

# Projections of meteorological and snow conditions at Col de Porte (French Alps)

## using downscaled and adjusted EURO-CORDEX climate projections

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# The issue

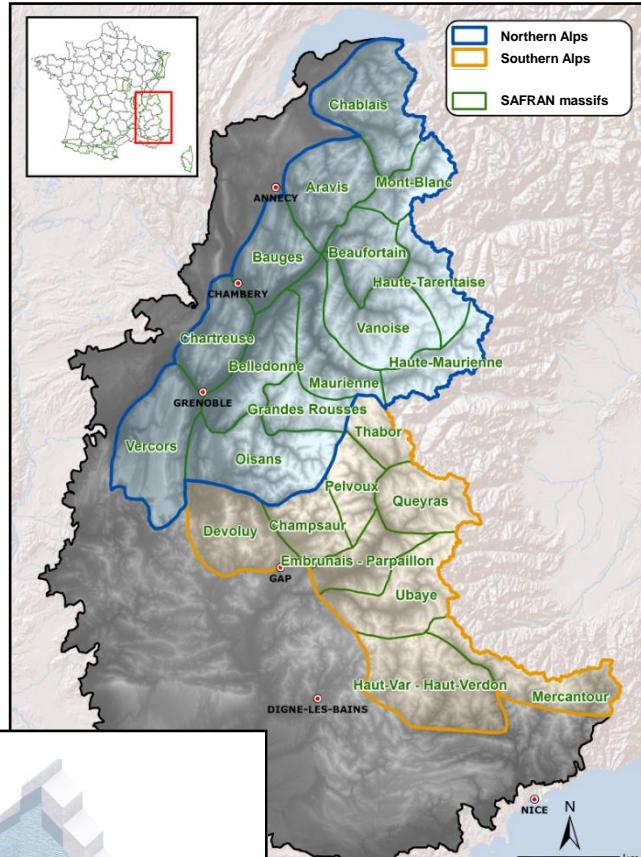
- Strong societal demand about **climate change** impacts and its **adaptation/mitigation**
  - Mountain regions :
    - snow availability
    - impacts on glaciers & water resources
    - ecosystem vulnerability
    - climate-related hazards
- **Impact models** sensitive to sub-diurnal variations

## Downscaling and bias-adjustment method :

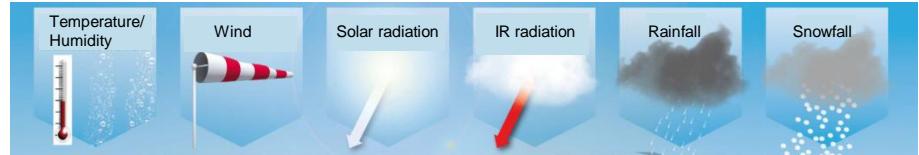
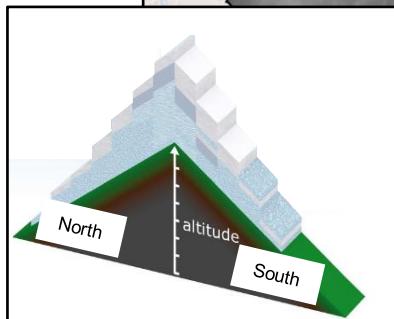
- quantile mapping & weather regimes
- vs. a meteorological reanalysis (SAFRAN)
- multi-variable and hourly



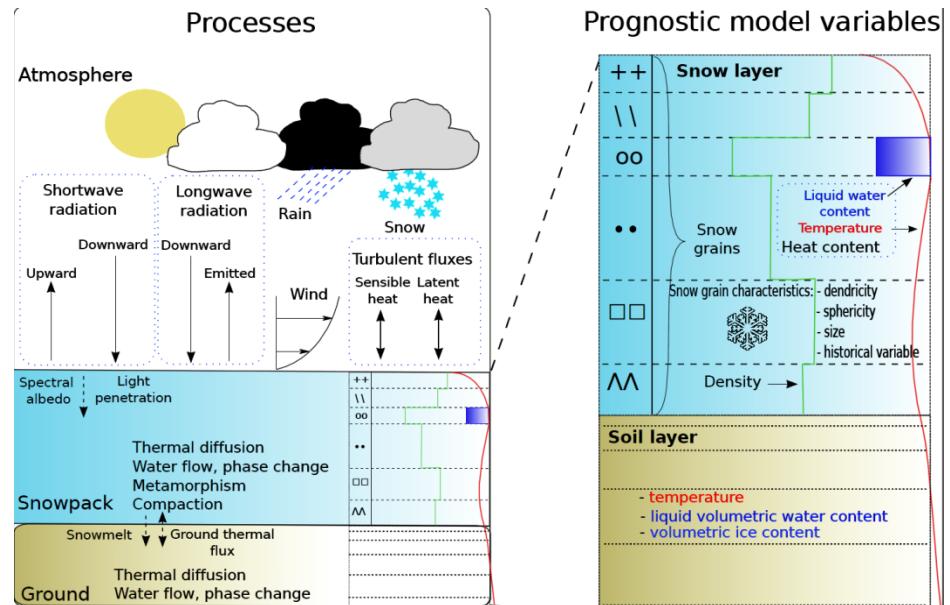
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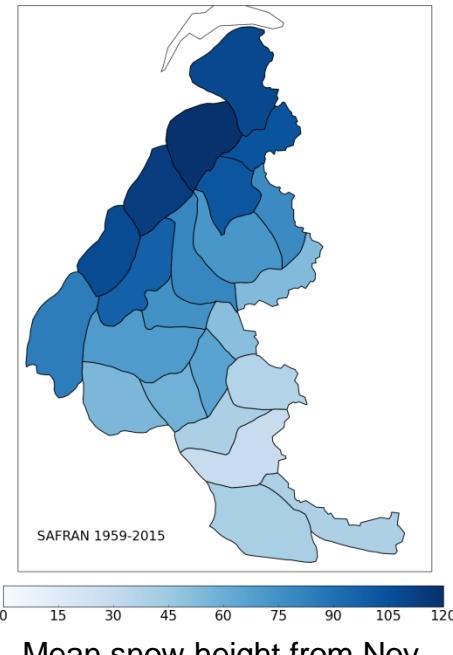


**SAFRAN reanalysis used as « pseudo-observation »**



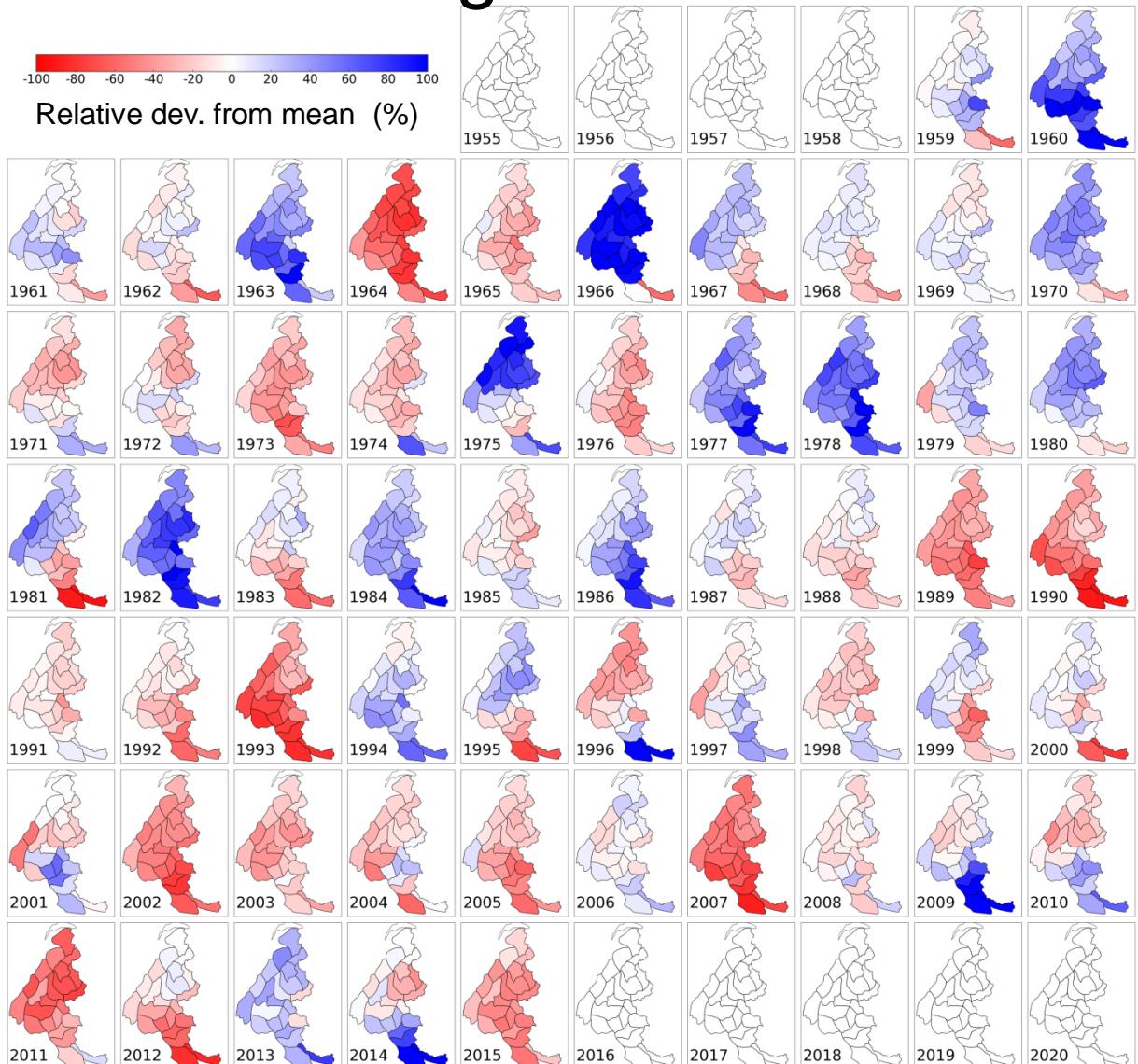
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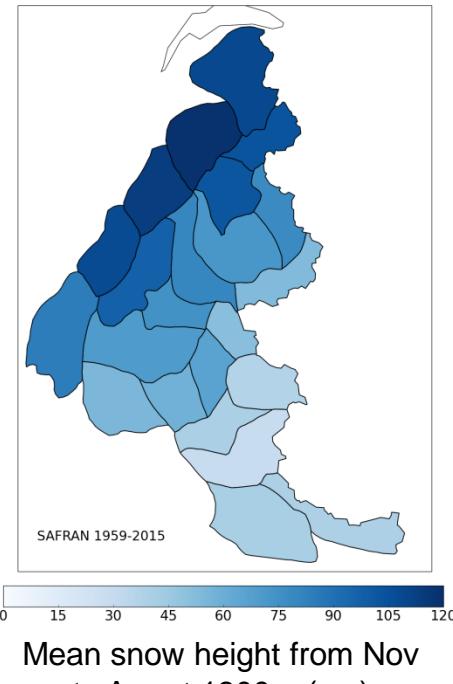


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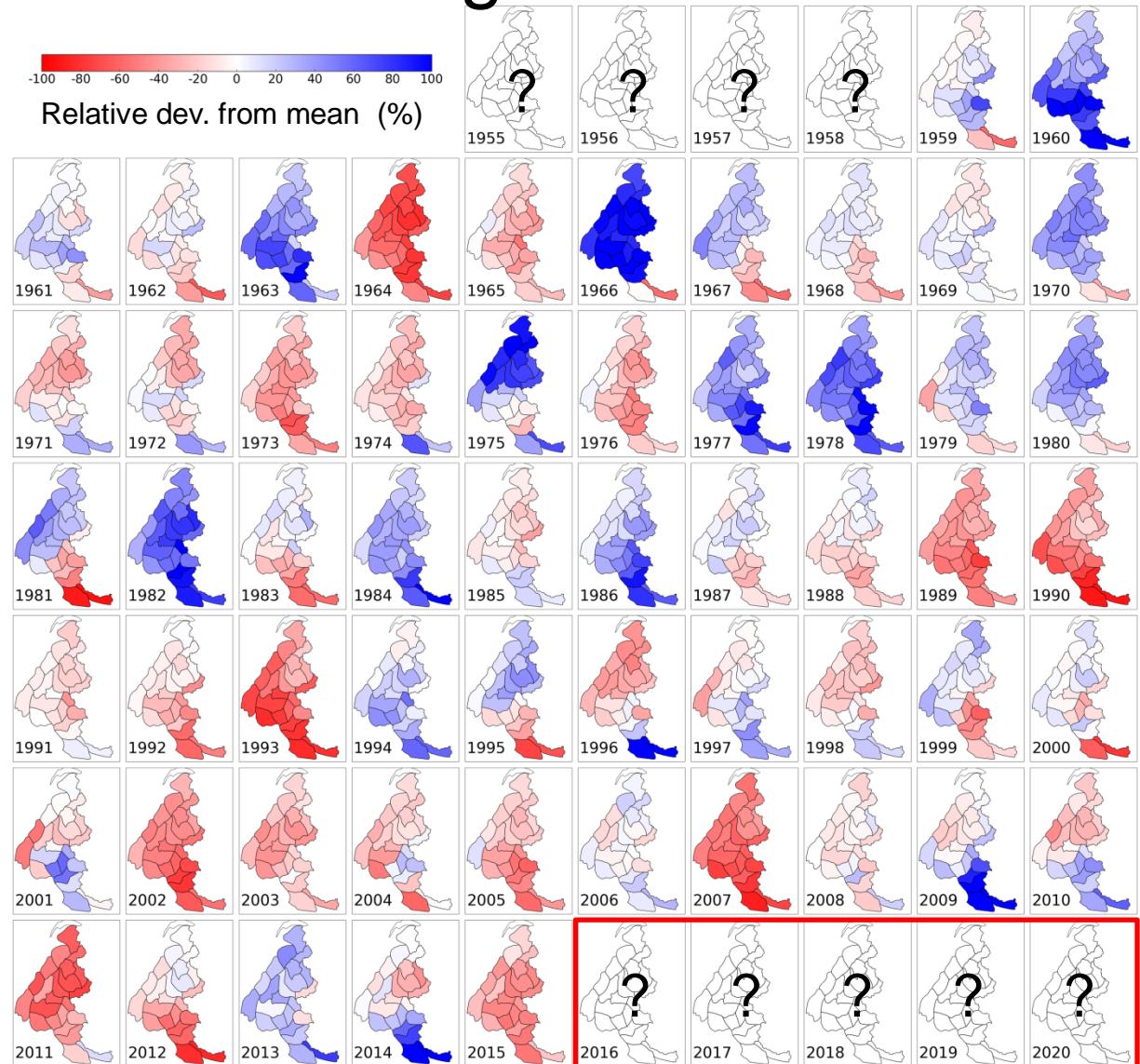


