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Future projection of global extreme storm surges using large ensemble projection d4PDF

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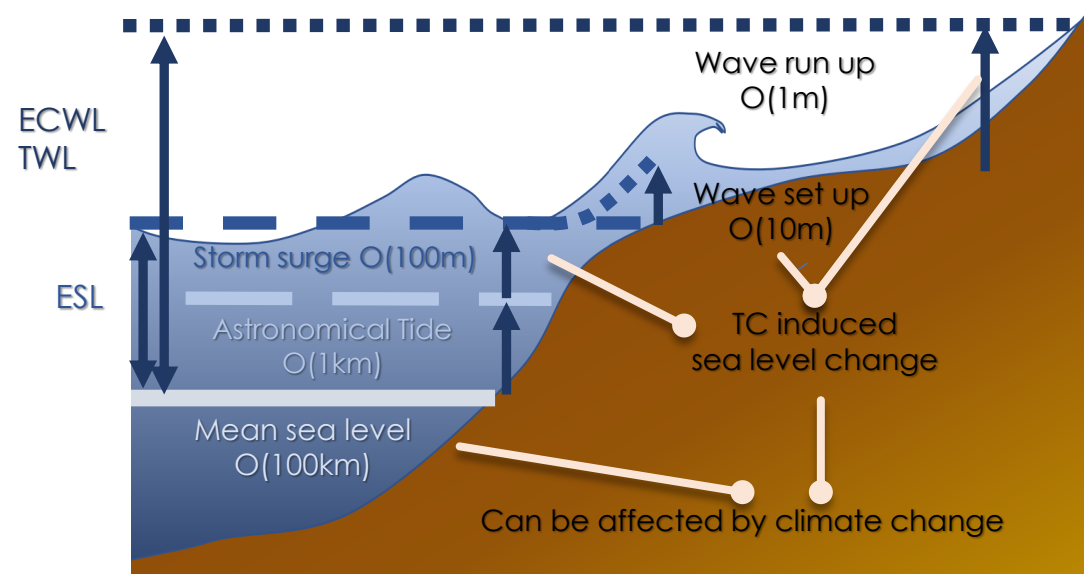
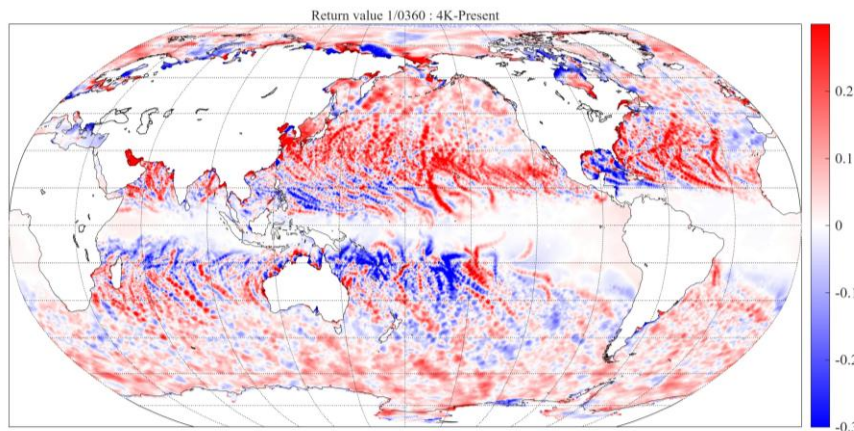
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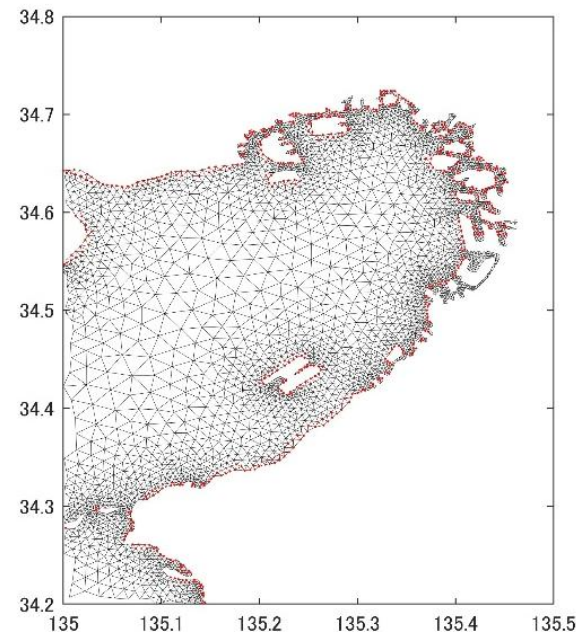
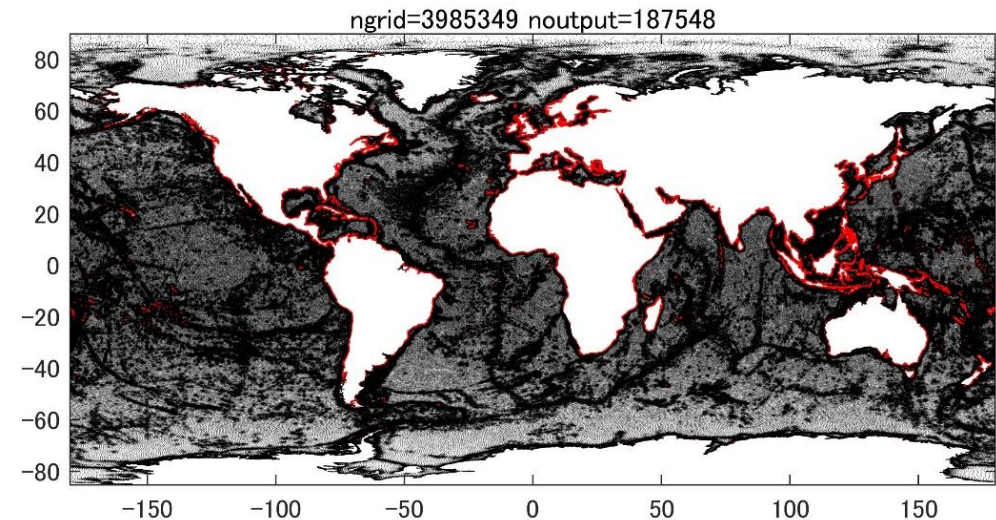


IPCC AR7 WGI Chapter outline

- 3. Changes in **regional climate and extremes**, and their causes
 - tropical cyclones, sea level rise
- 7. Projections of **regional climate and extremes**
 - tropical cyclones, extreme sea level
- **10. Climate information and services**
 - multi-hazards, early warning

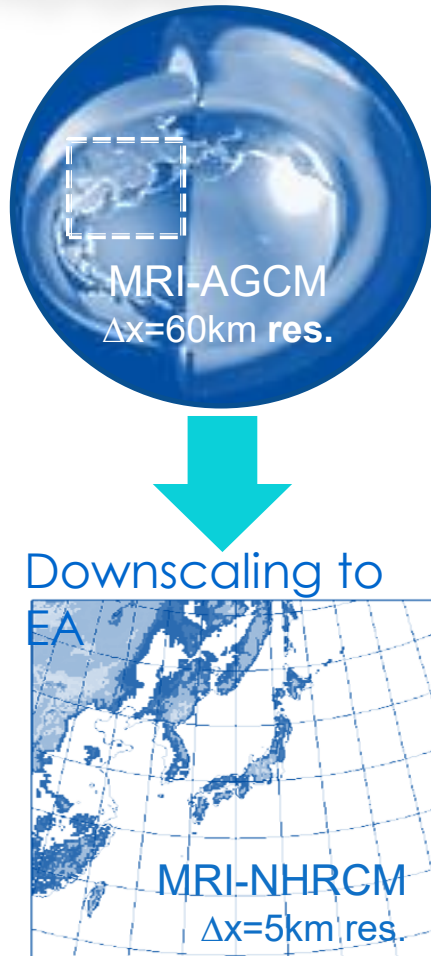
Setup: Global storm surge projection

- Model (Surge)
 - ADCIRC
 - Global domain 2 – 25 km
 - Japanese domain 25 – 200 m
 - Node 3,985,349
 - Element 7,677,767
- Forcing Model (GCM)
 - d4PDF Global 60km
 - Historical: 12 ens = 720yr
 - 2K: 6 ens = 360yr
 - 4K: 6 ens = 360yr
 - with sea ice
 - 1 hourly U10 and SLP



