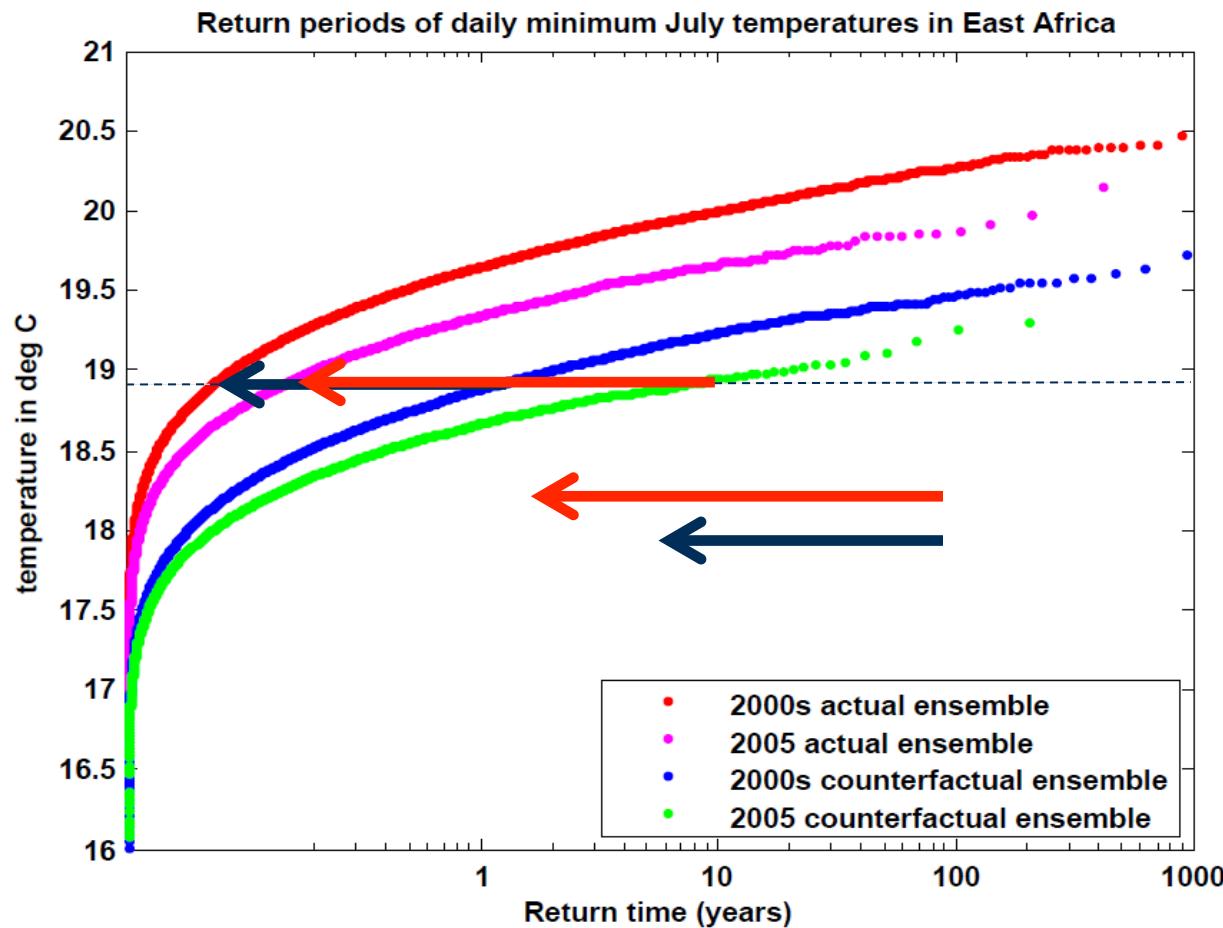
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# Framing the attribution question