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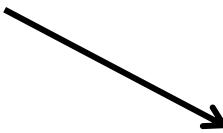
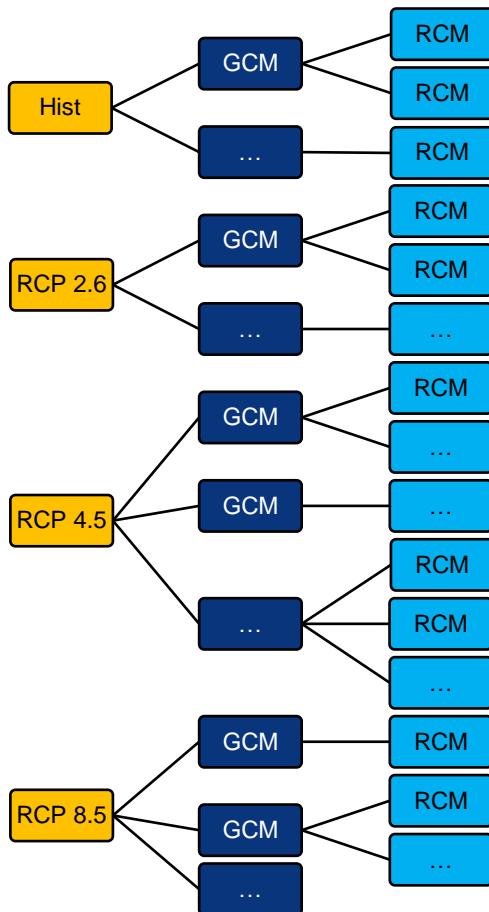
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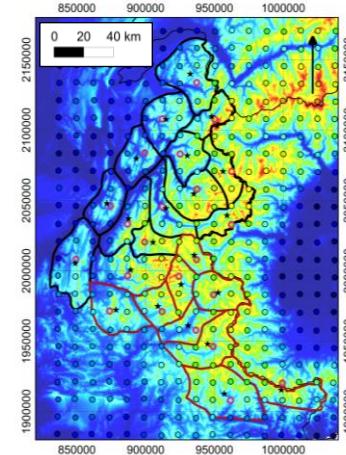
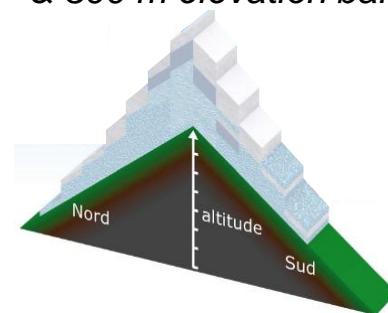
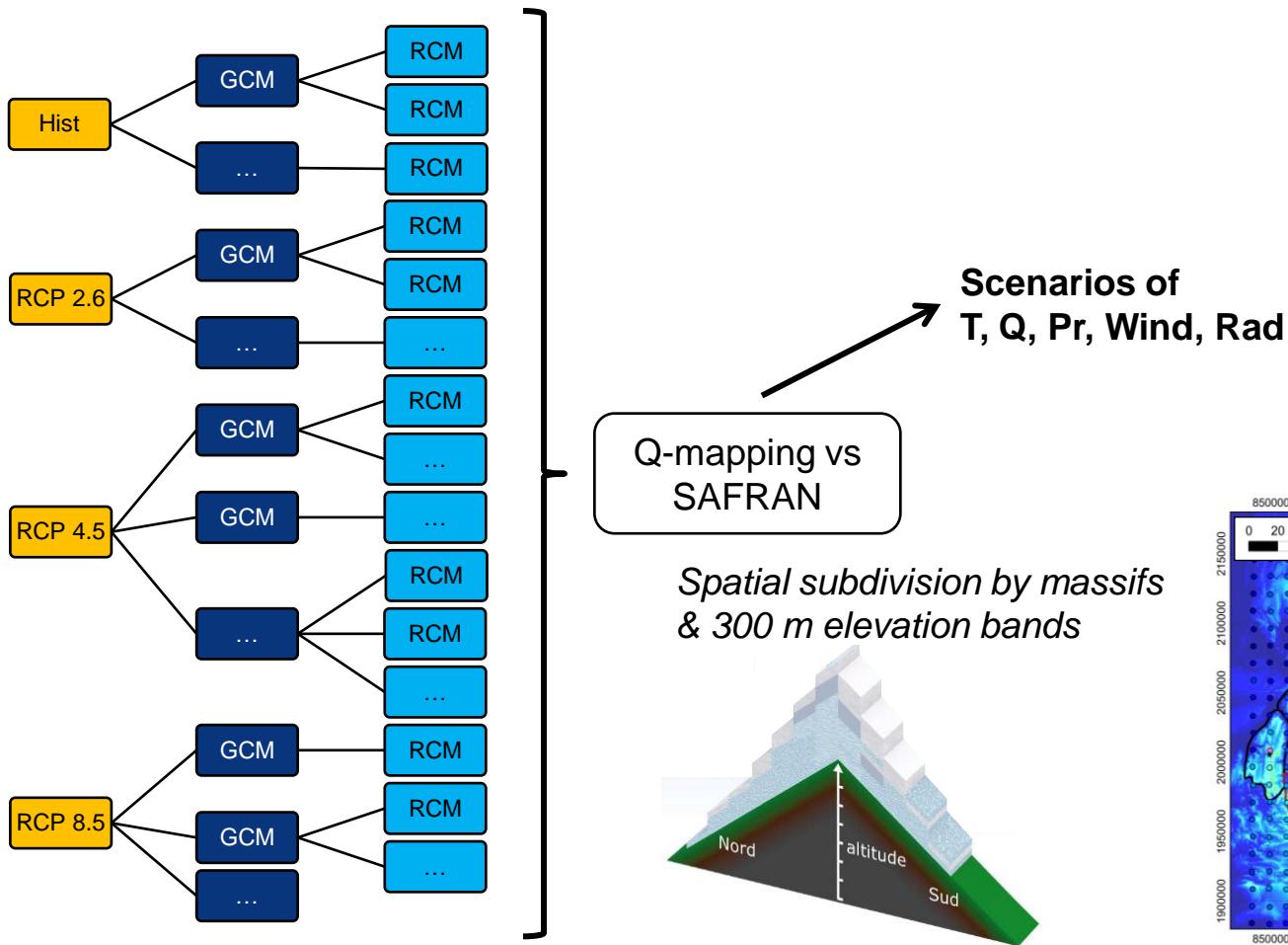
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	Histo	RCP2.6	RCP4.5	RCP8.5	Sum
planned	35	8	20	34	<b>97</b>
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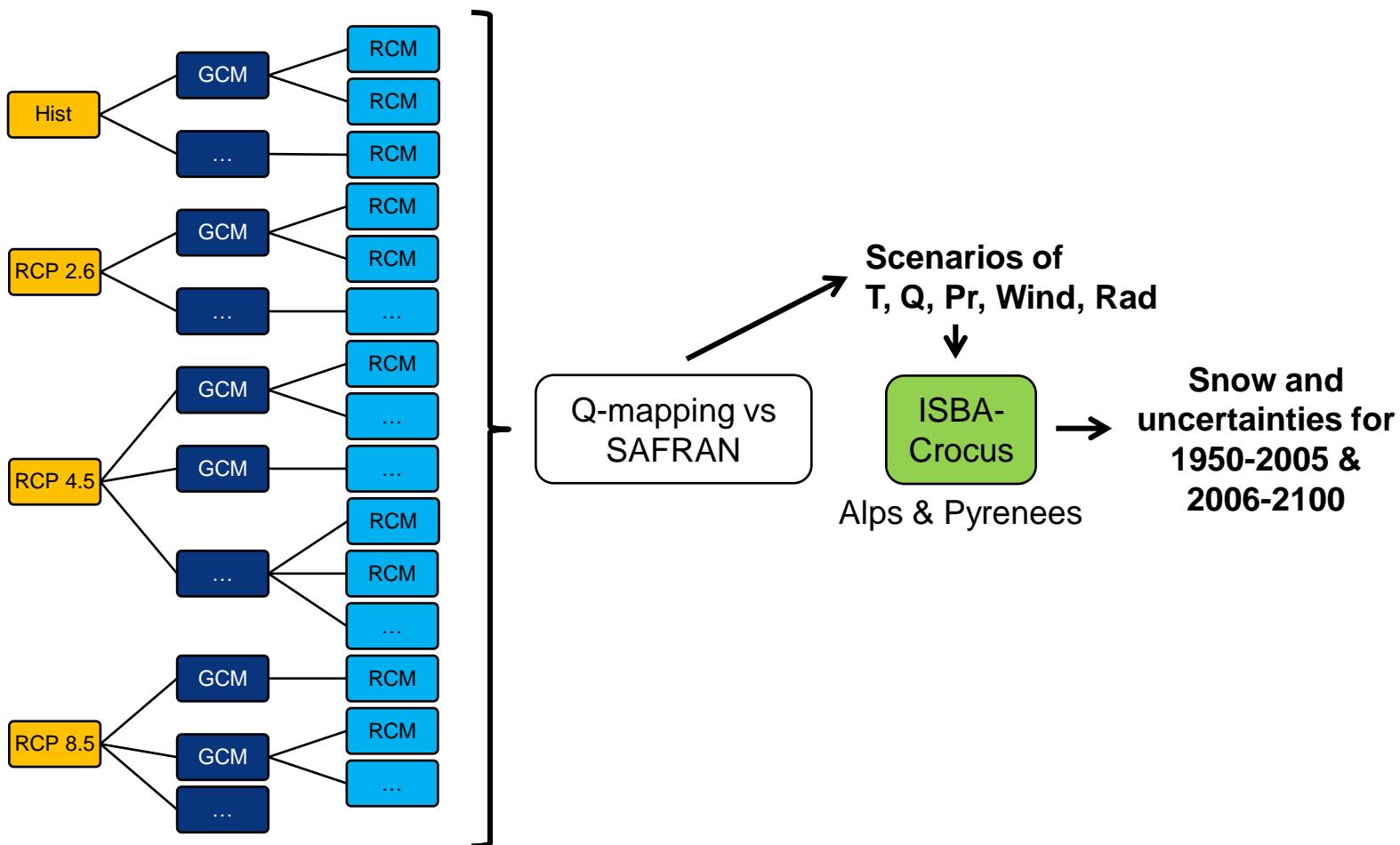
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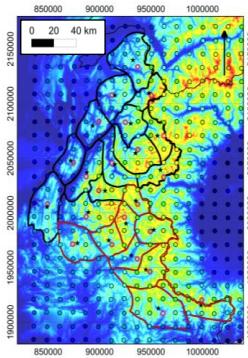
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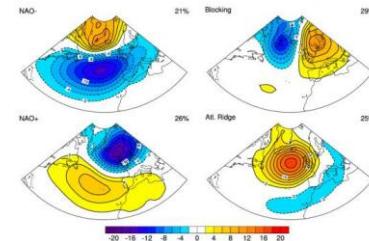


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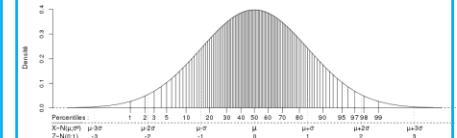


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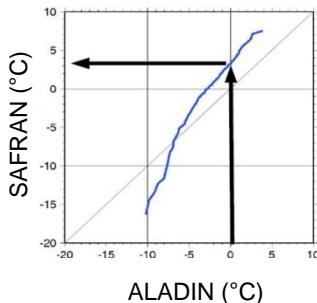


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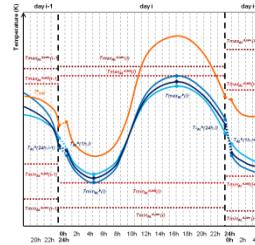
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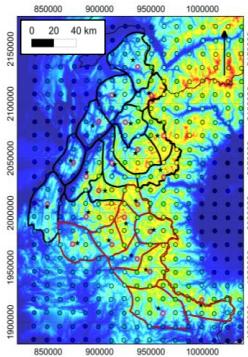
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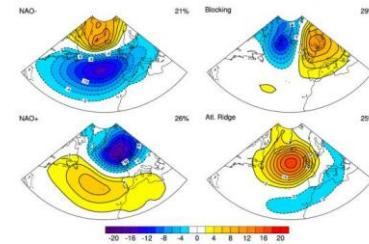
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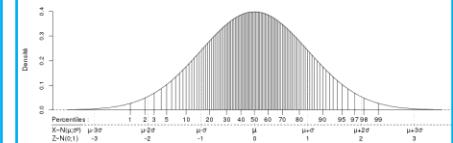