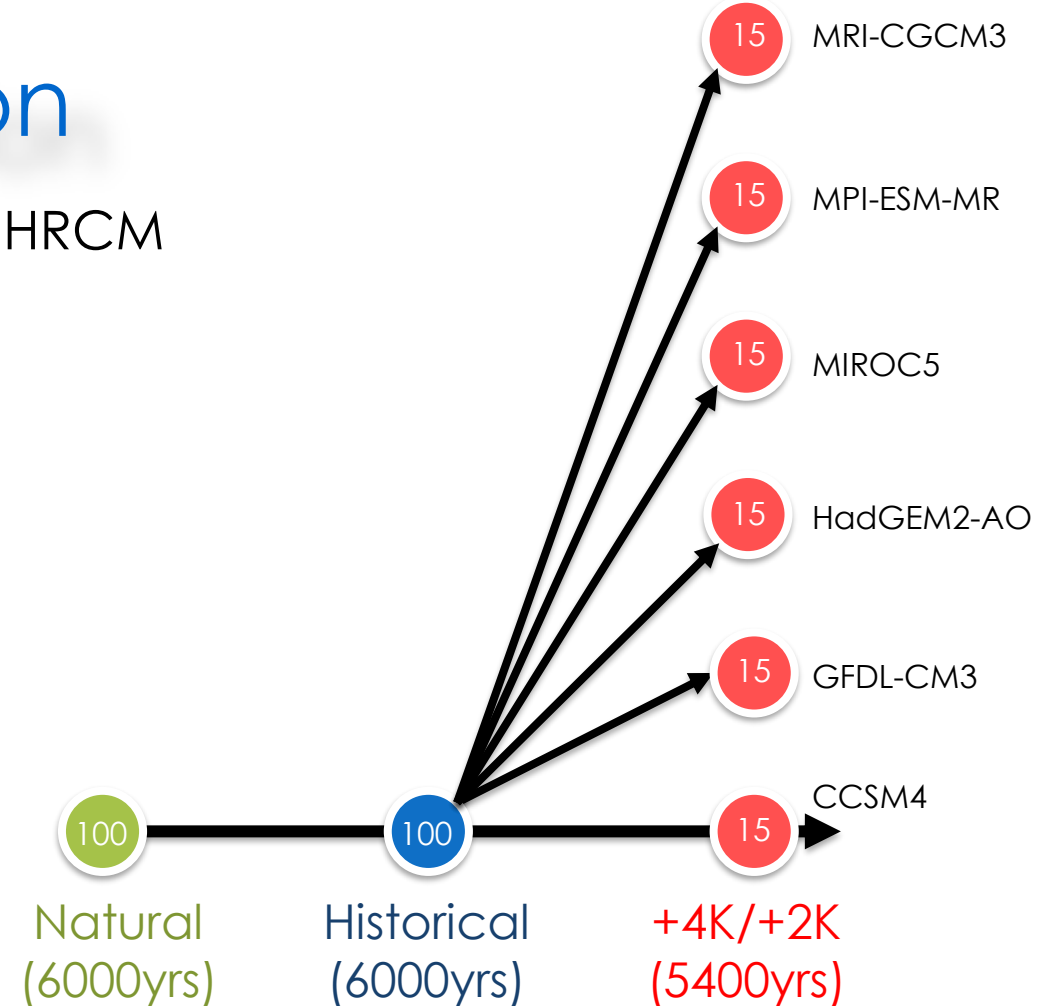
Large Ensemble Projection: d4PDF

Model



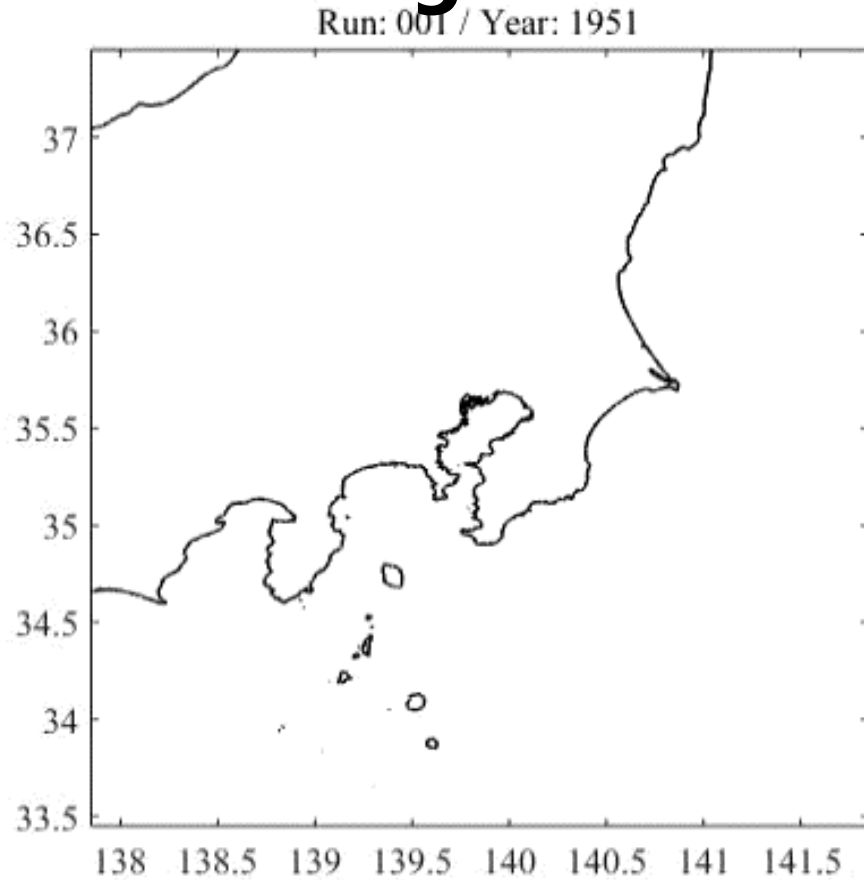
Exp. Configuration

- Model: MRI-AGCM3.2H + NHRCM
- One ensemble
 - 60yrs
- Initial perturbation
 - 100 for historical/Nat.
 - 15 for future
- Climate conditions
 - Non-GW
 - Historical
 - +2K, +4K
- SST/Sea ice
 - Historical
 - COBE2-SST
 - Future
 - SSTs from CMIP5



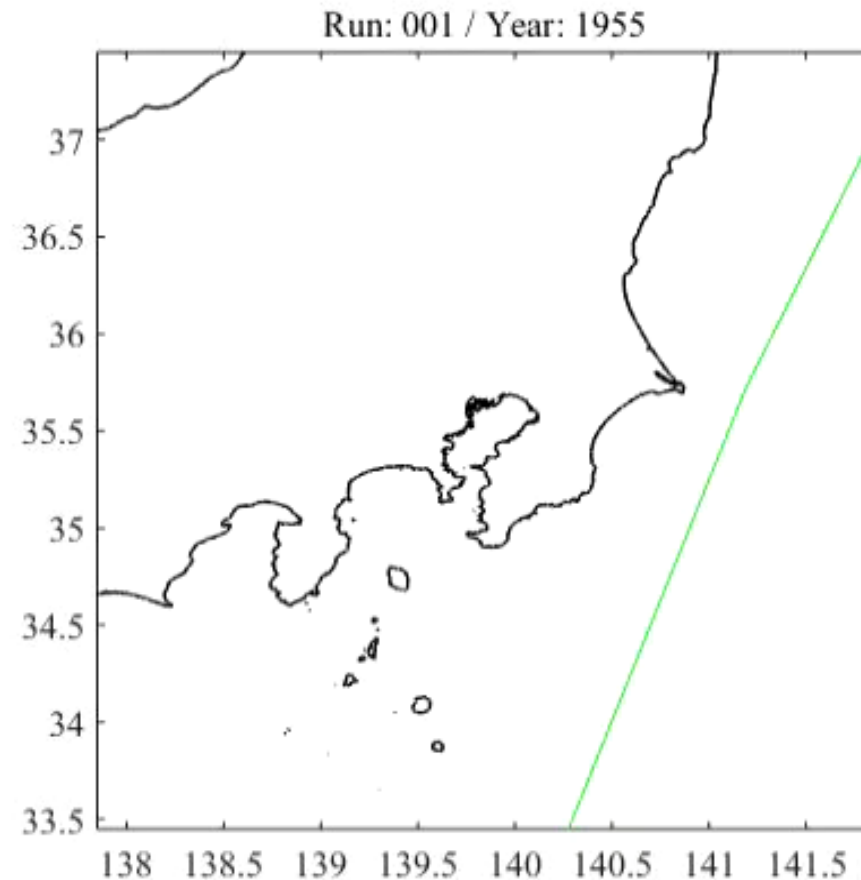
6 ensemble/climate conditions

How large ensemble d4PDF can increase TC?