The 2 historic approaches used in weather@home



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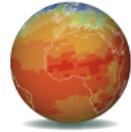
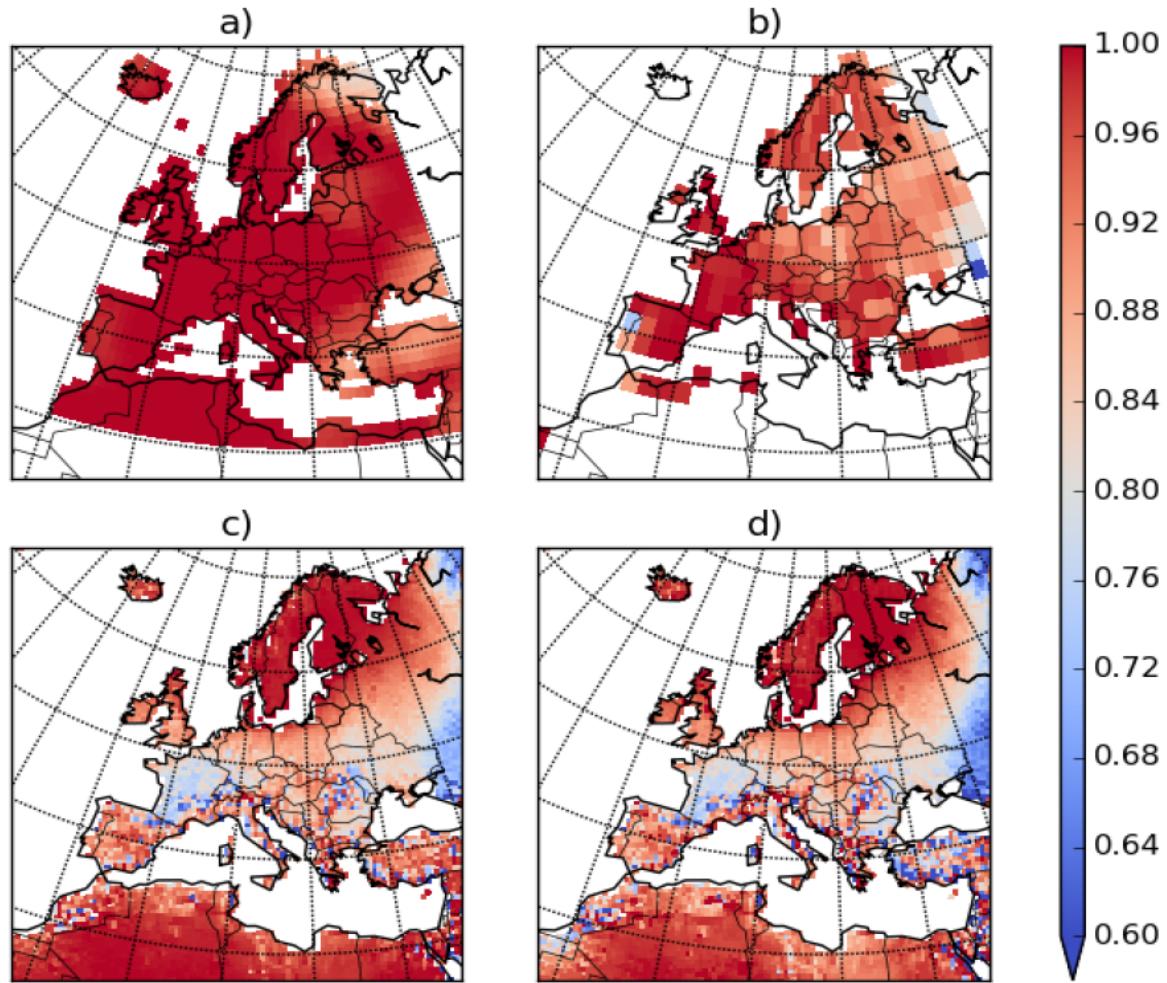
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# FAR comparing different methods