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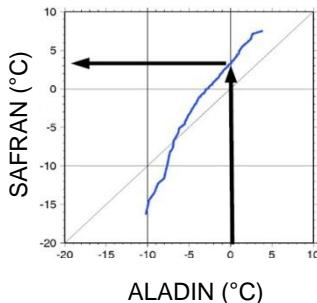


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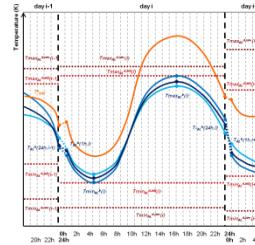
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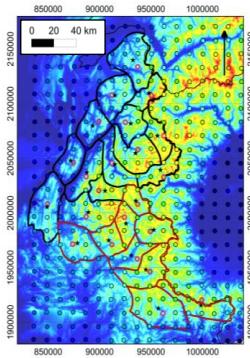
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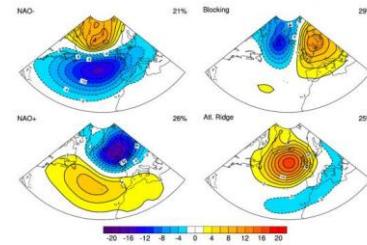
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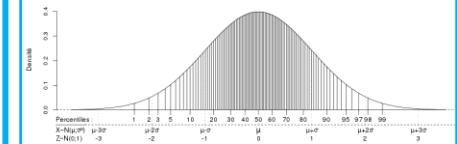


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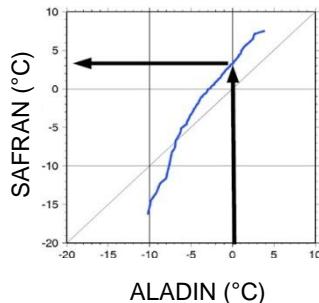


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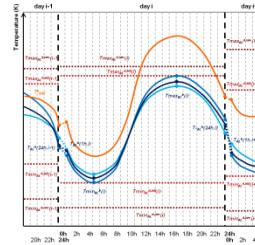
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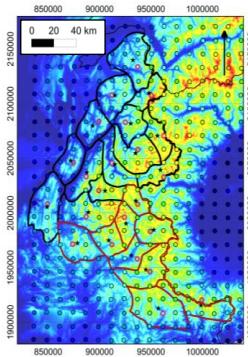
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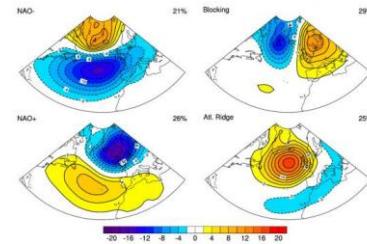
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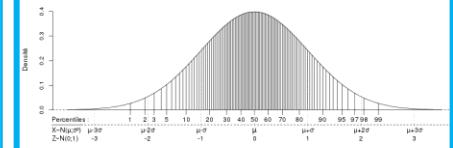


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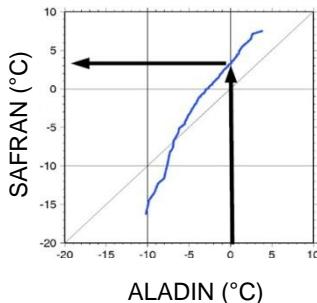


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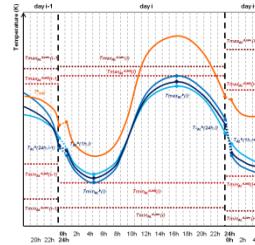
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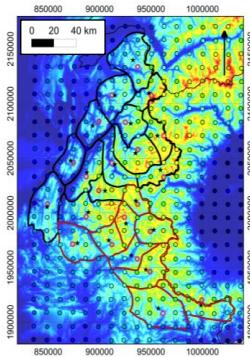
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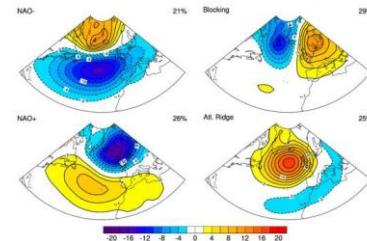
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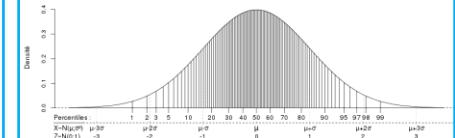


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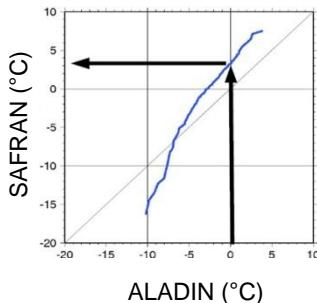


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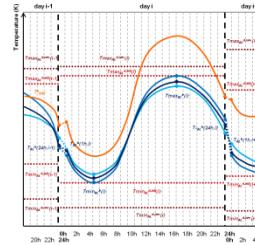
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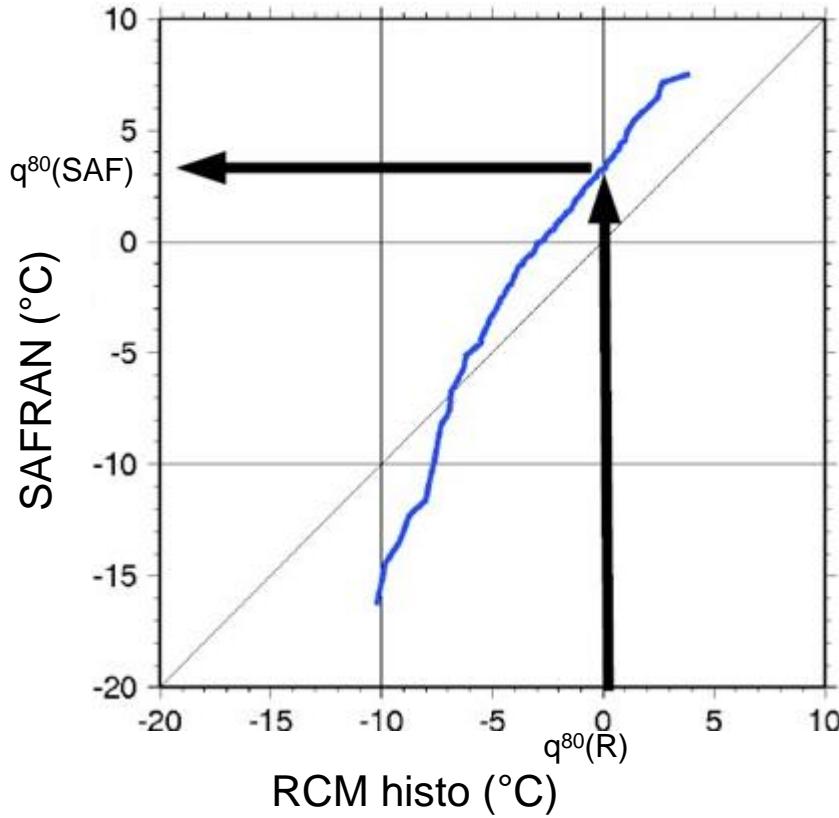
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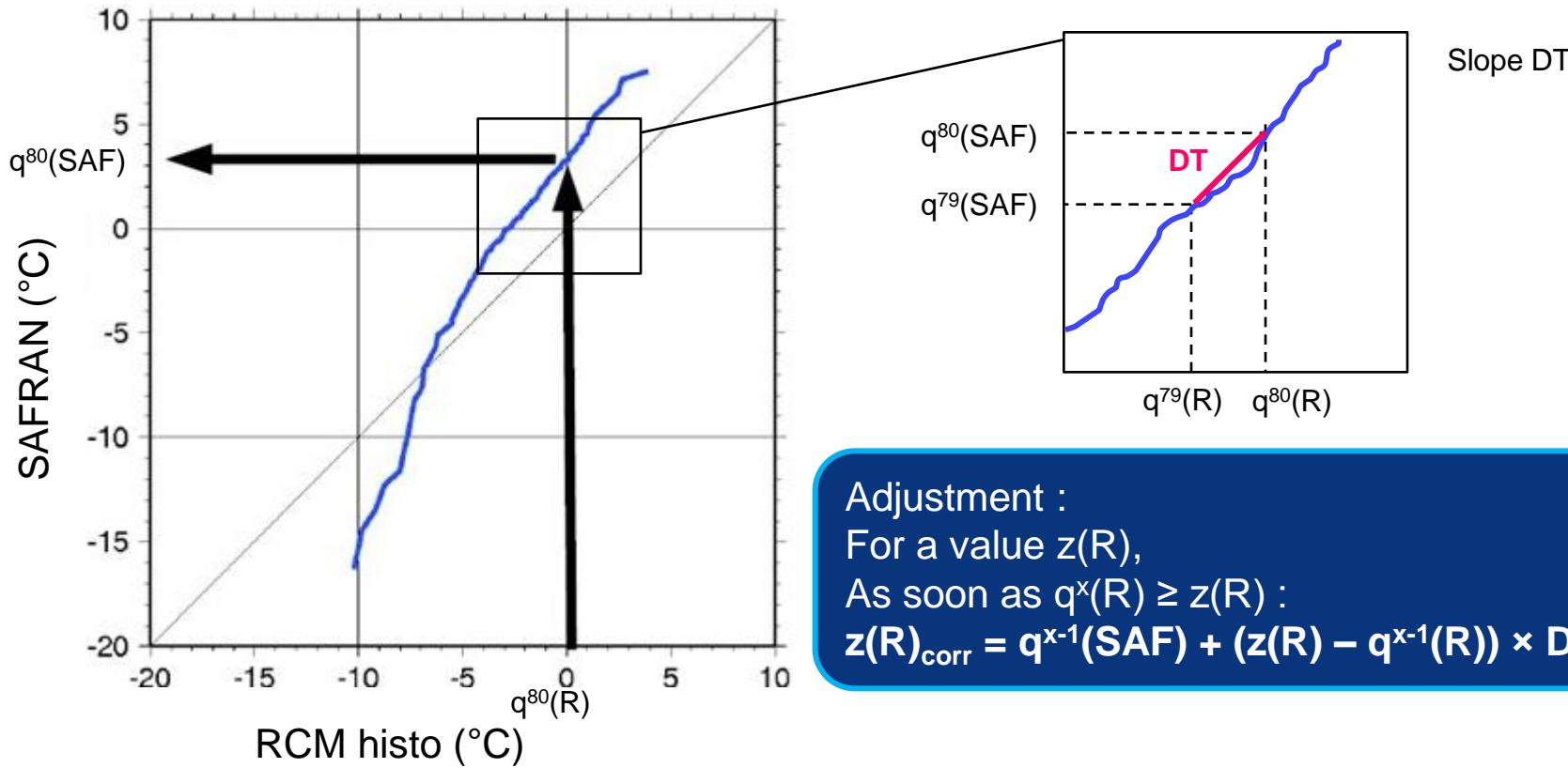
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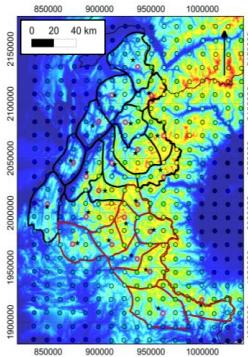
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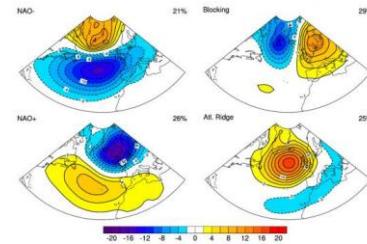


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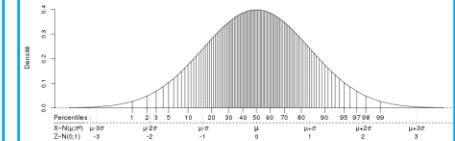


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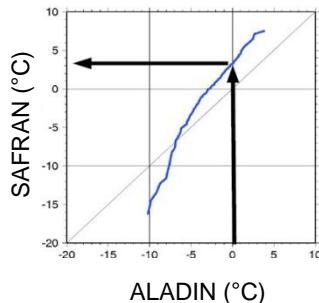


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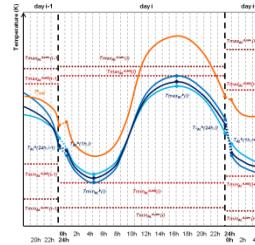
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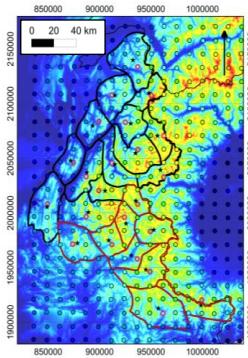
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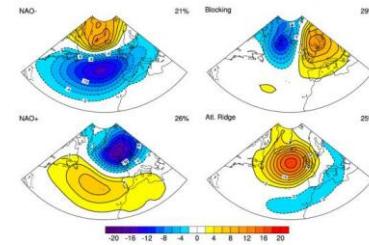
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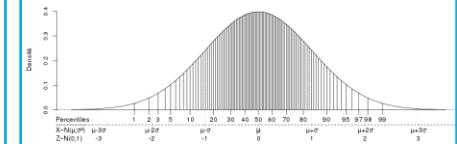