1 ensemble run
60 years

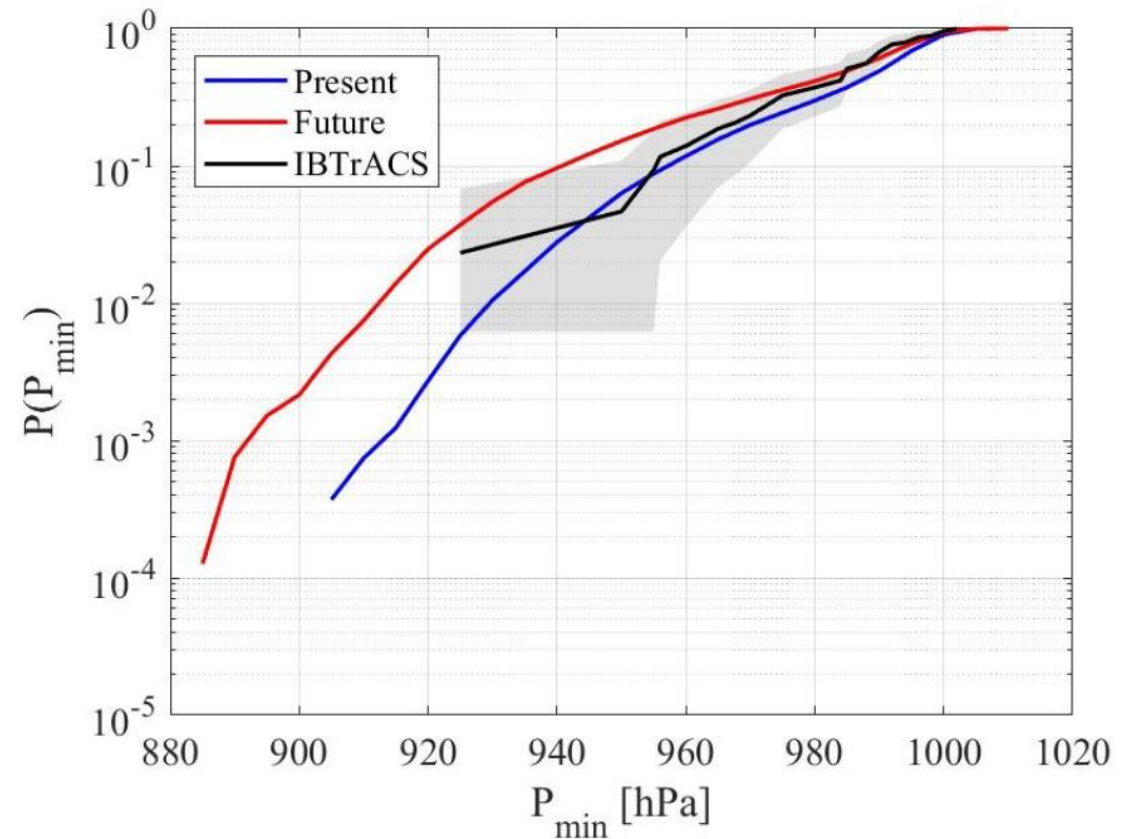
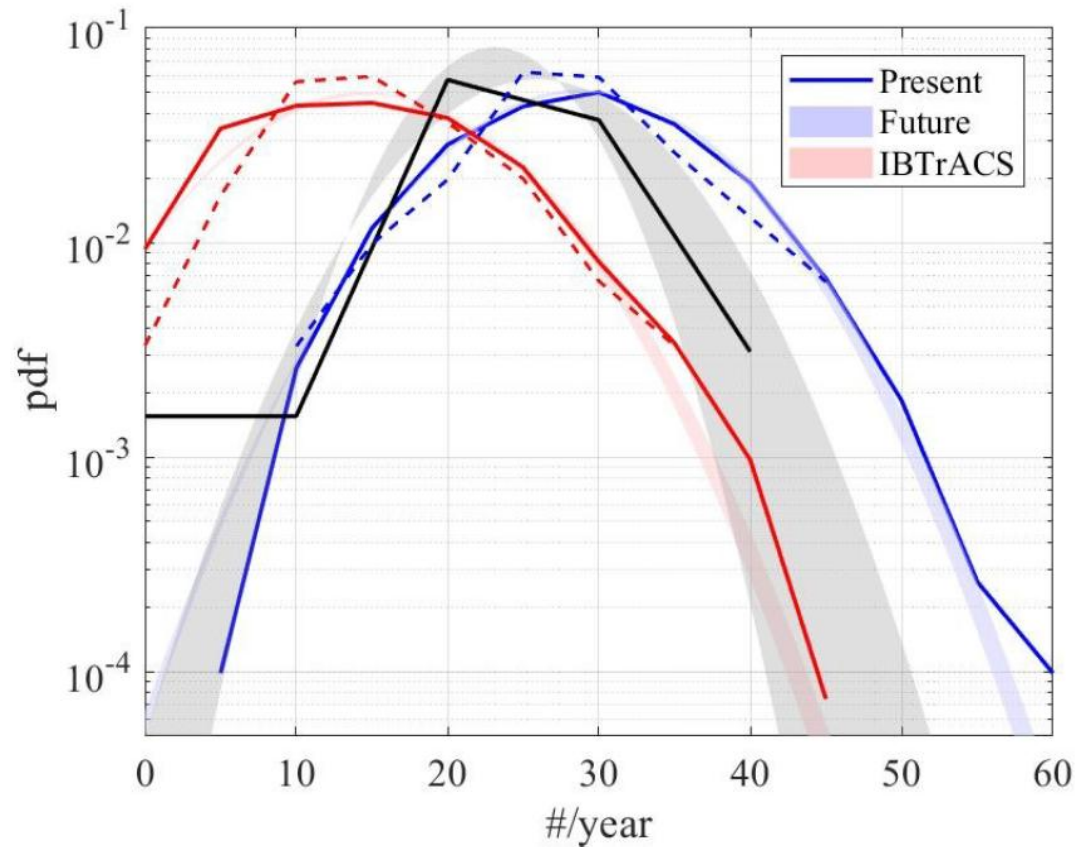
60 years climate run



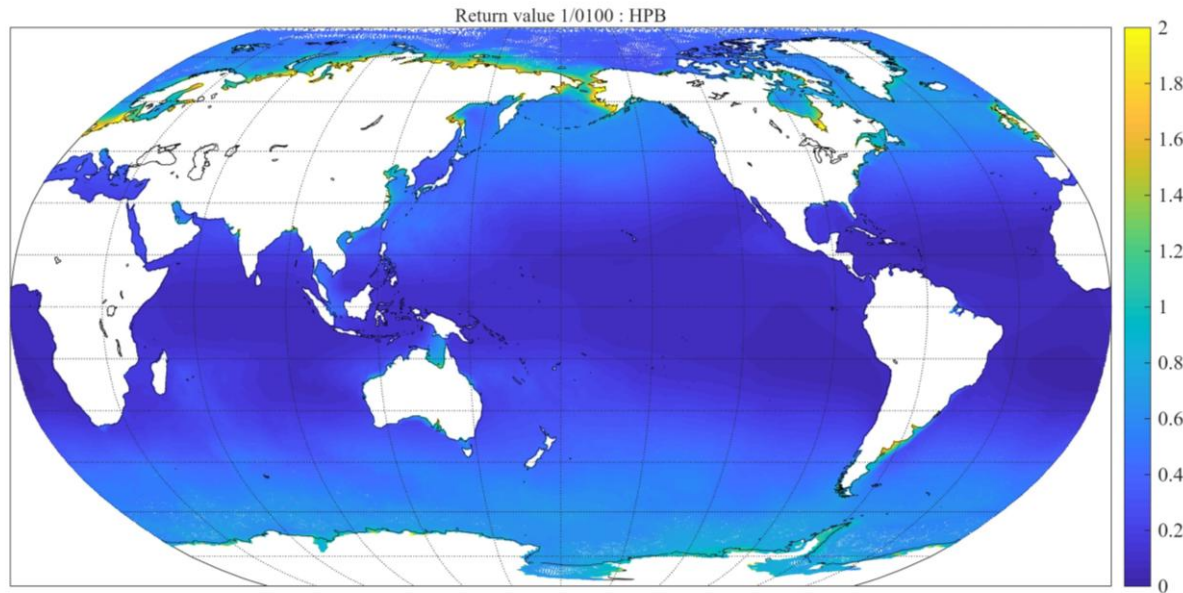
100 ensemble run
6000 years

d4PDF (6000 years)

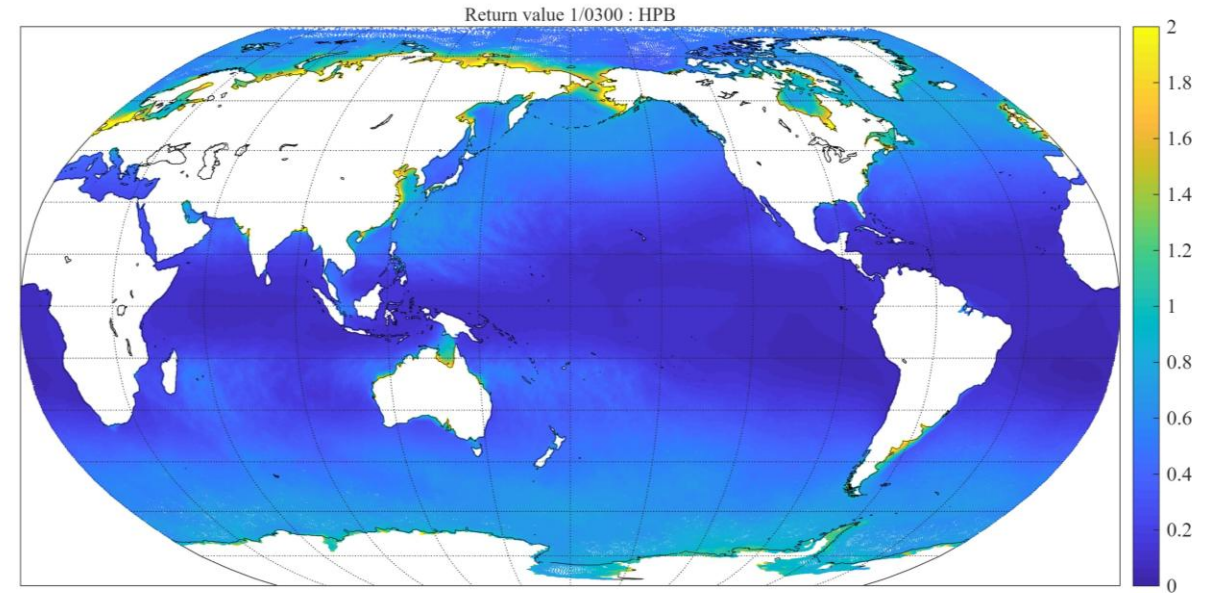
Assessment for extremes e.g. Tropical cyclones