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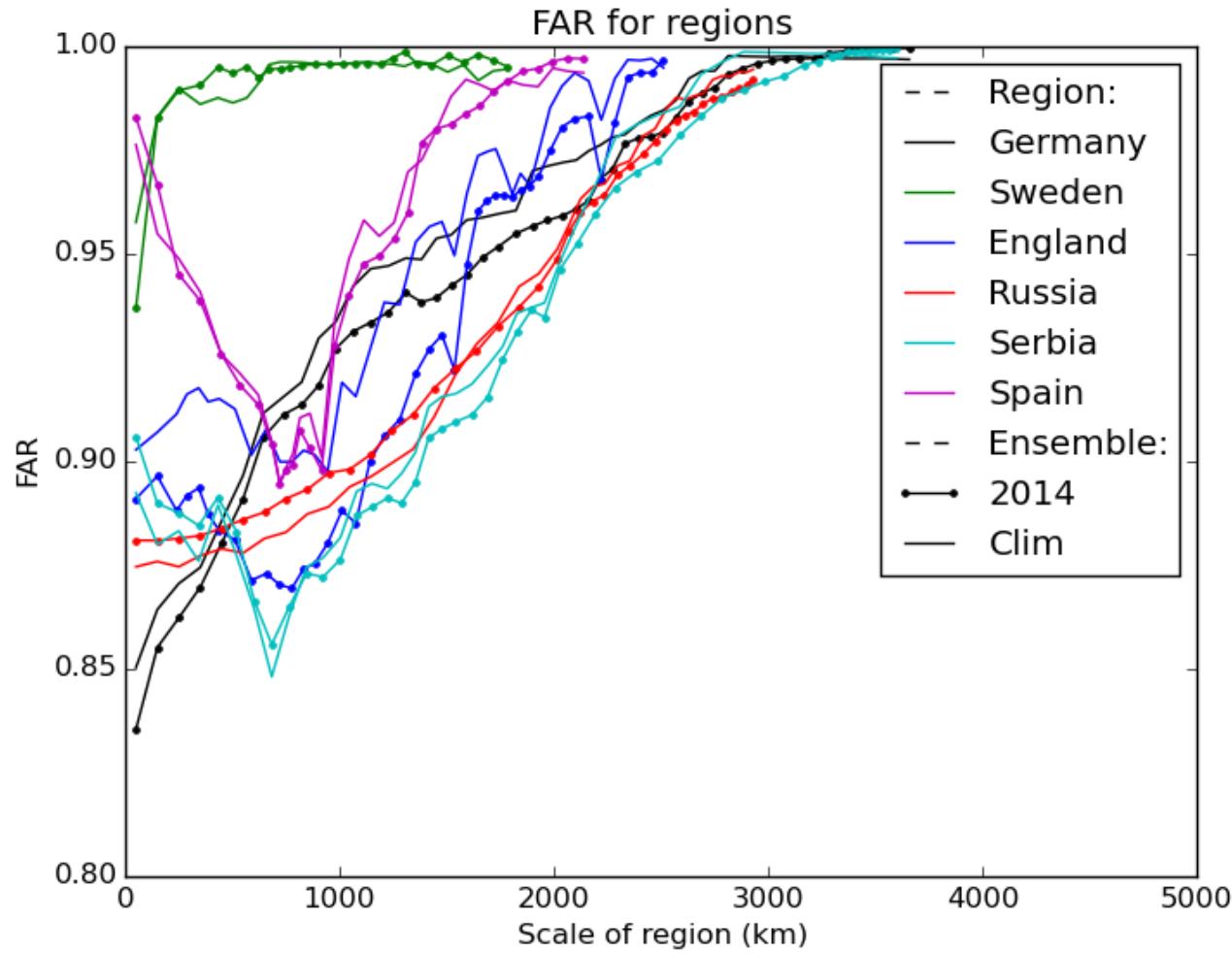
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# FAR dependence from region size



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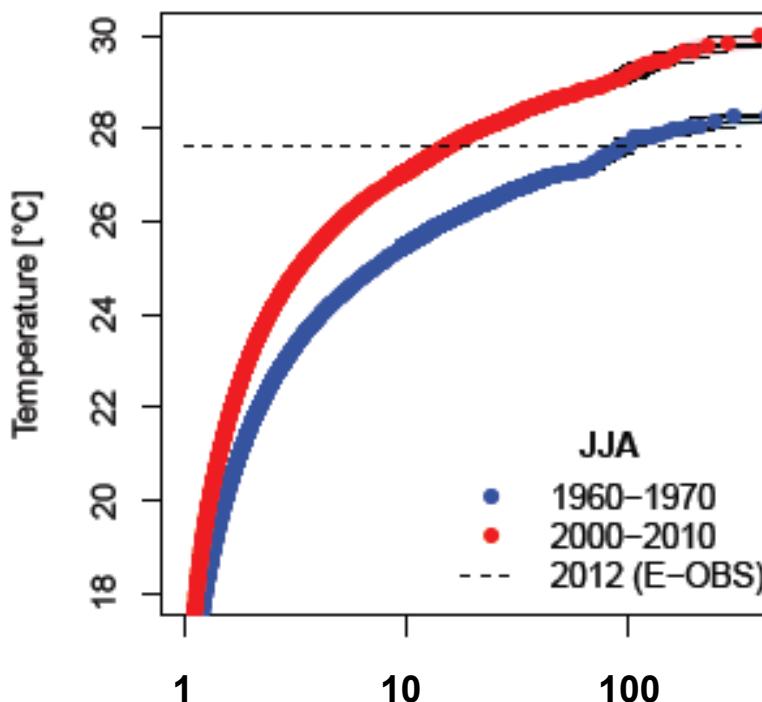
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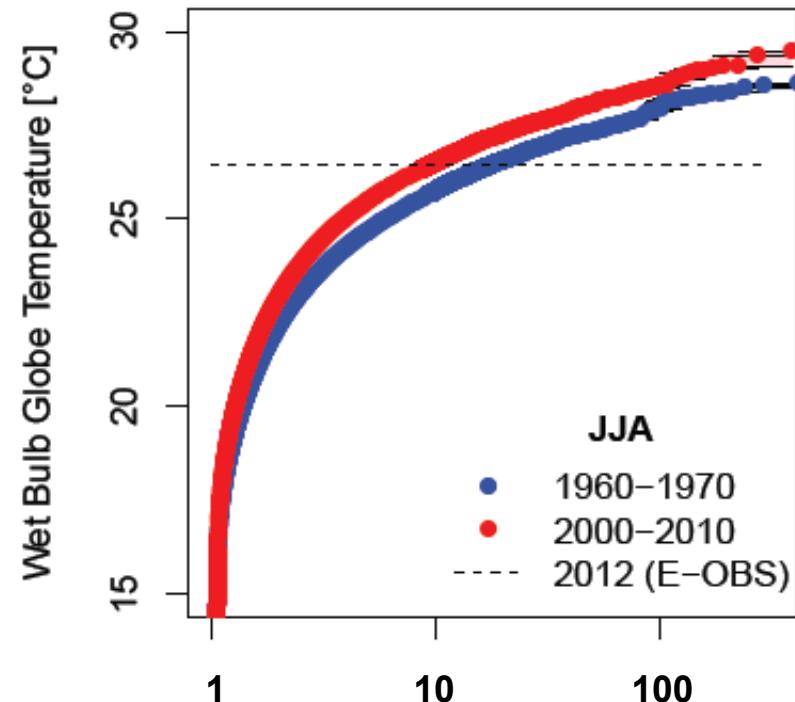