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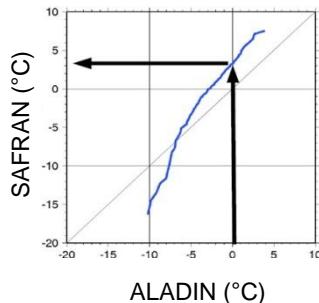


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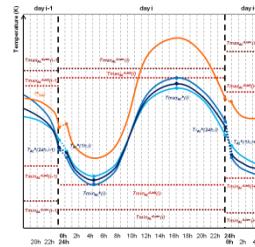
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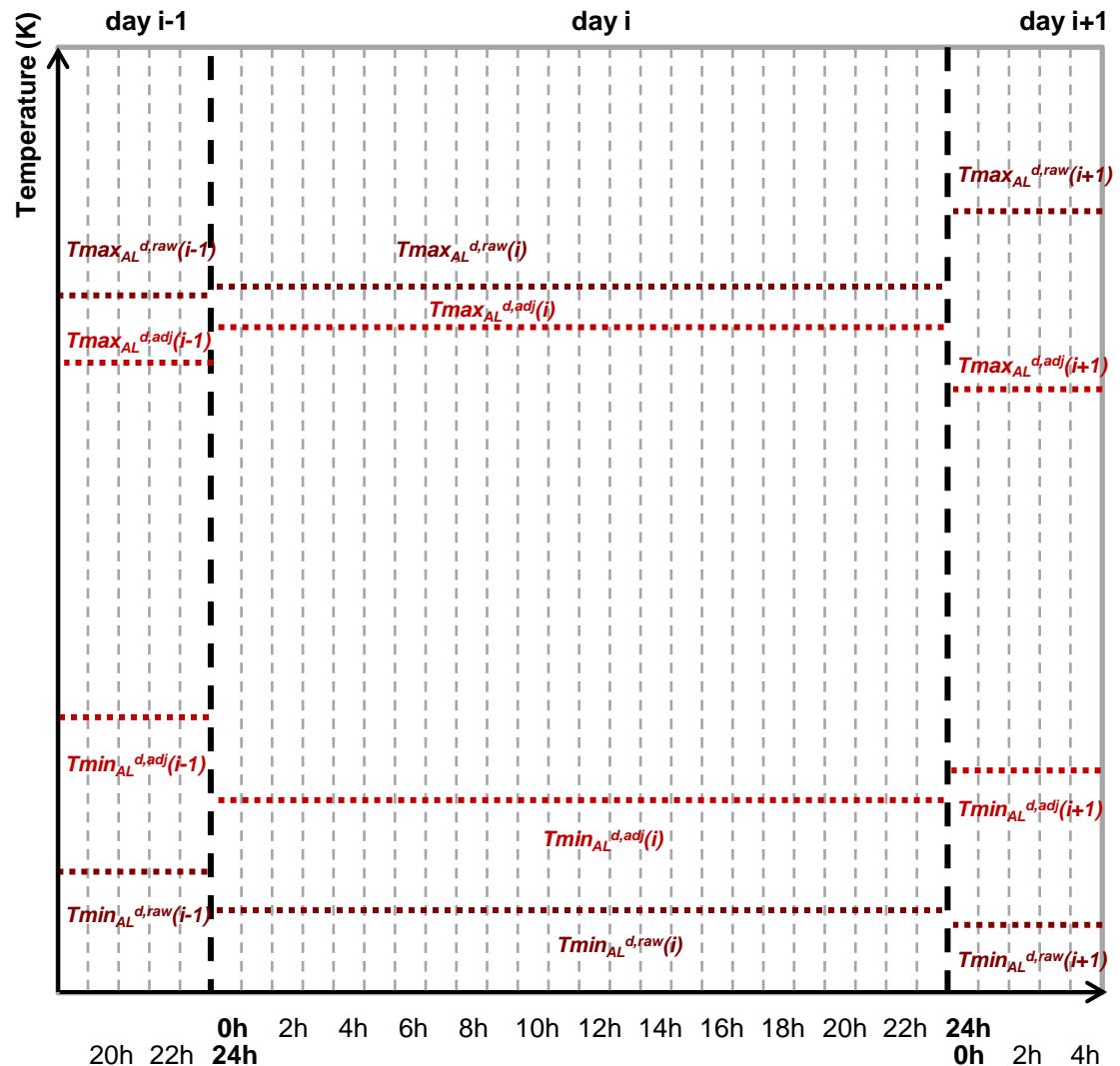


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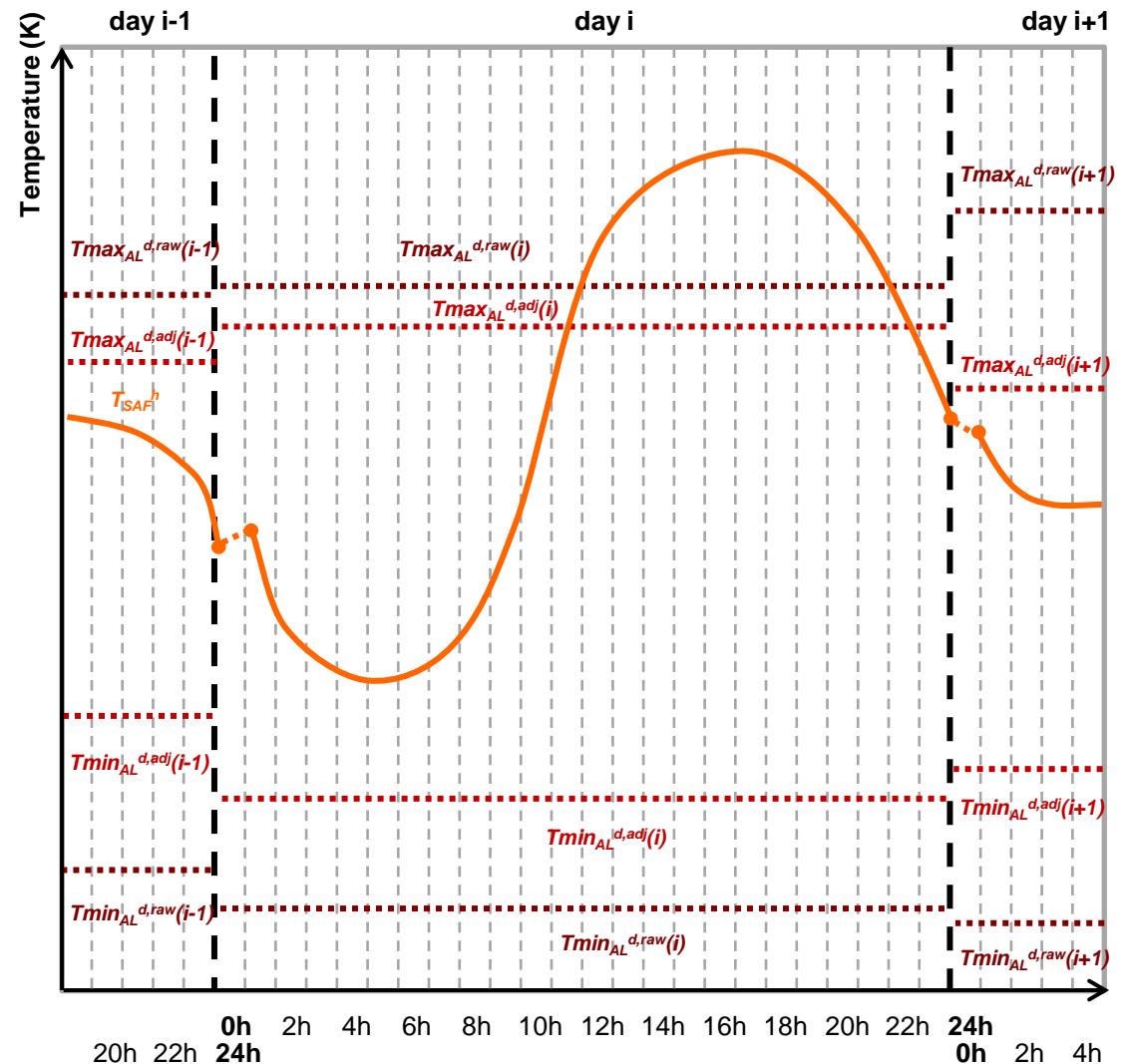
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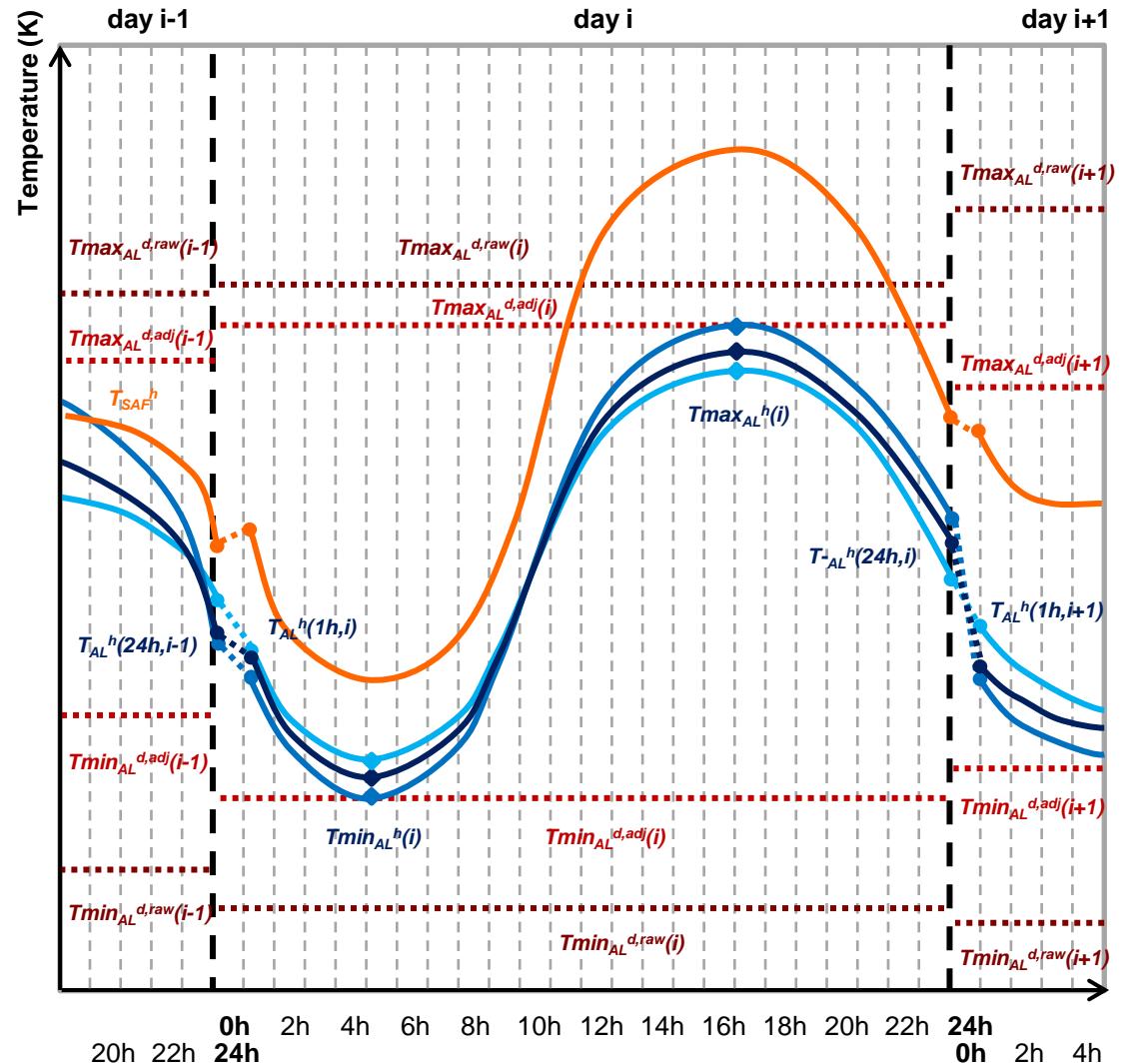
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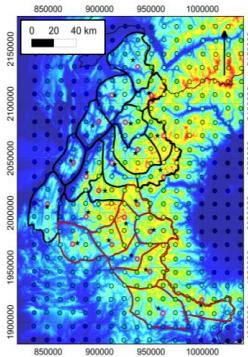
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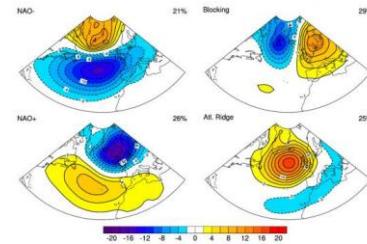


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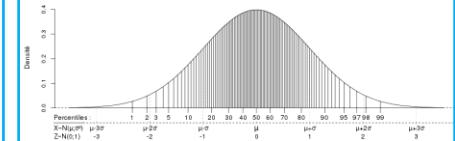


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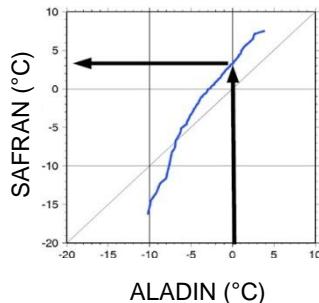