Surge heights in present climate condition

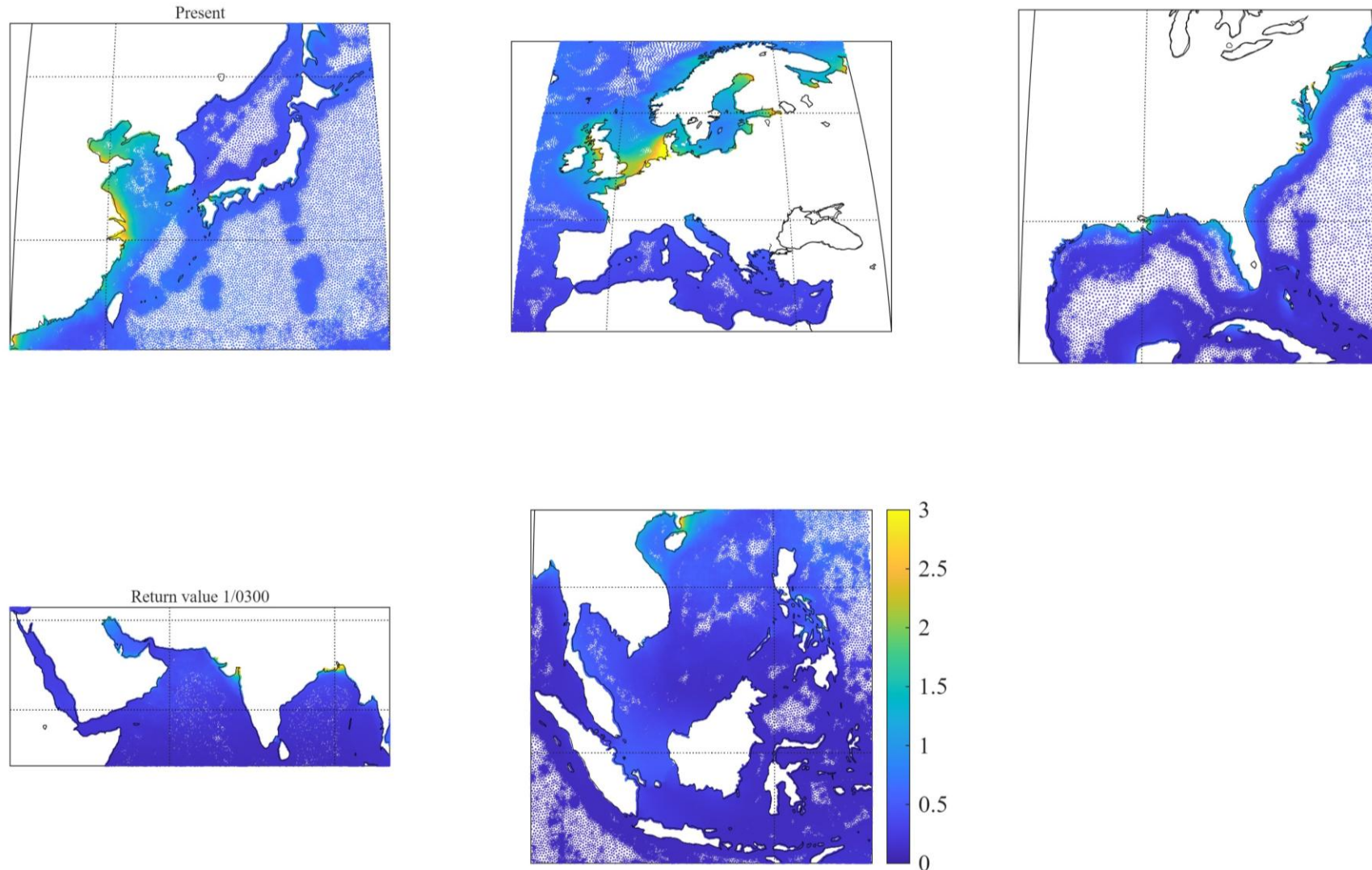


1/100 years



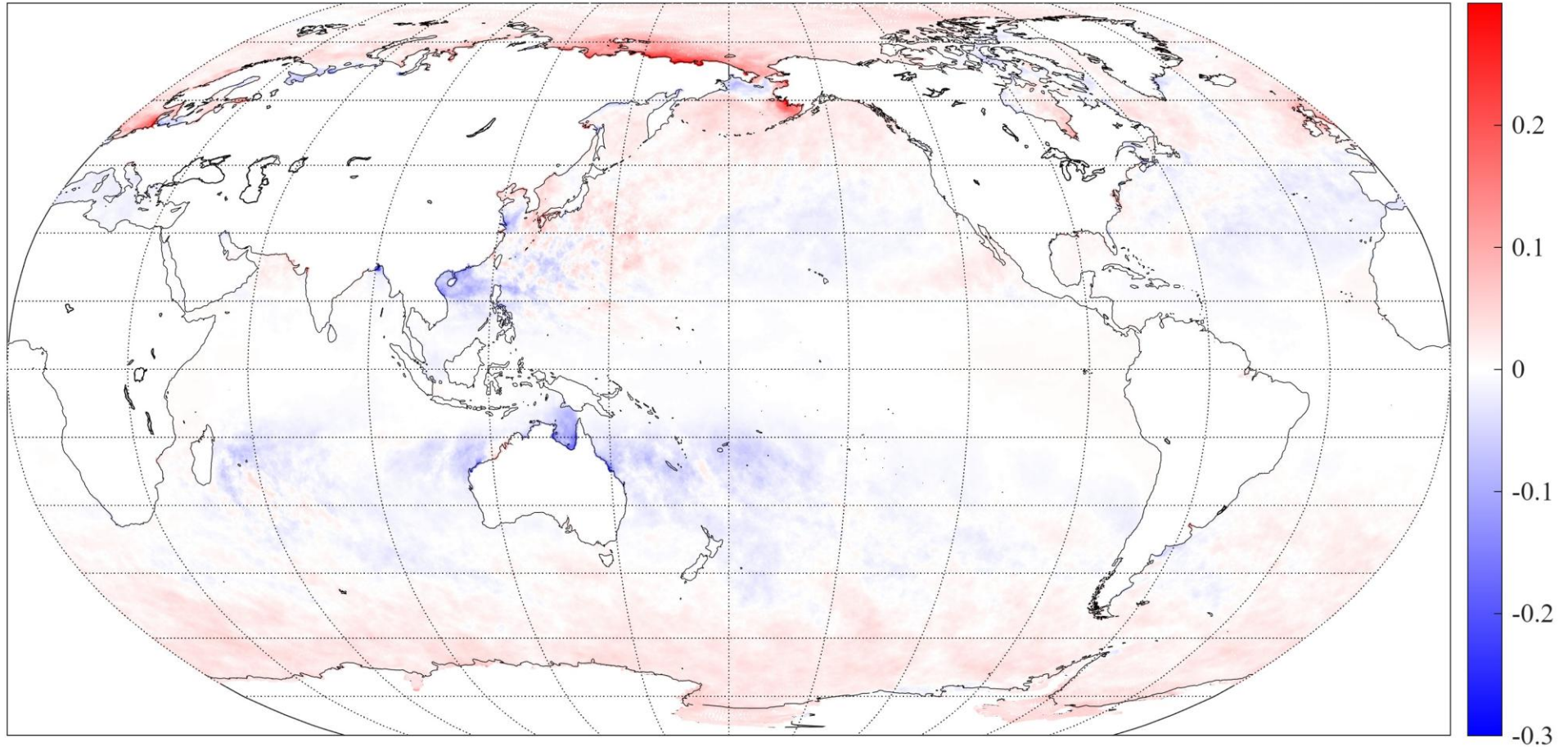
1/300 years

Surge height in present: 1/300 years



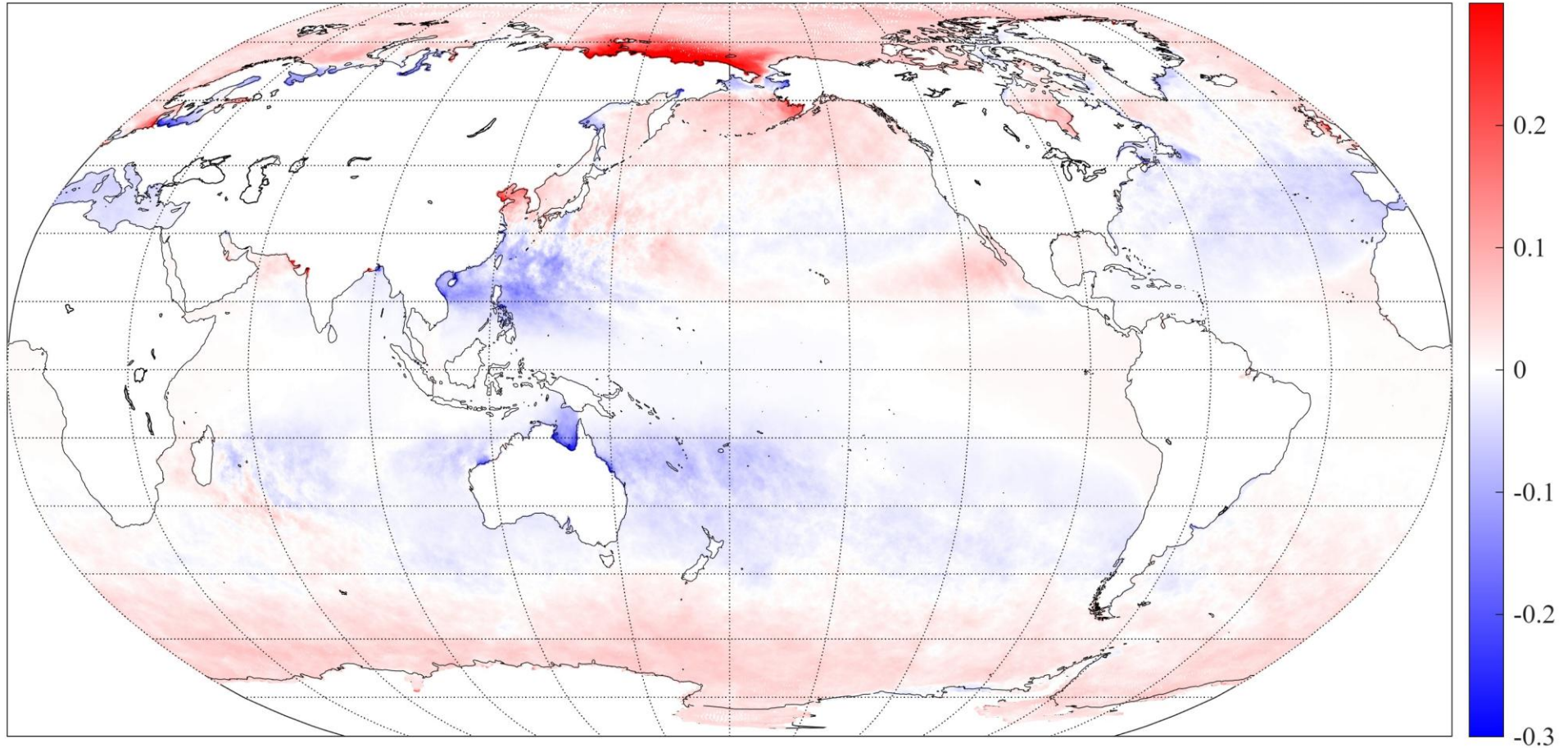
Δ Surge height in +2K: 1/100 years

Return value 1/0100 : 2K-Present

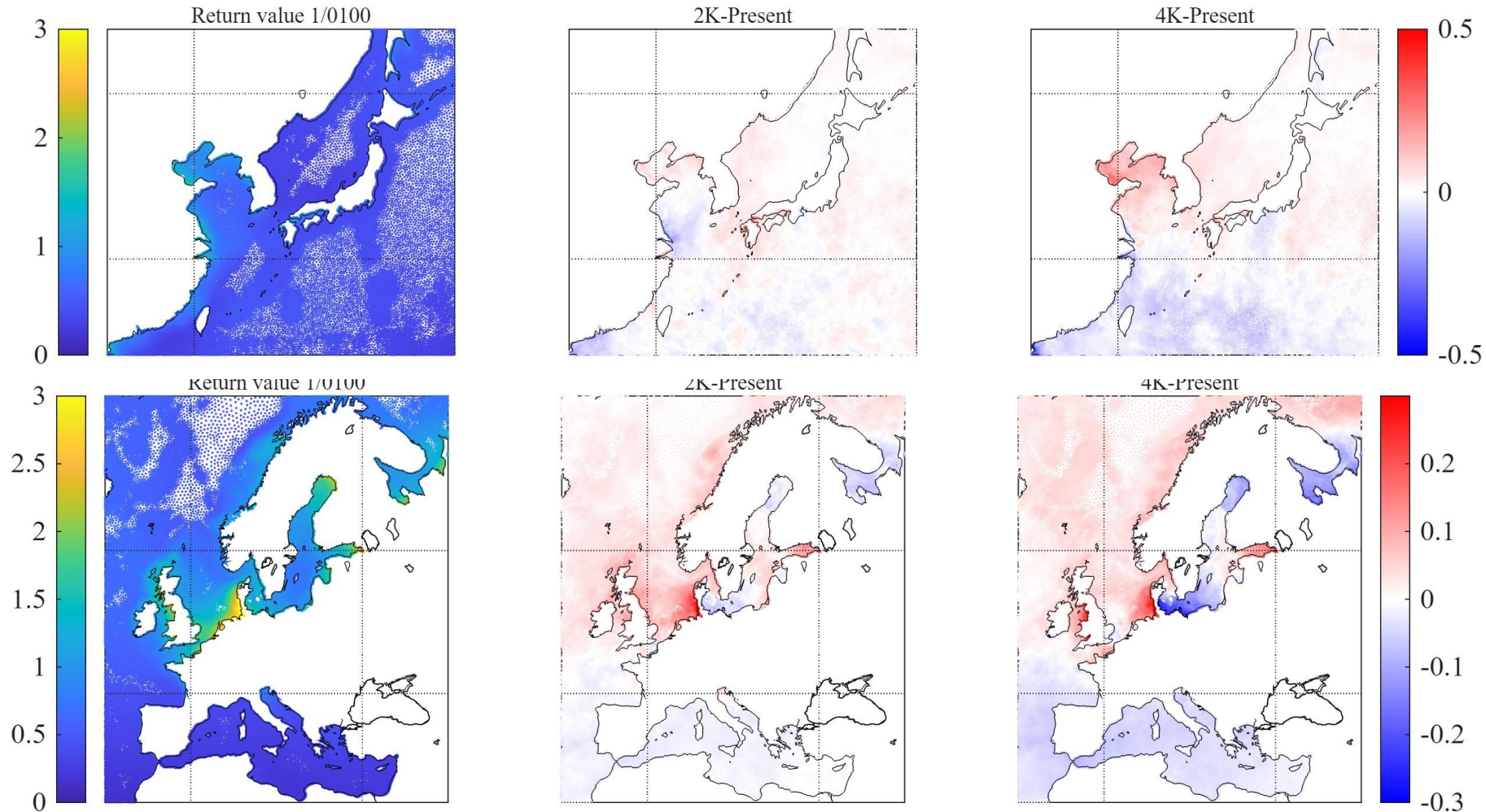