# What is an event? - Heat wave in Serbia 2012

## Heat



## Heat stress



Sippel and Otto, 2014



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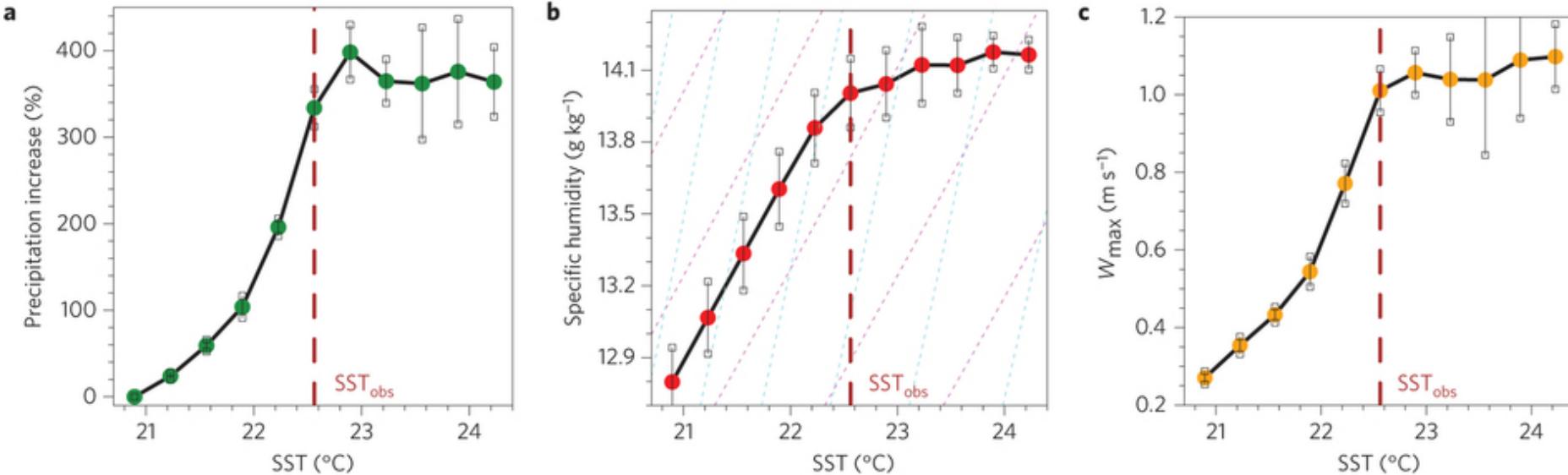
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# Thermodynamics - conditional attribution

Given the weather pattern, how were the temperatures, precipitation and associated impacts influenced by climate change?  
(Trenberth et al.2015)