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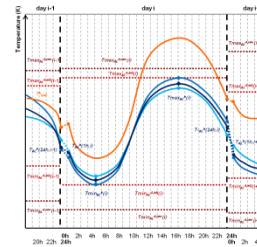
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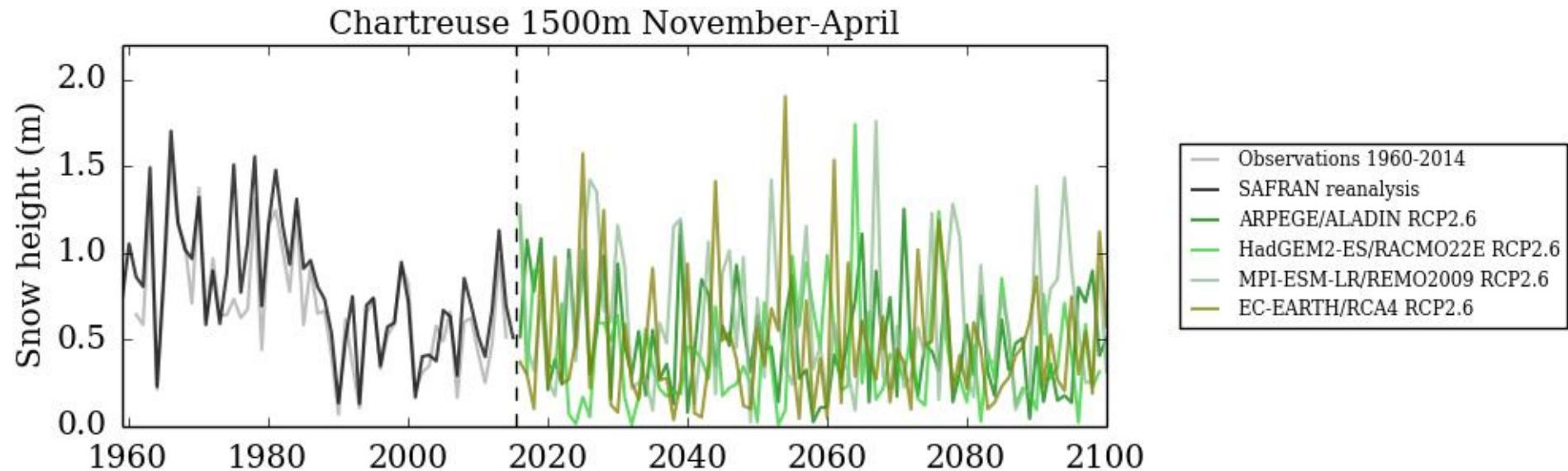
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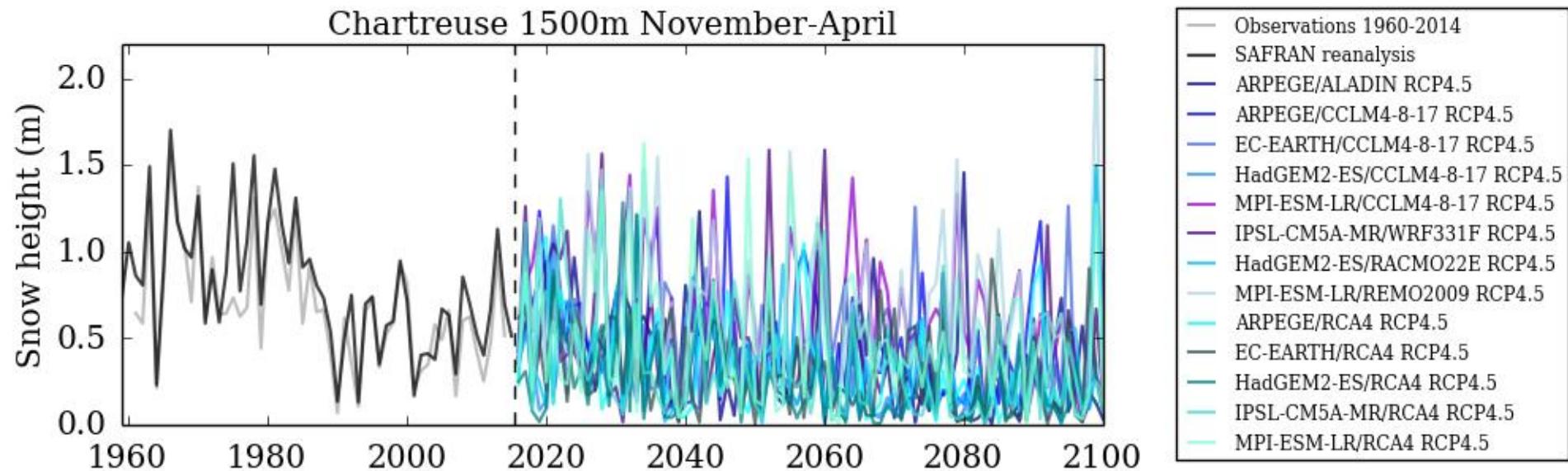
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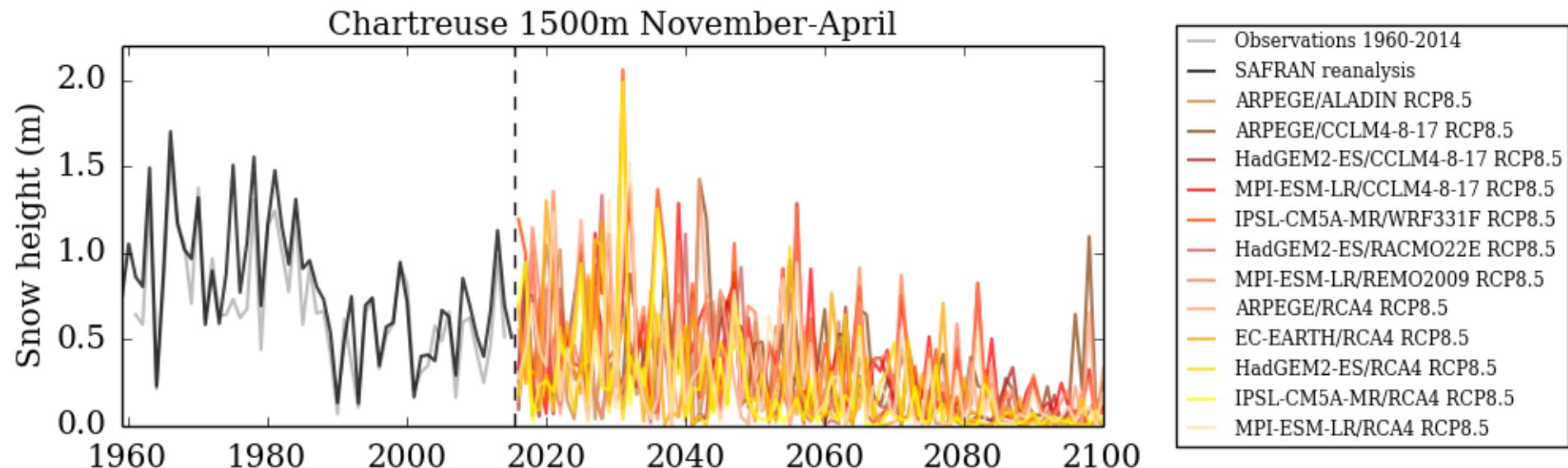
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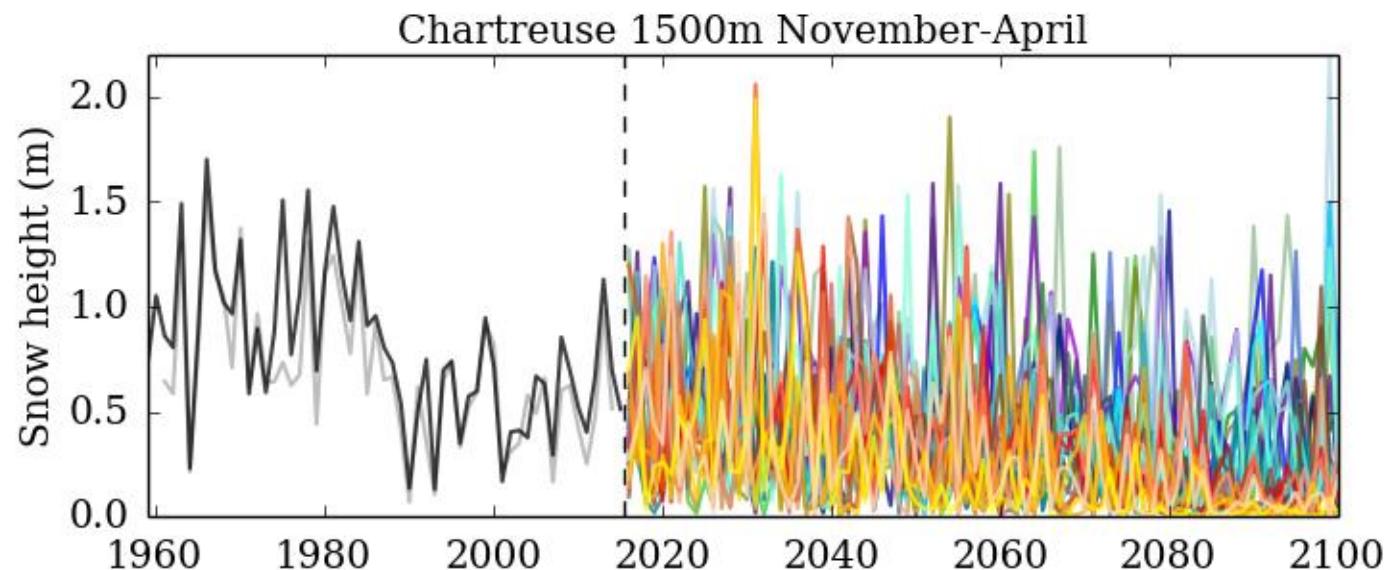
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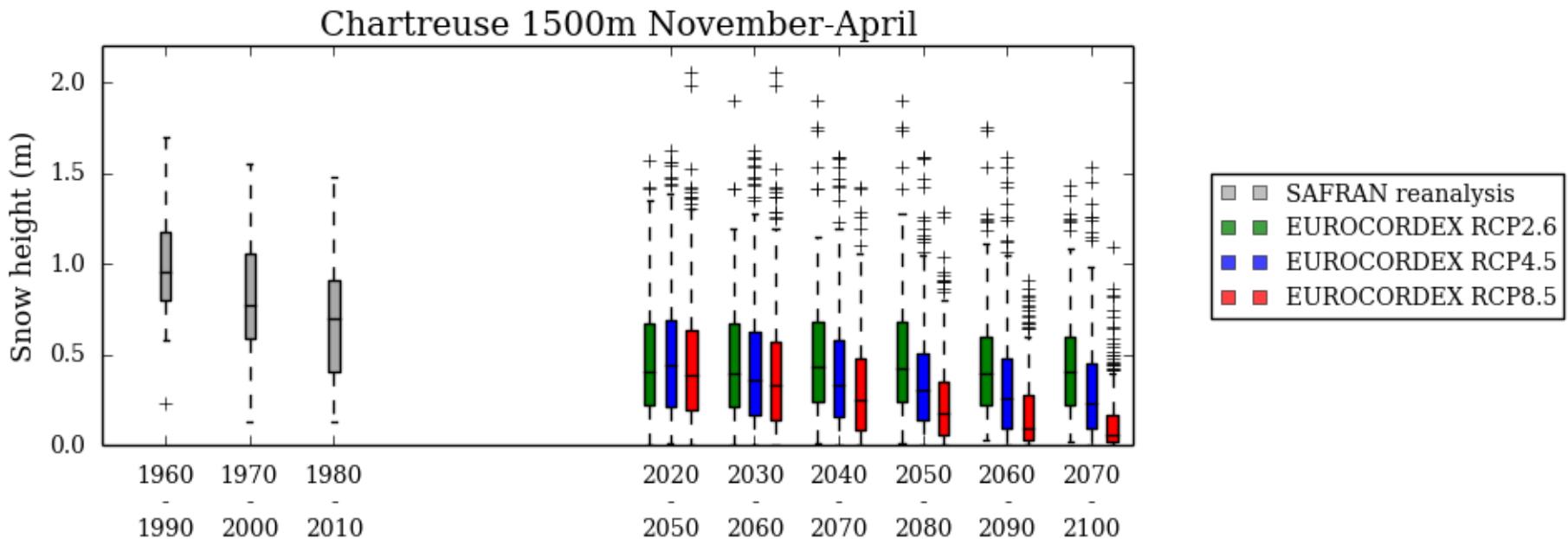
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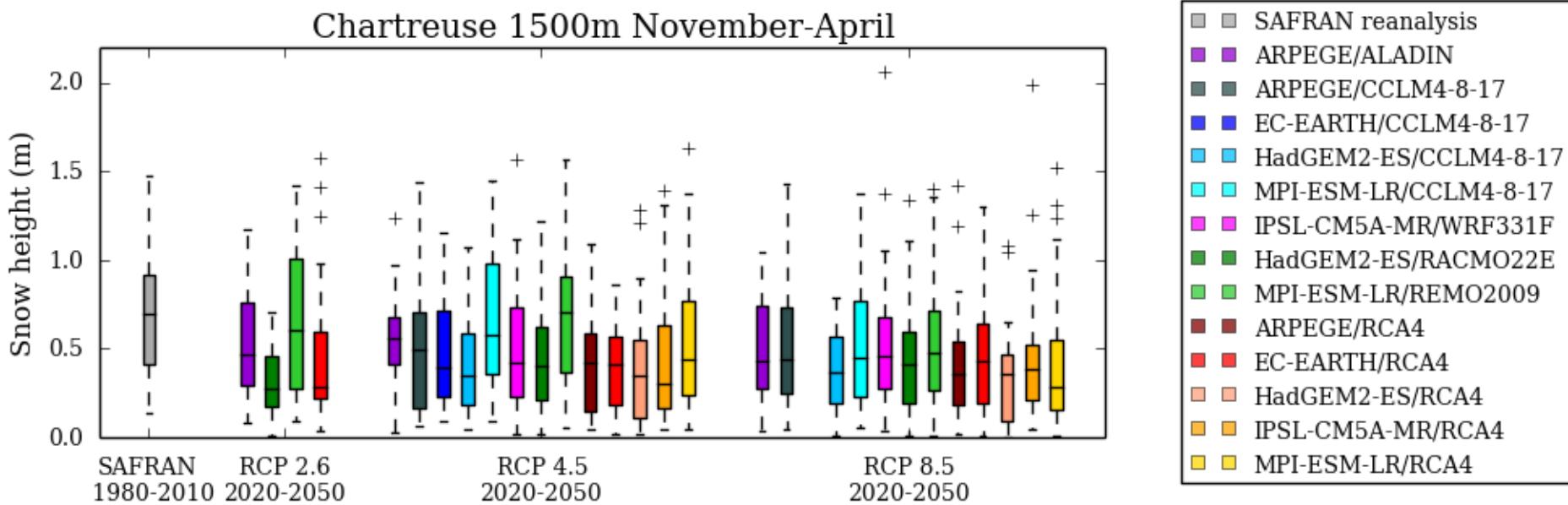
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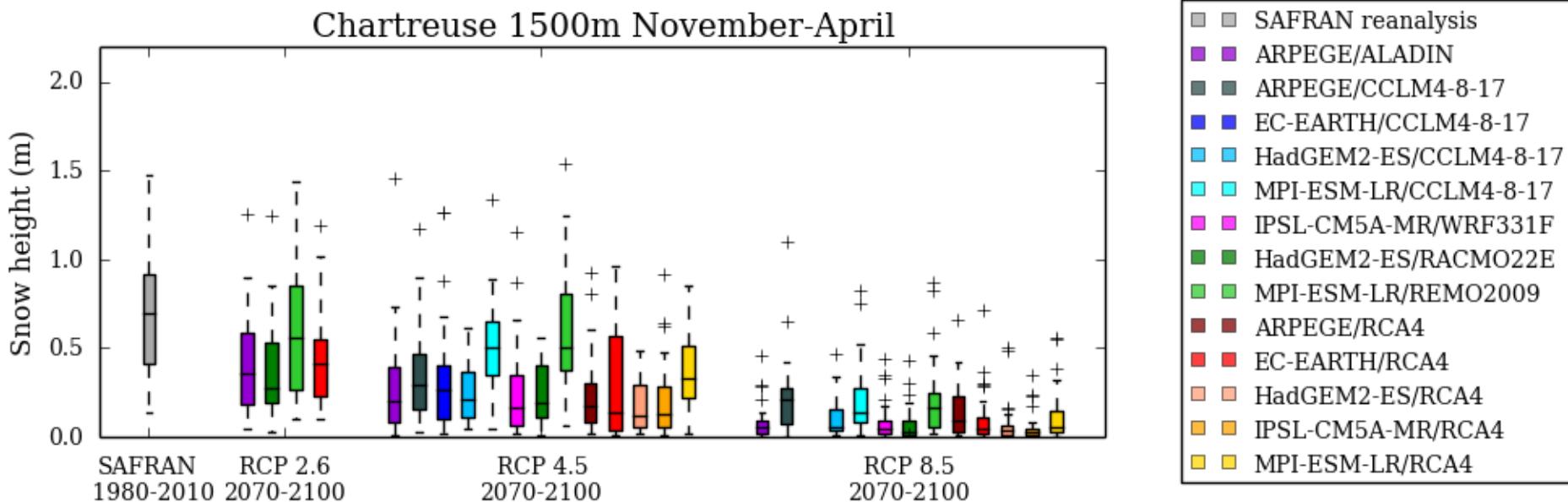
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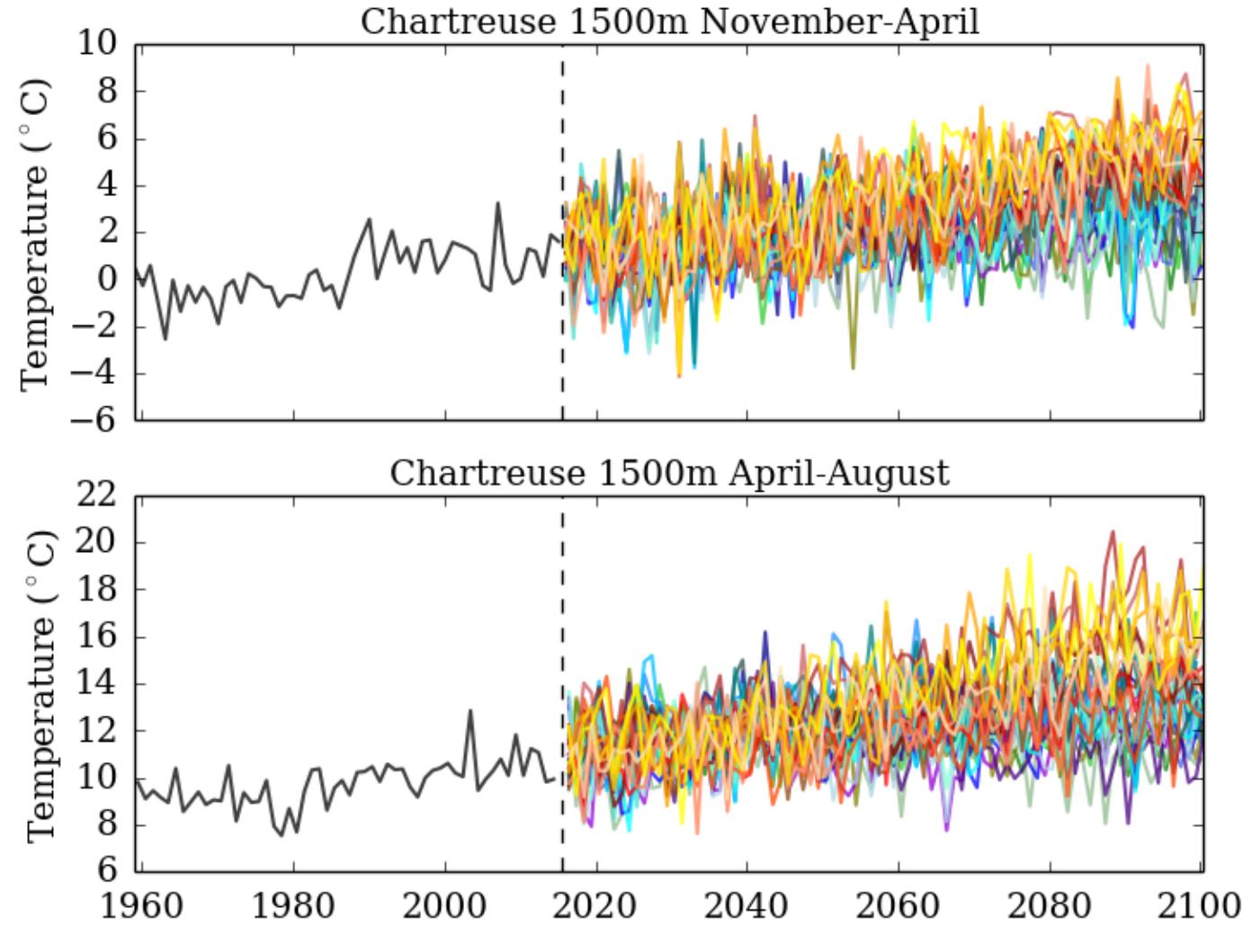
# Conclusions & Perspectives