Δ Surge height in +4K: 1/100 years

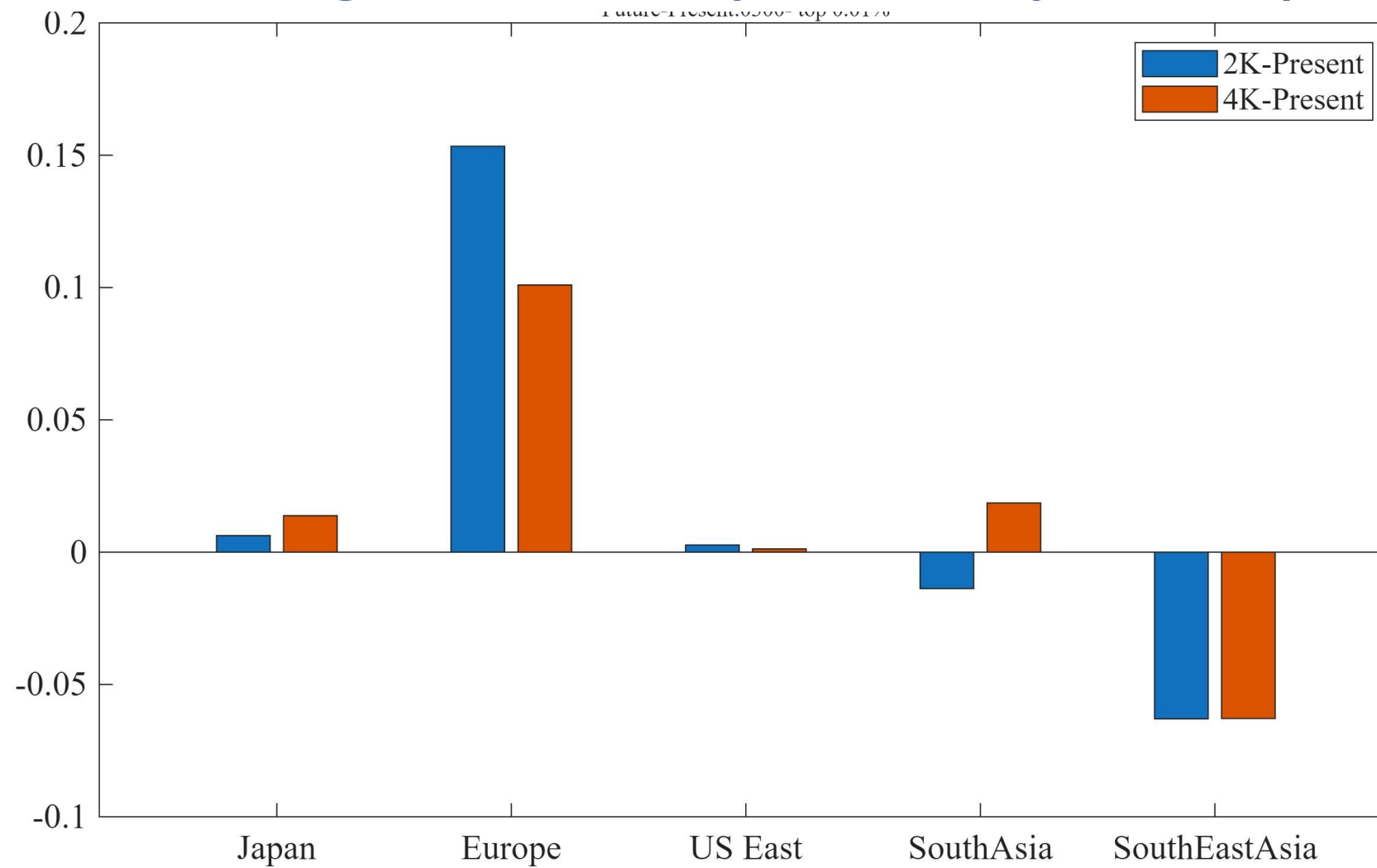
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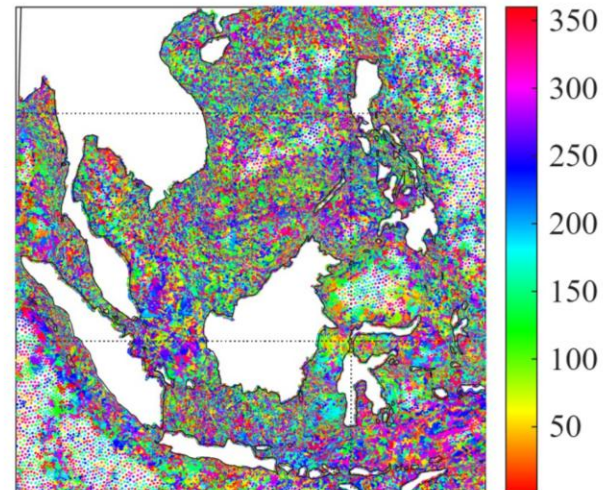
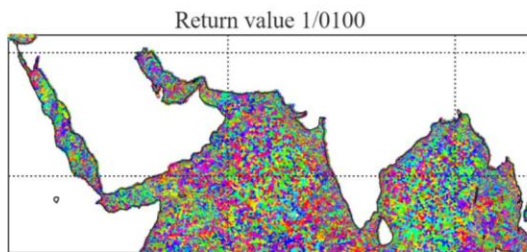
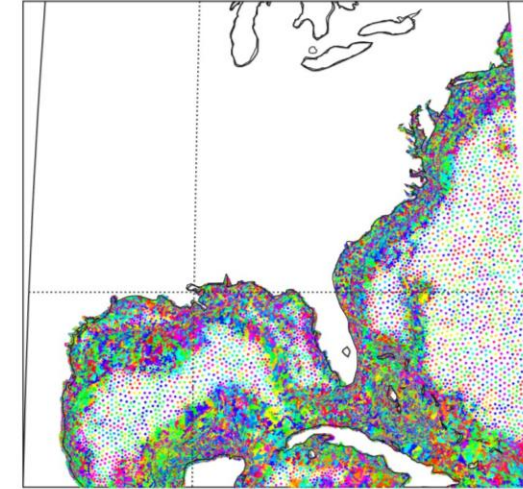
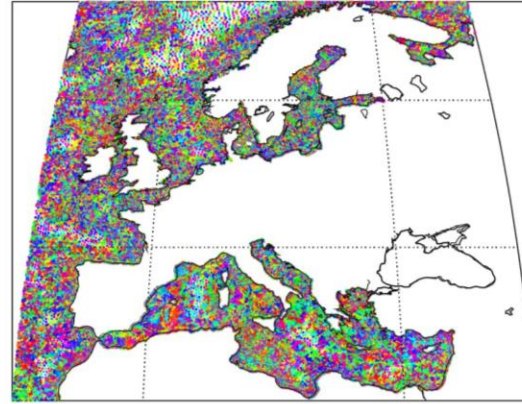
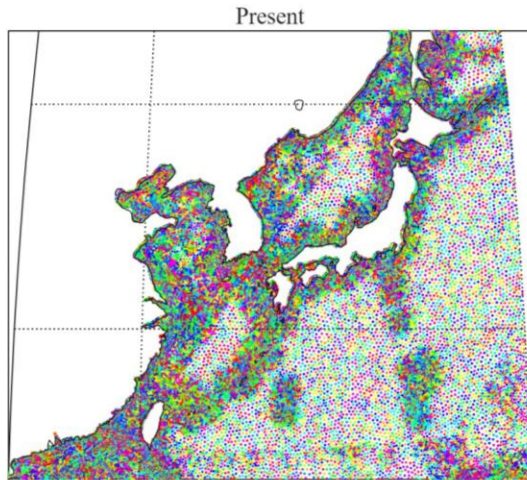
Δ Surge height in +2K/4K: 1/100 years