Meredith et al. 2015



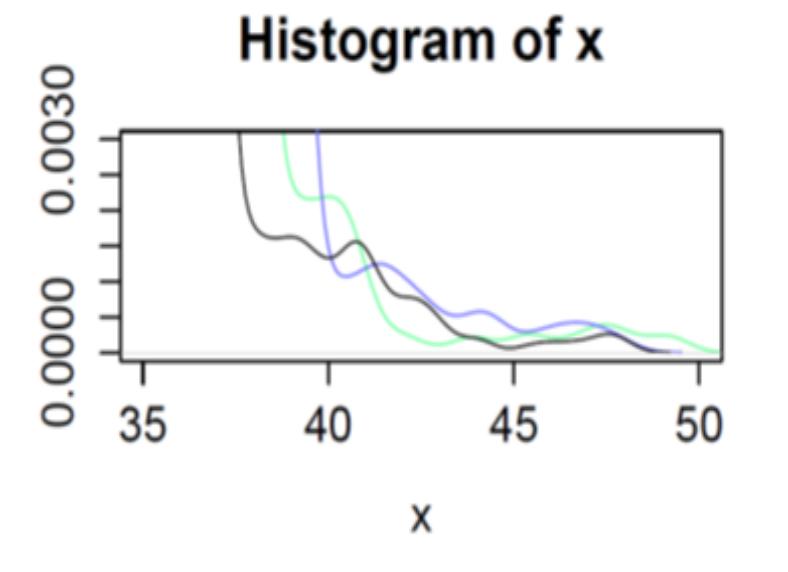
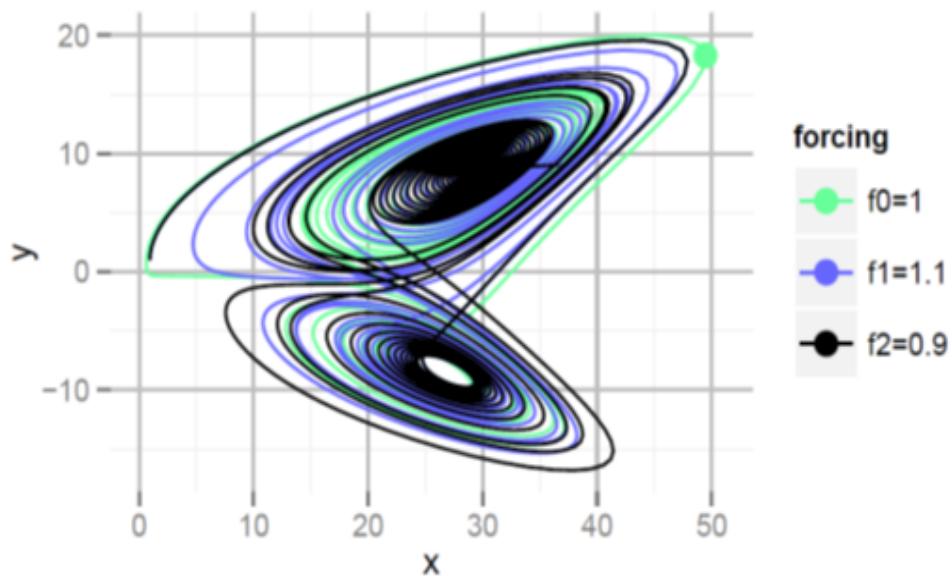
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# Example: simple chaotic system



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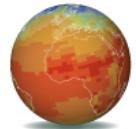
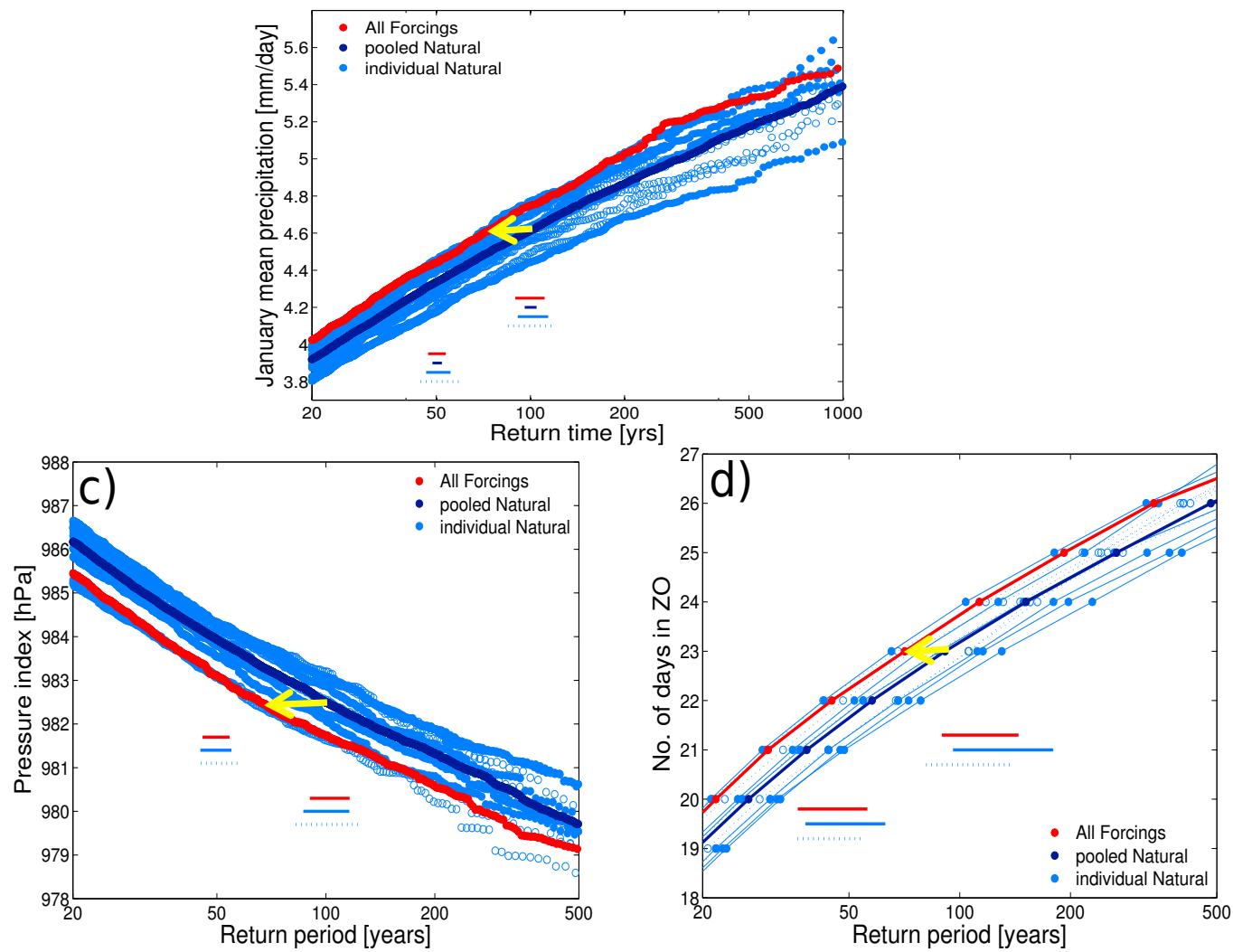
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# Record UK precipitation January 2014