- Generic downscaling & adjustment method for climate projections
- Respects the RCM **chronology**
- Yields **continuous hourly** time series of adjusted meteorological variables (not only Pr & T) → energy balance land surface models
- Numerous possible applications: natural & artificial snow production, agricultural & forest management, mountain ecosystems, glaciology, glacial hydrology, ...
- **Article:**  
*Verfaillie et al., in review. The downscaling and adjustment method ADAMONT v1.0 for climate projections in mountainous regions applicable to energy balance land surface models, GMDD, in review. doi : 10.5194/gmd-2016-168*
- Snow at Col de Porte : strong **interannual variability**, differences between RCP scenarios and between EUROCORDEX models
- **Future work:** application to all mountain ranges in France

# Thanks for your attention

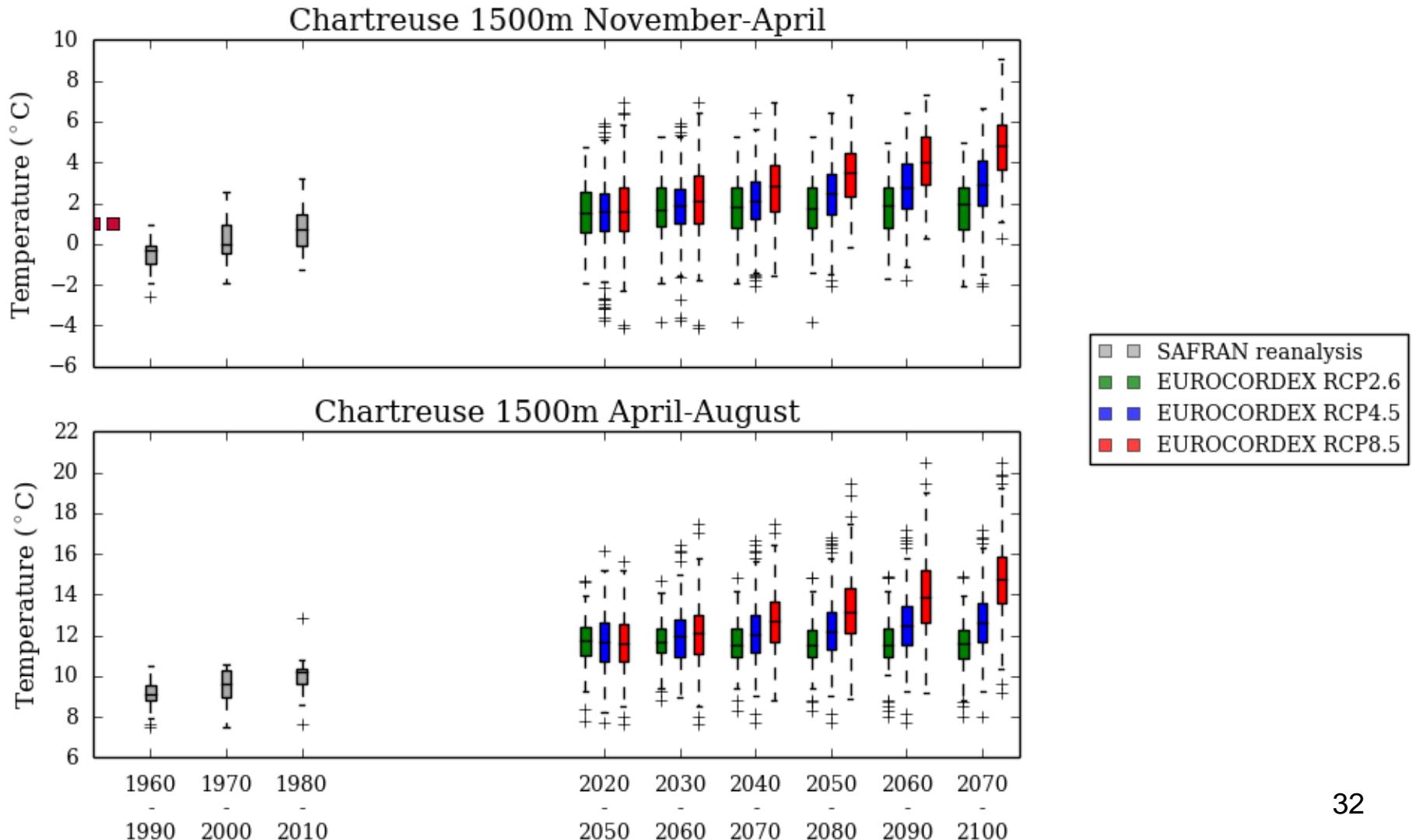
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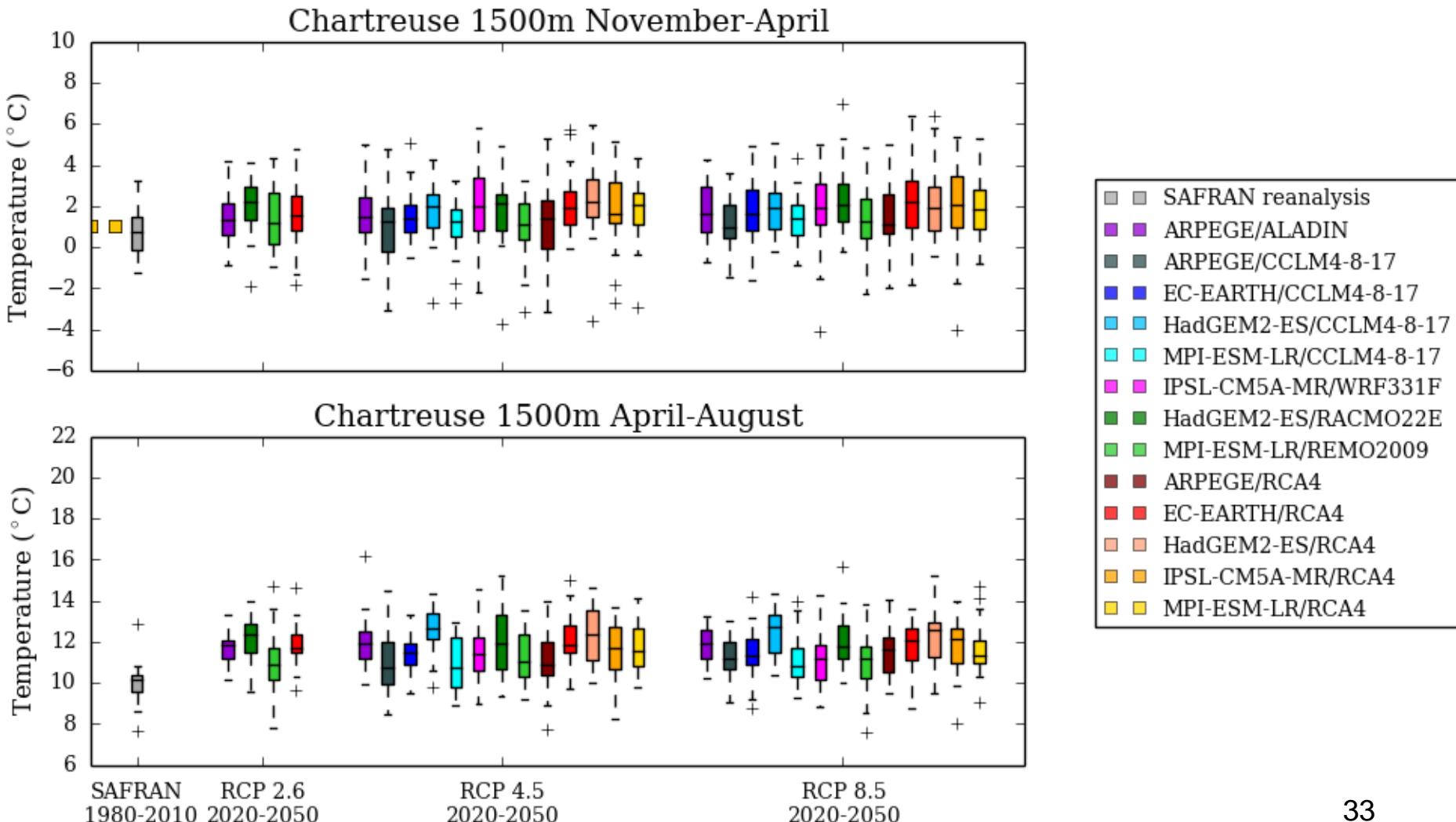