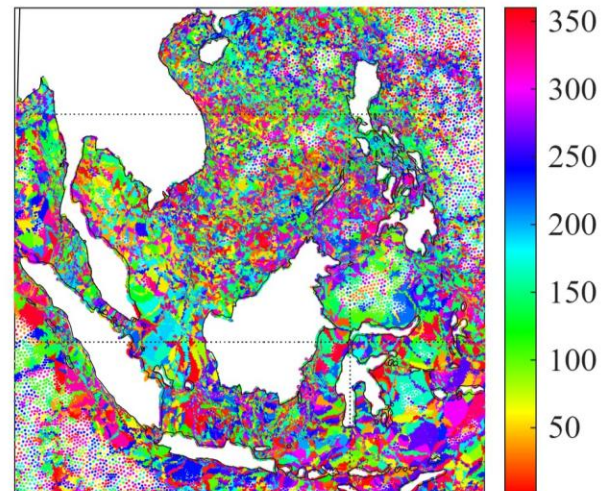
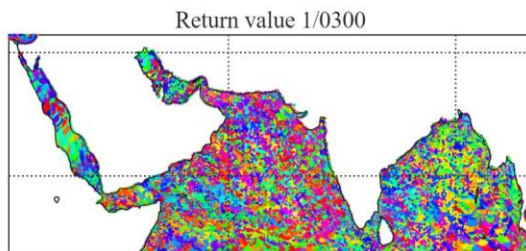
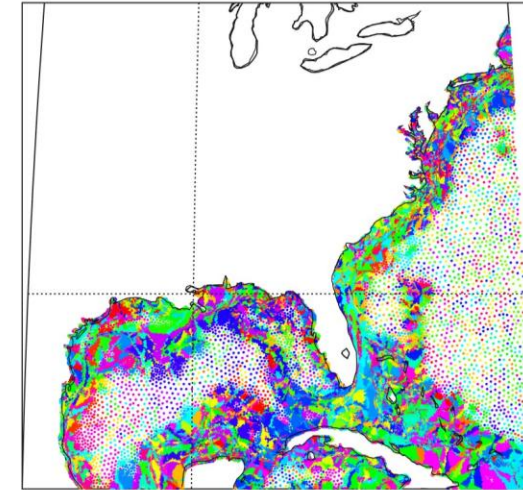
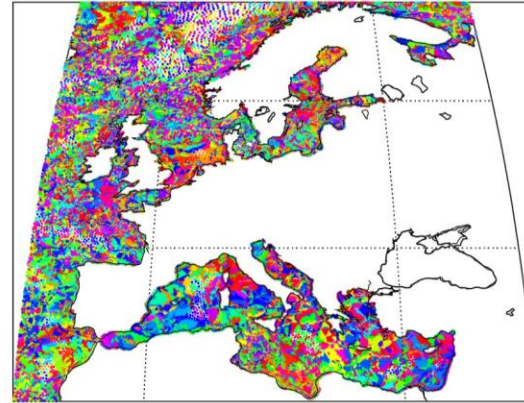
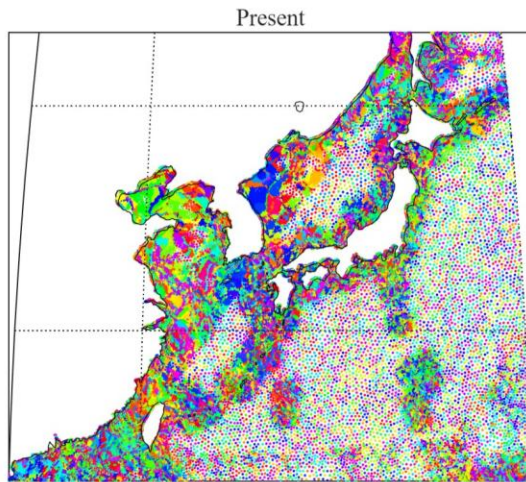
Future change summary: 1/100yr – Top 0.01%



Statistical stability: 1/100 years



Statistical stability: 1/300 years

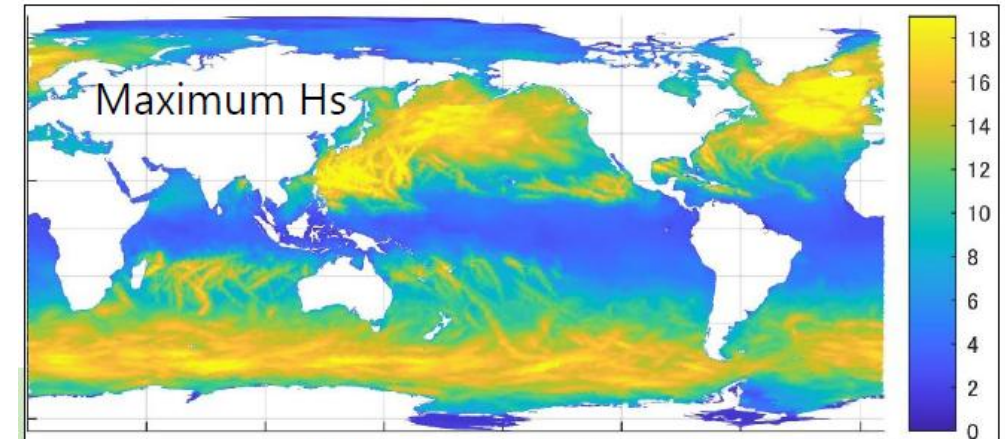
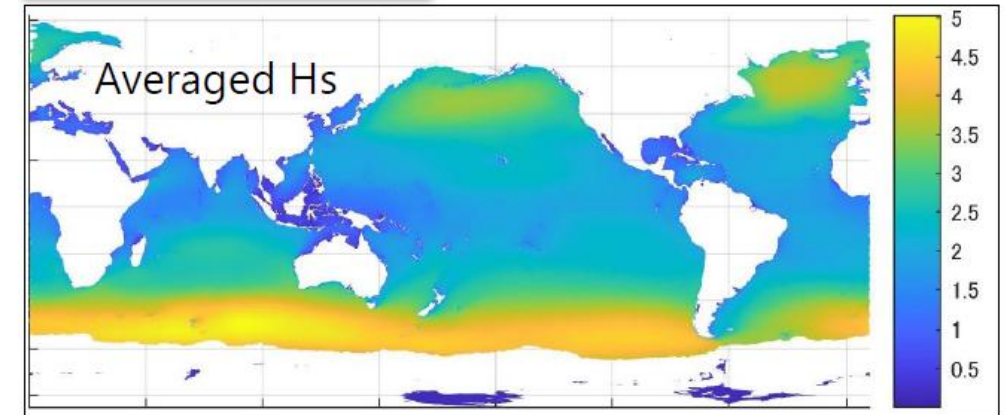
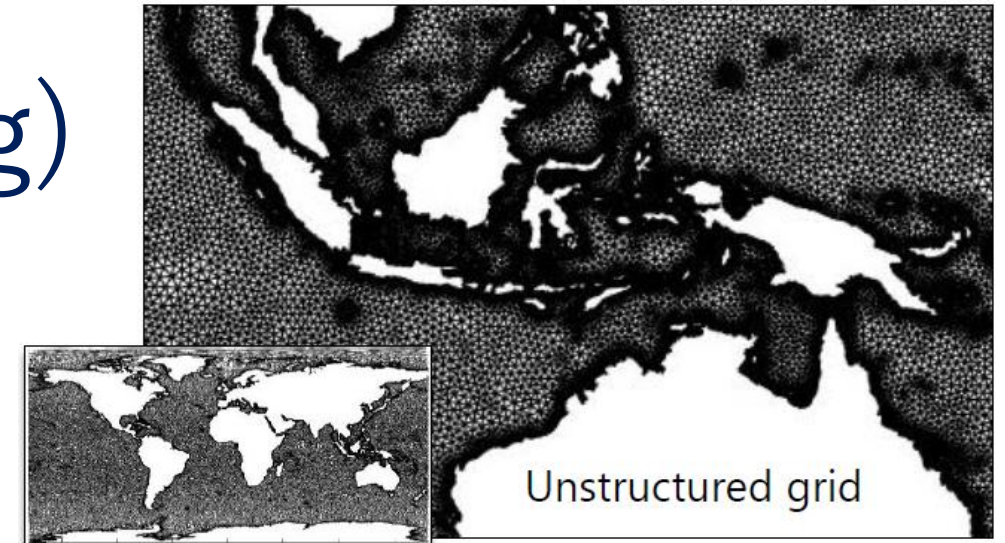