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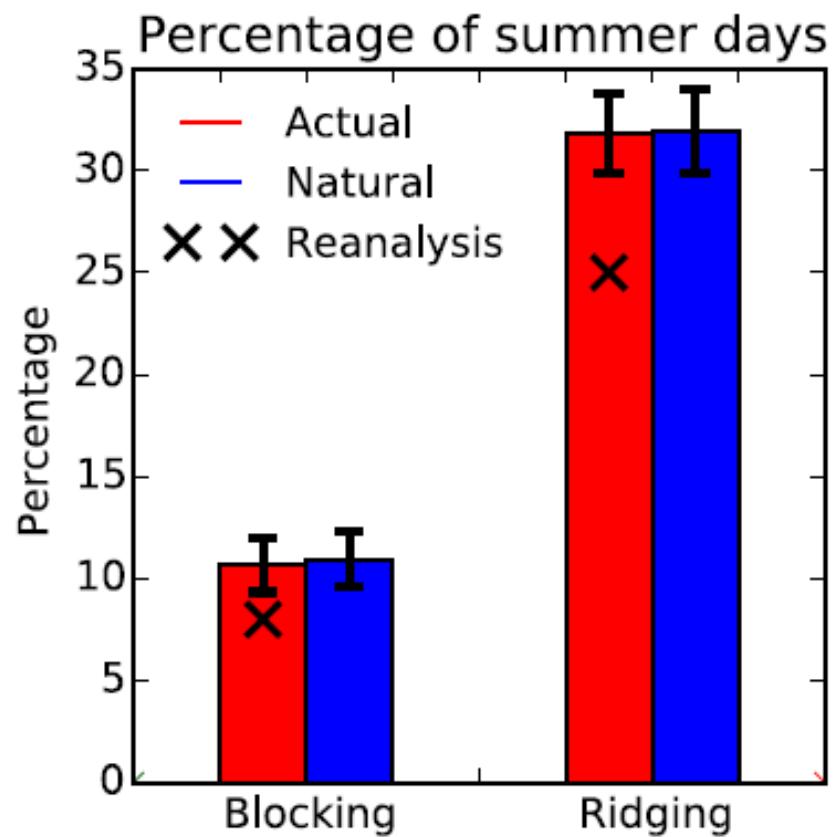
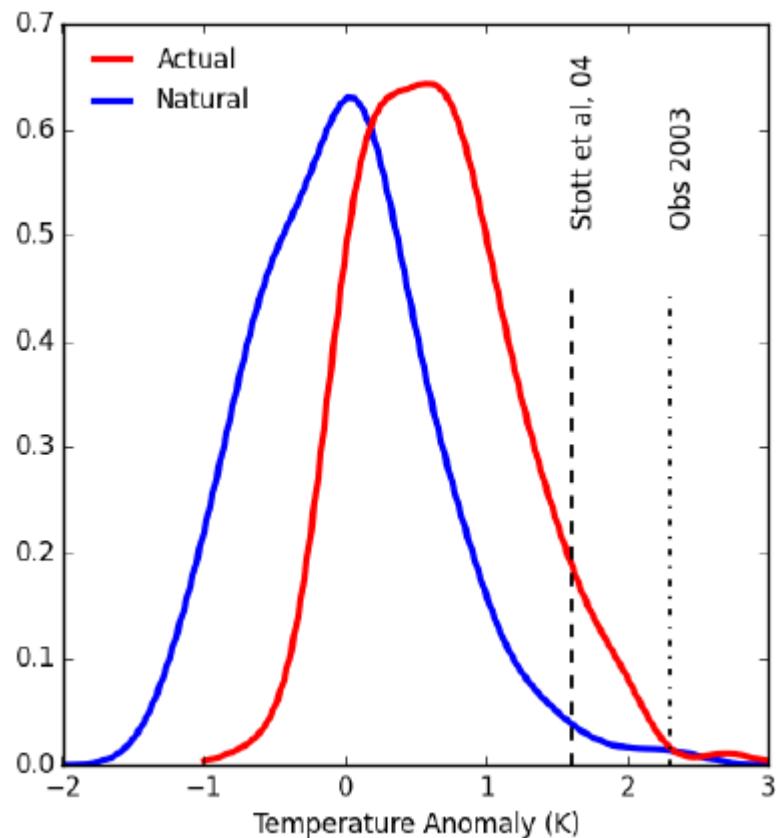
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# The European heat wave of 2003