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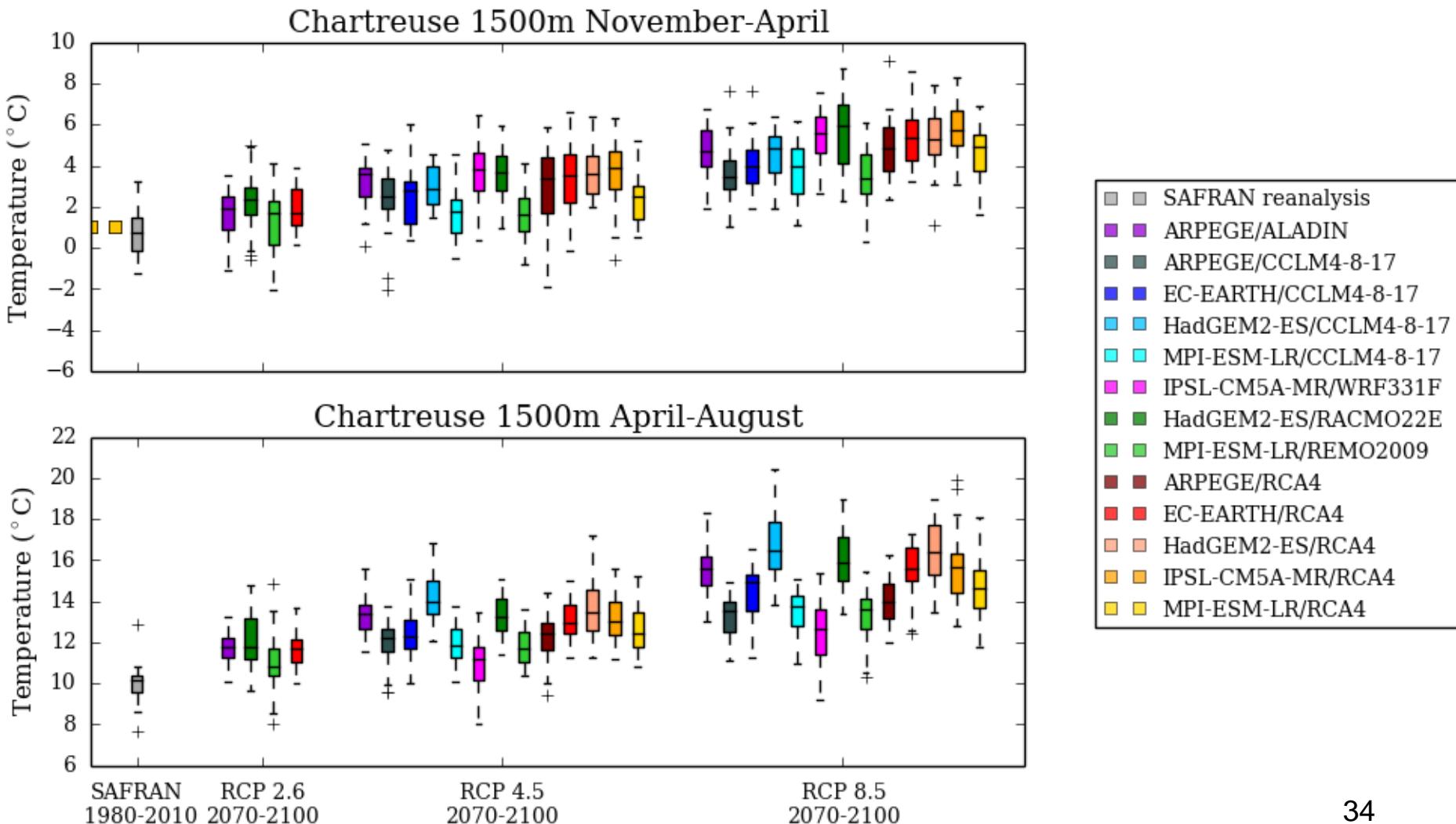
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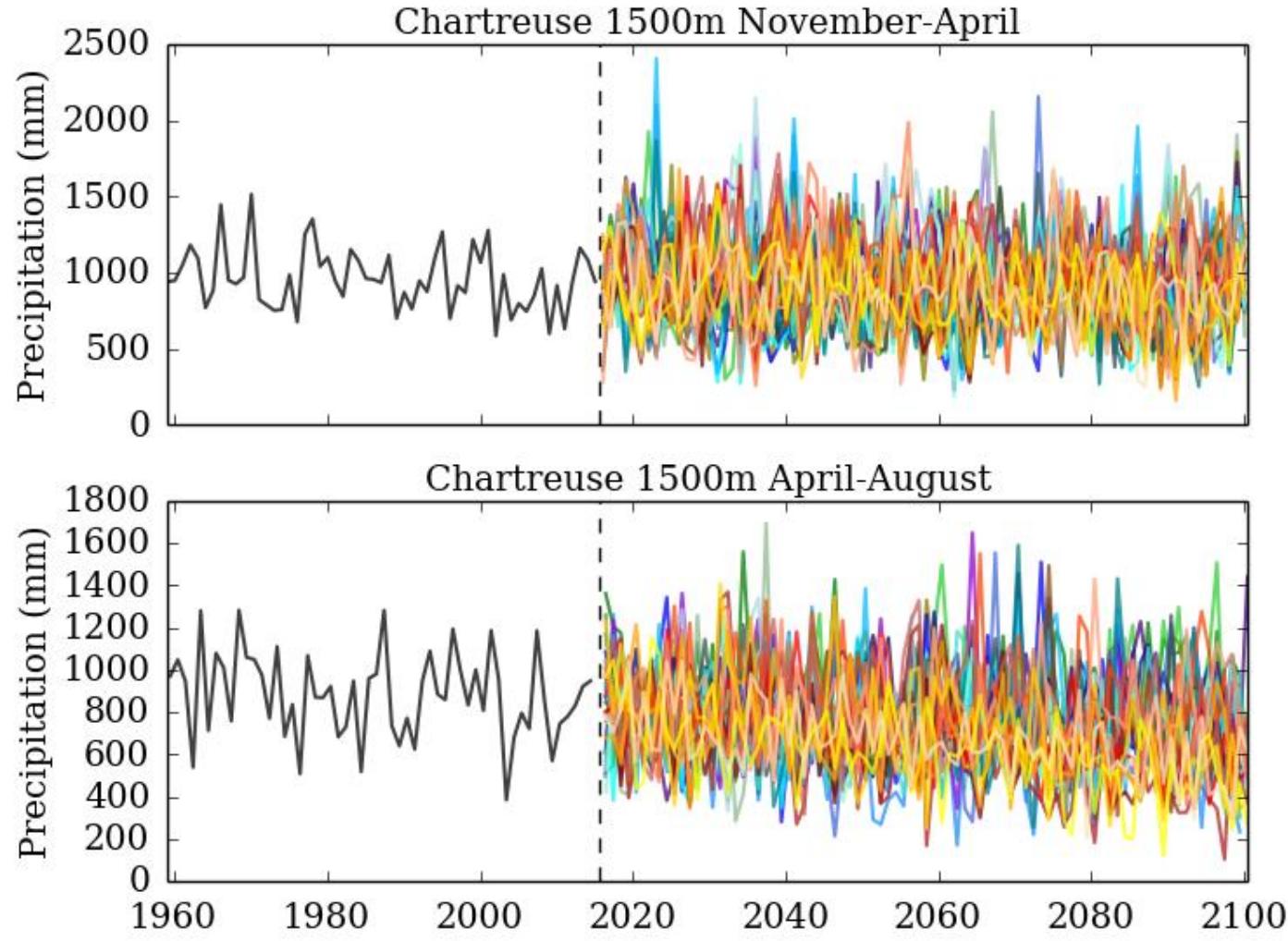
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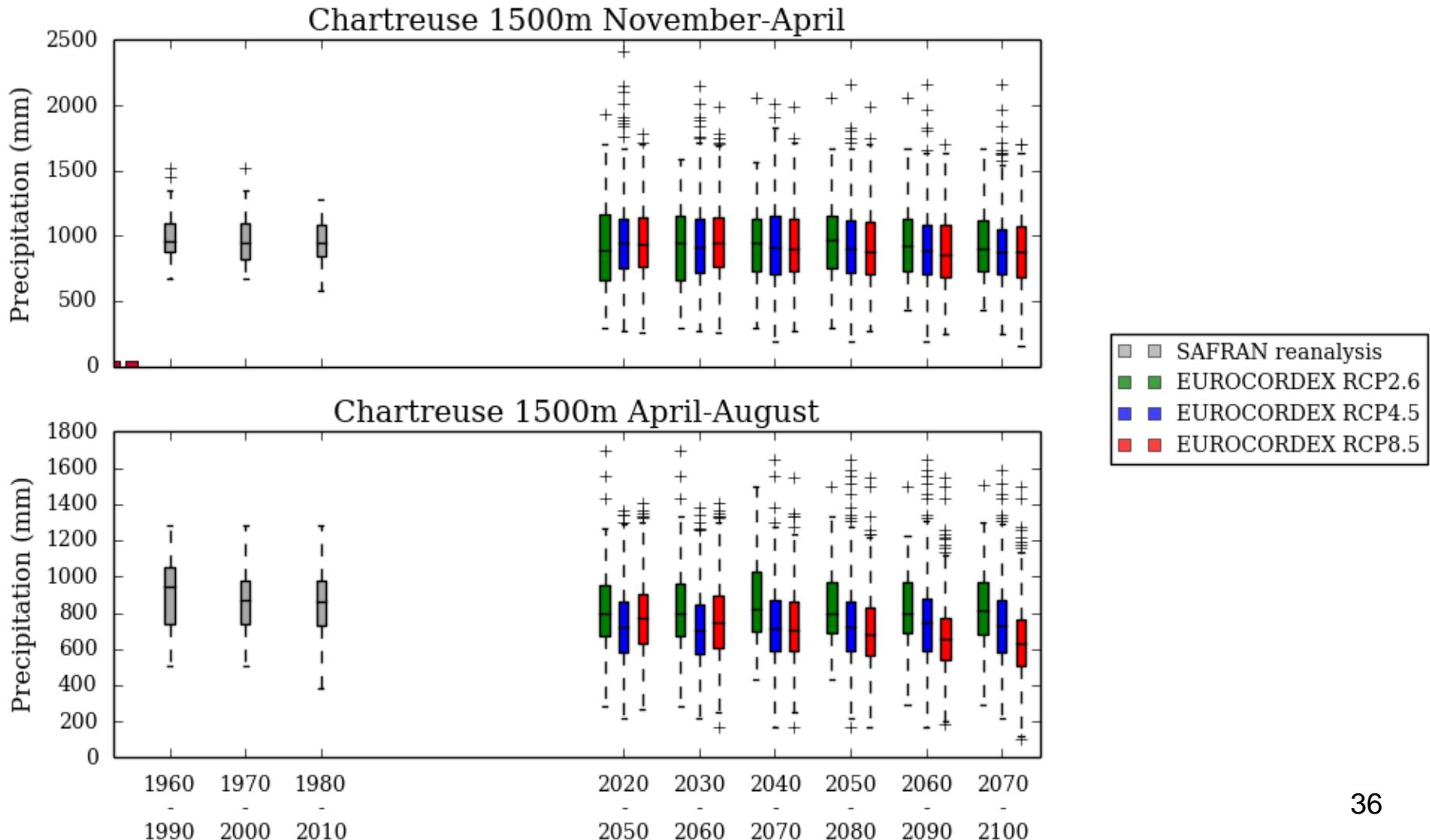