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300
250
200
150
100
50

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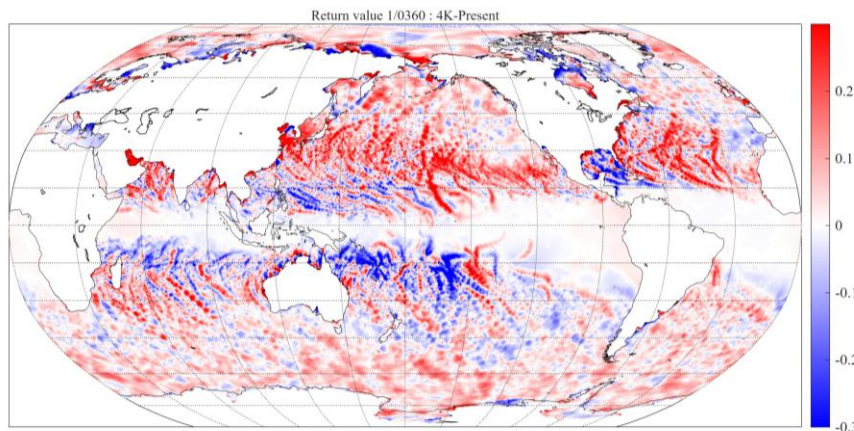
Model and Data

- Model Spectral wave model
 - WaveWatchIII
- Domain
 - Unstructured-grid created by Oceanmesh2D (Robert et al., 2019): Matlab mesh generator
 - Global (50 km resolution) to coast (5 km resolution)
- The Unresolved Obstacles Source Term (Mentaschi et al., 2015)
- Sea ice concentration

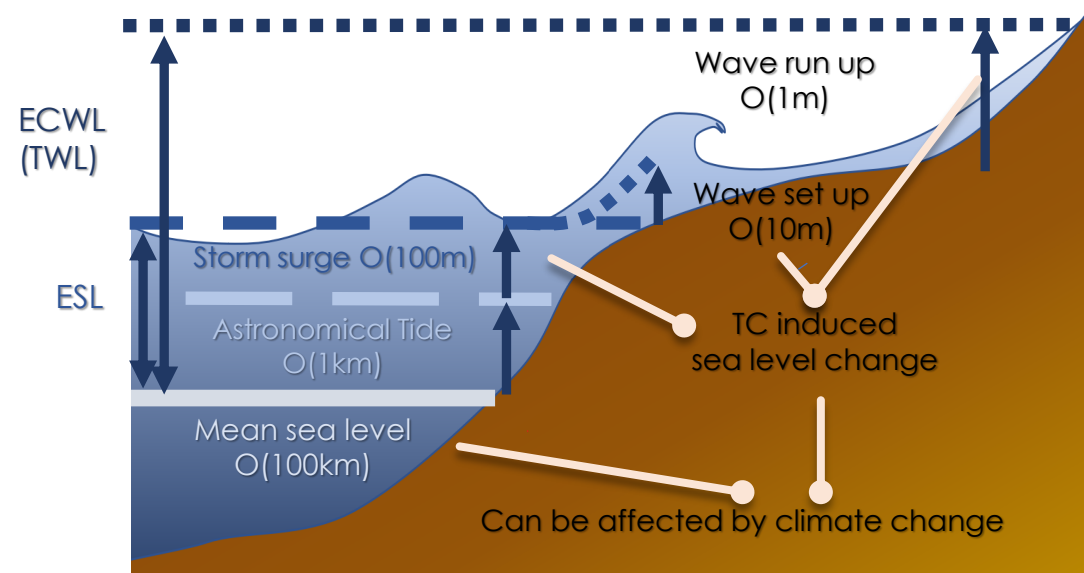


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- Coordination of ensemble projection is important.
 - SurgeMIP (Friday afternoon)
 - COWCLiP3 (Hector; Thursday and Sat.)