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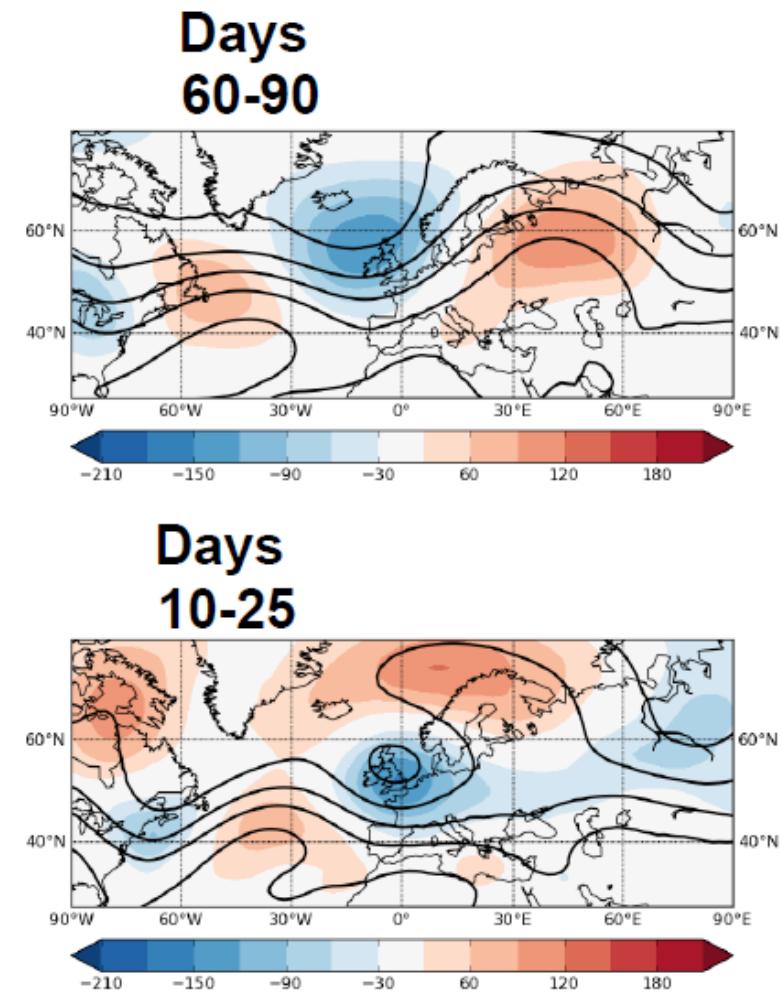
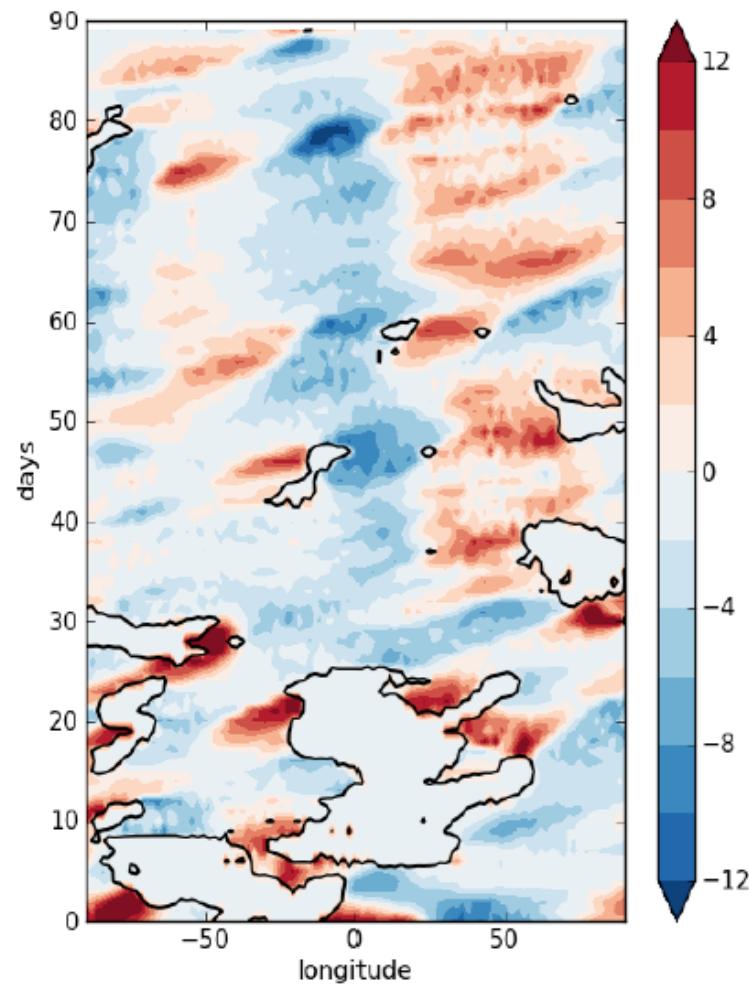
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# Is the model any good? A 2003-like example



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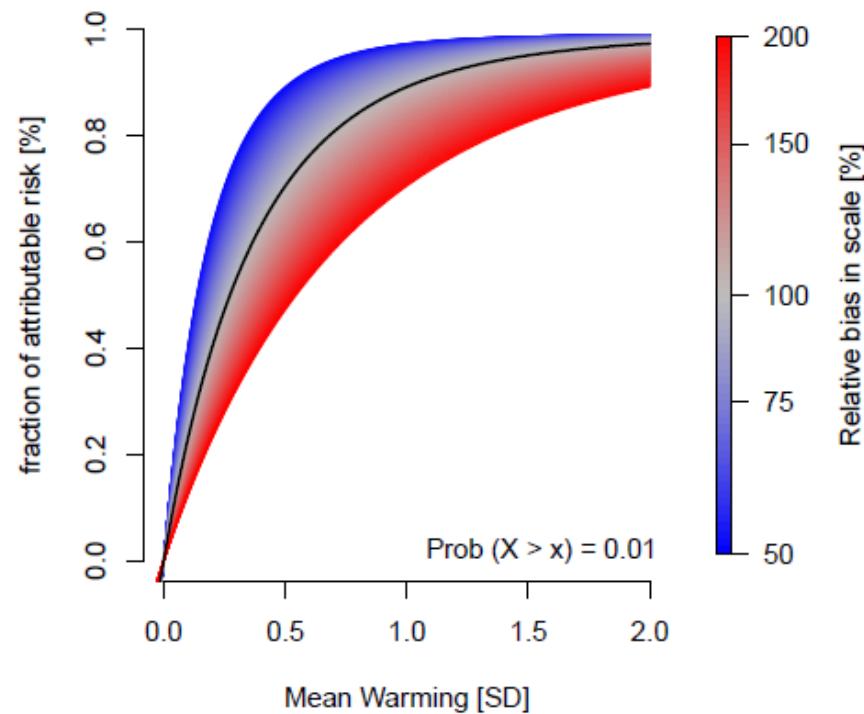
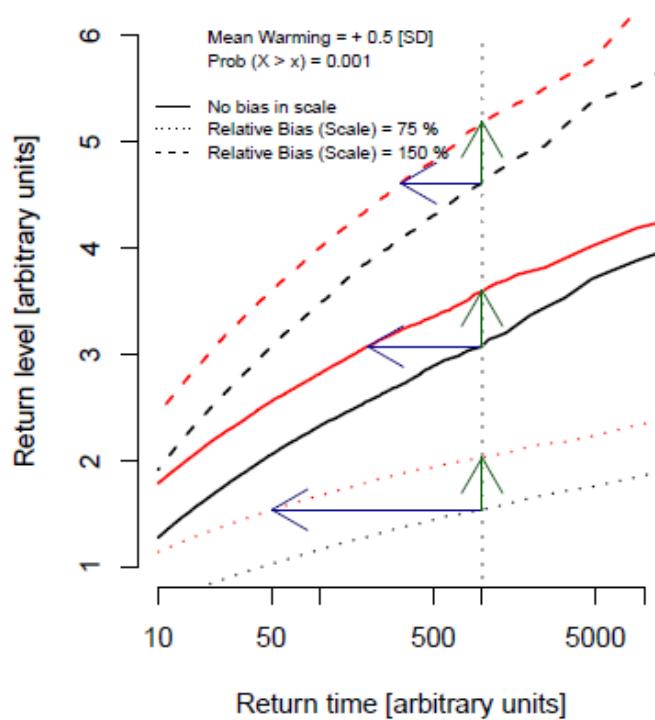
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# A systematic look at biases



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