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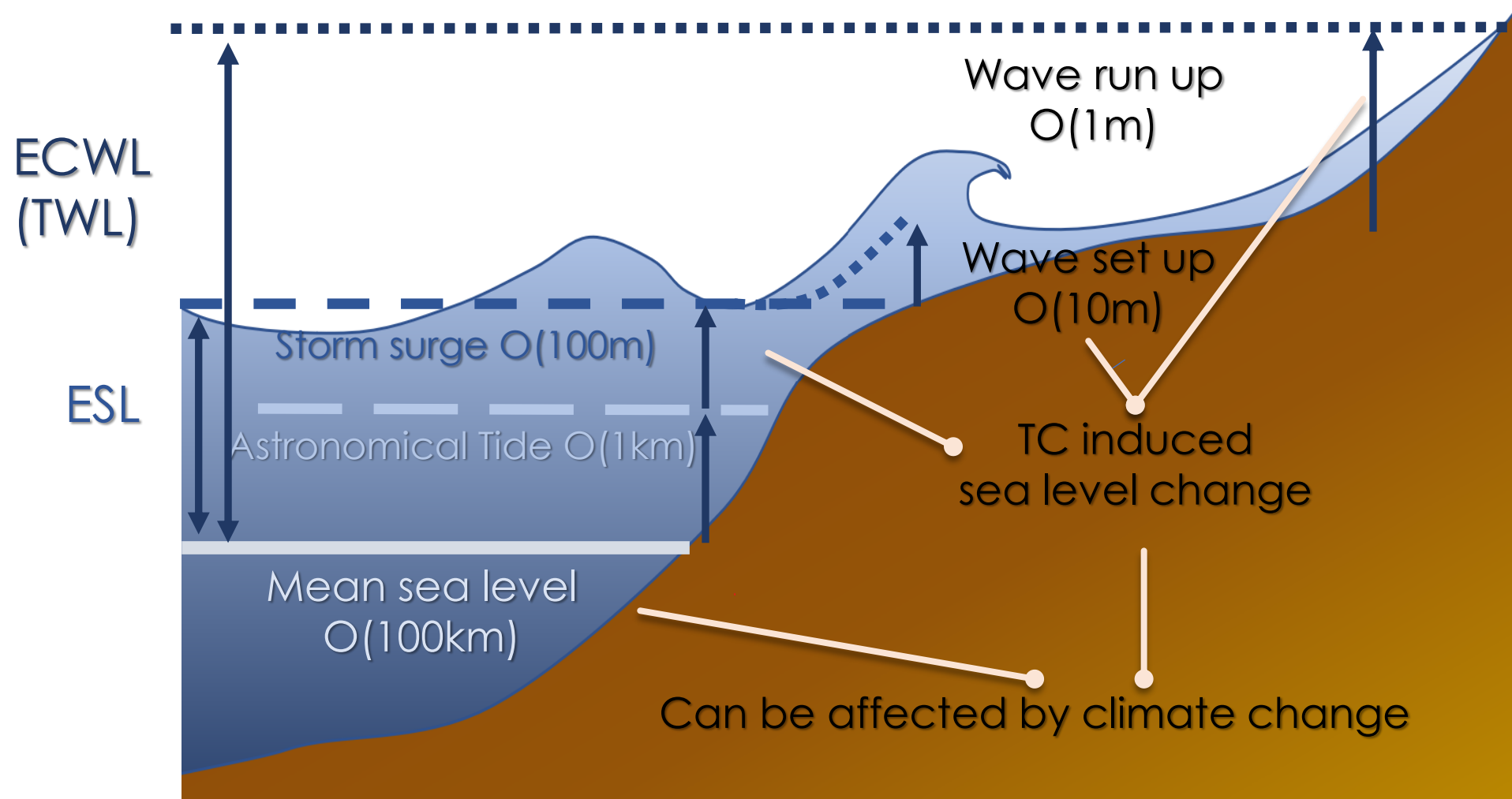
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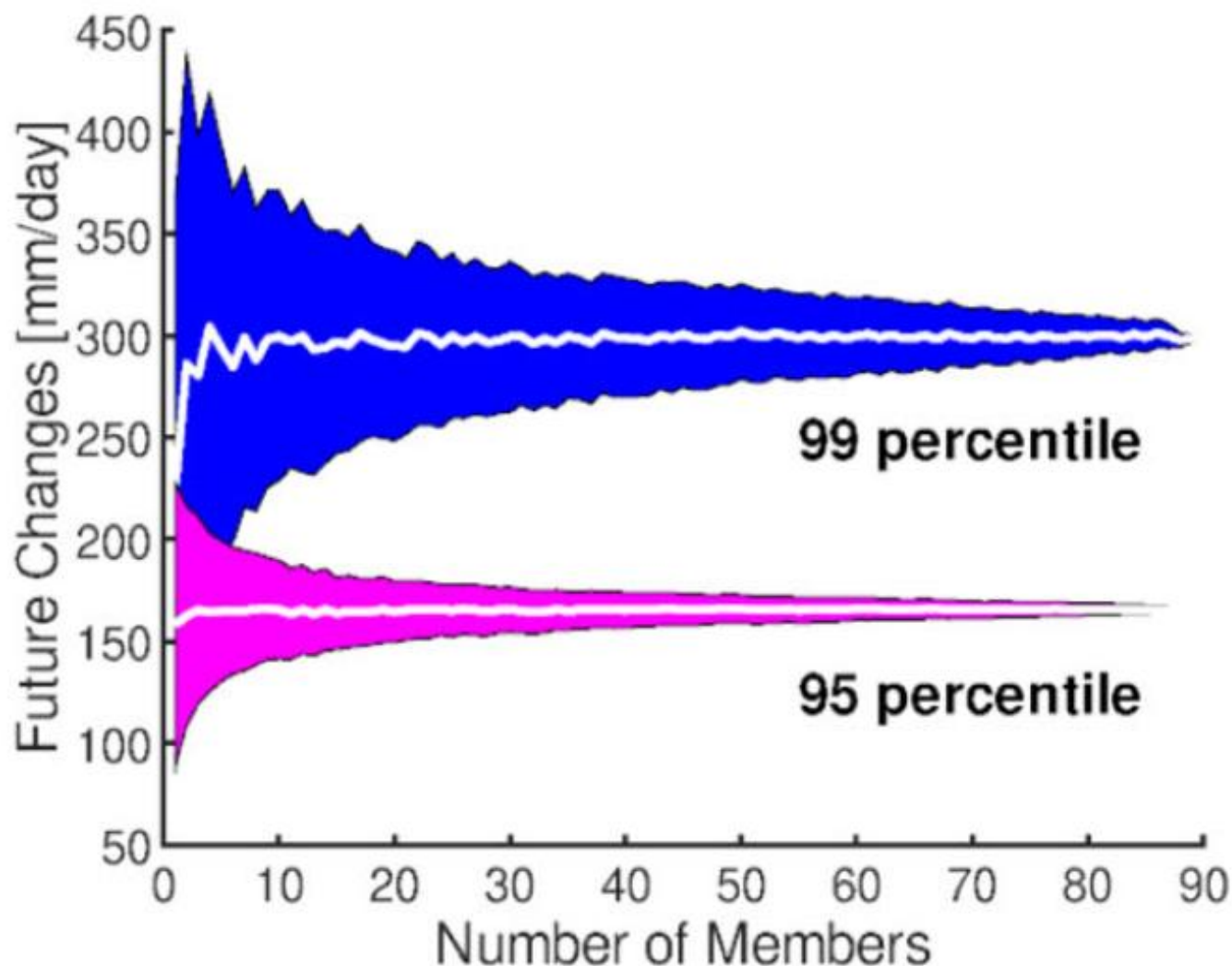
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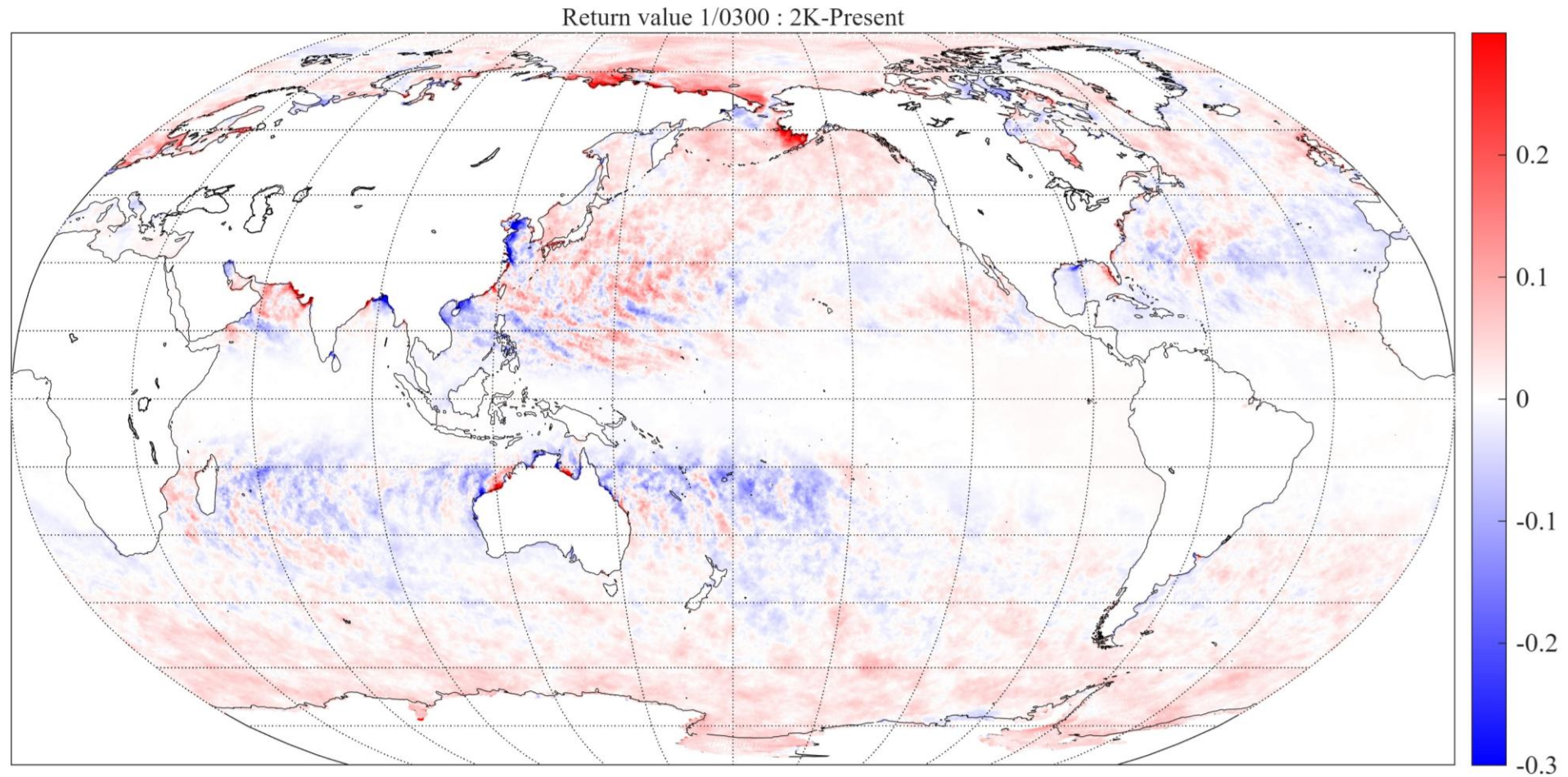
Extreme Sea Level (ESL) / Extreme Coastal Water Level (ECWL)



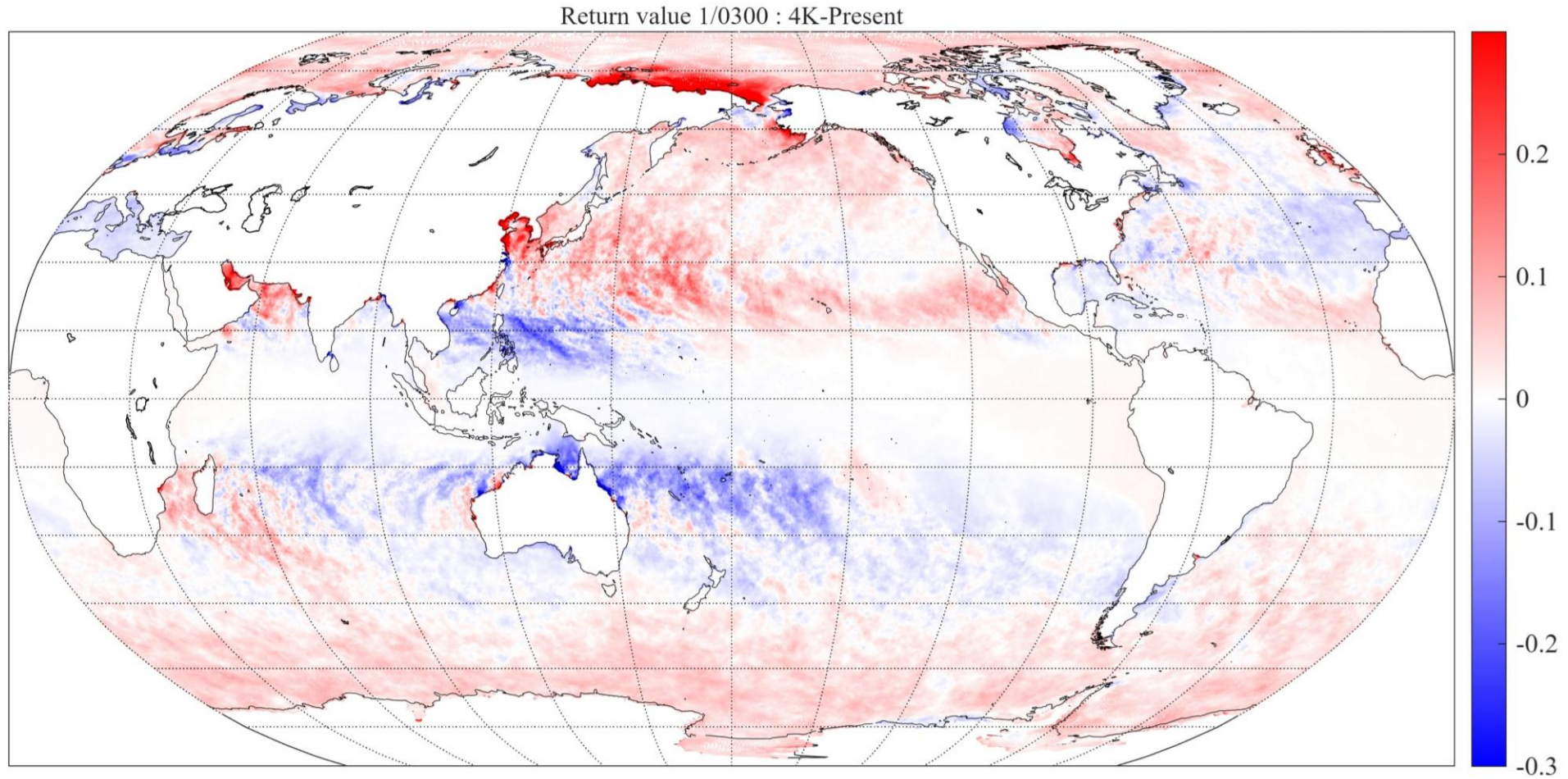
Large ensemble can reduce uncertainty



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