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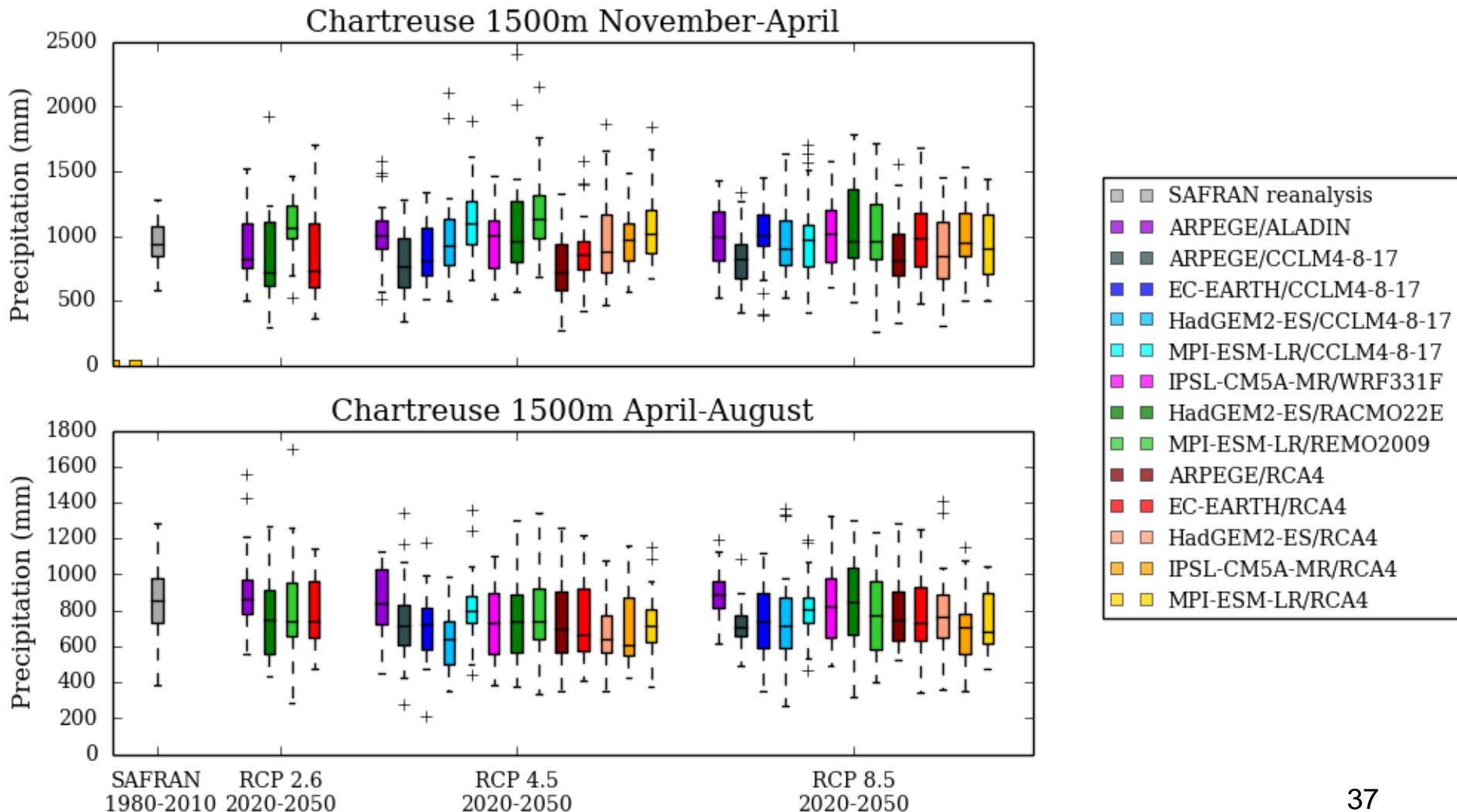


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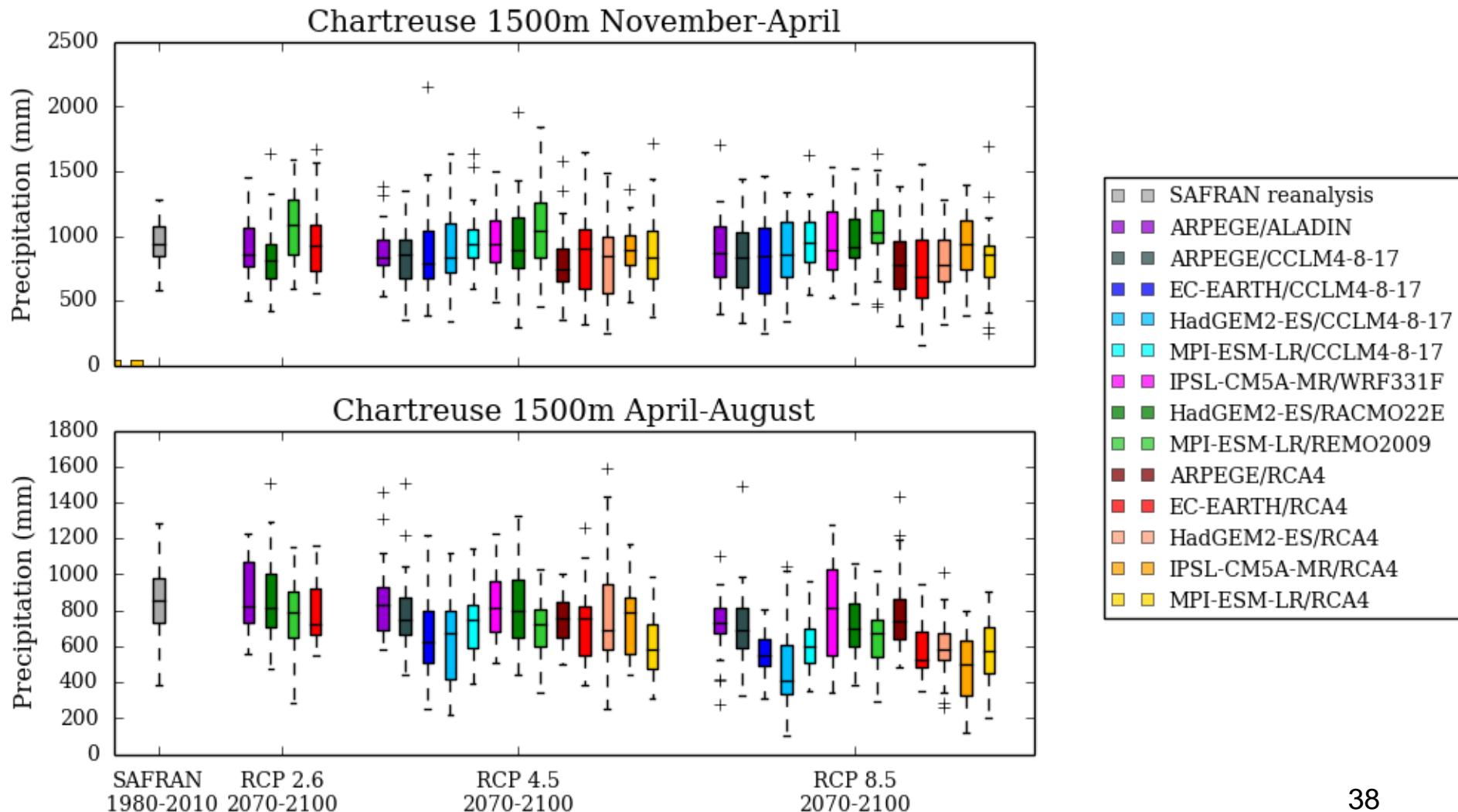
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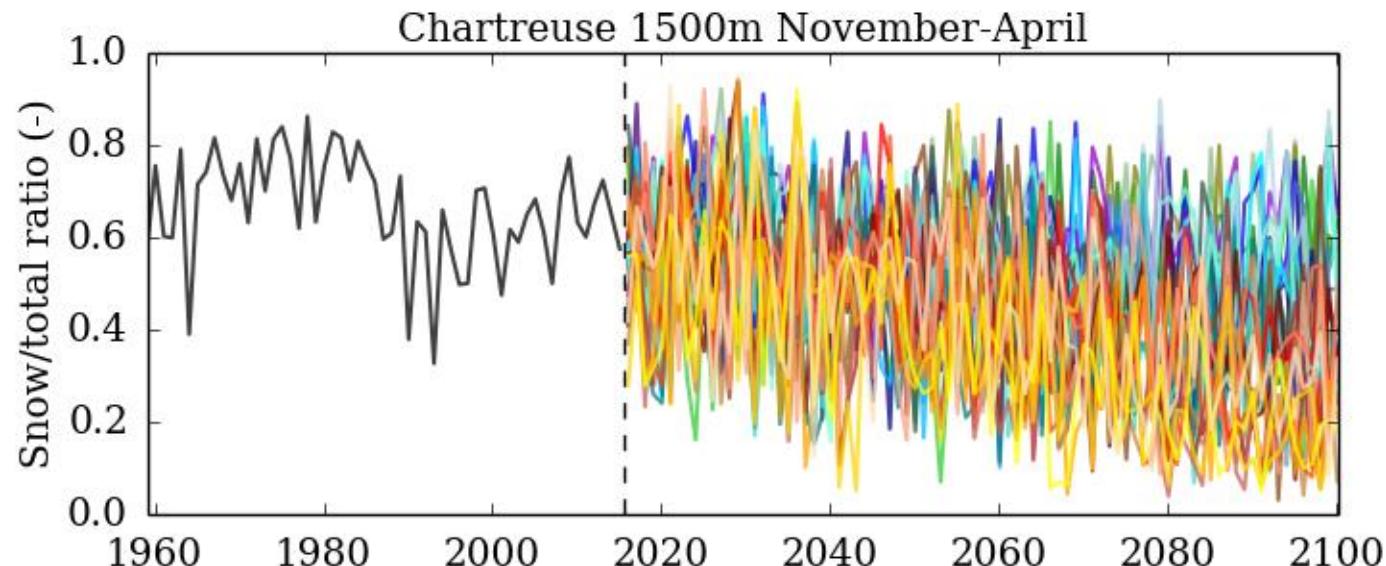
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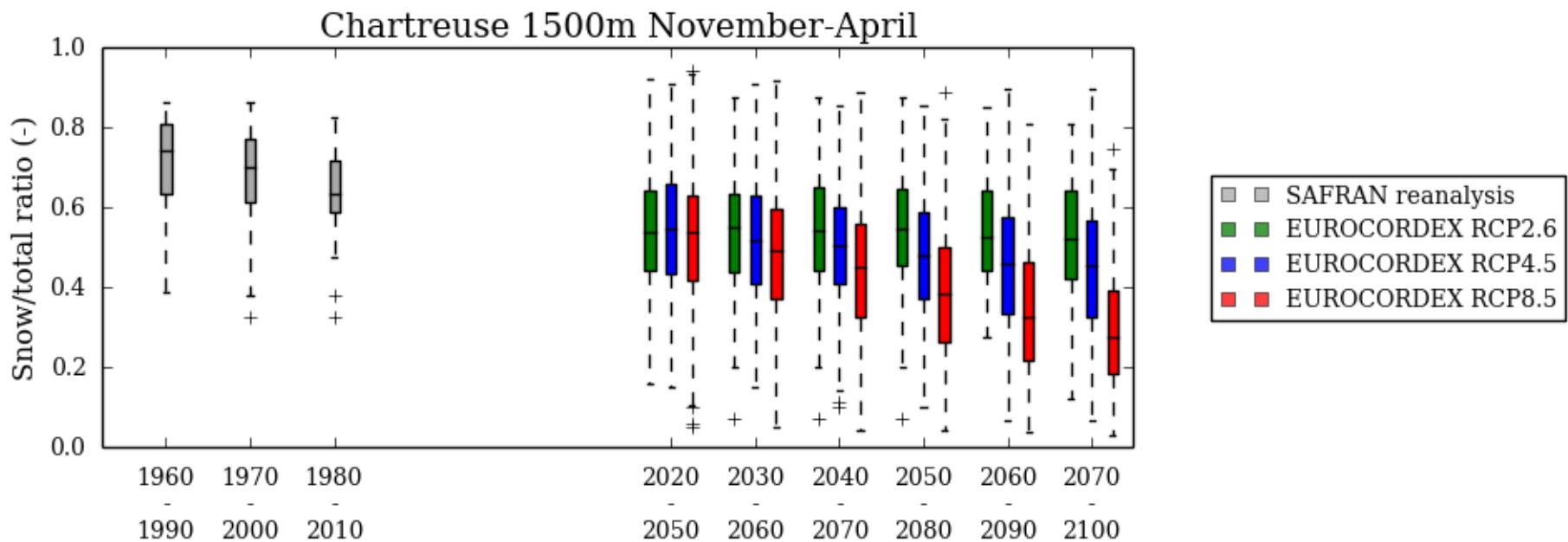


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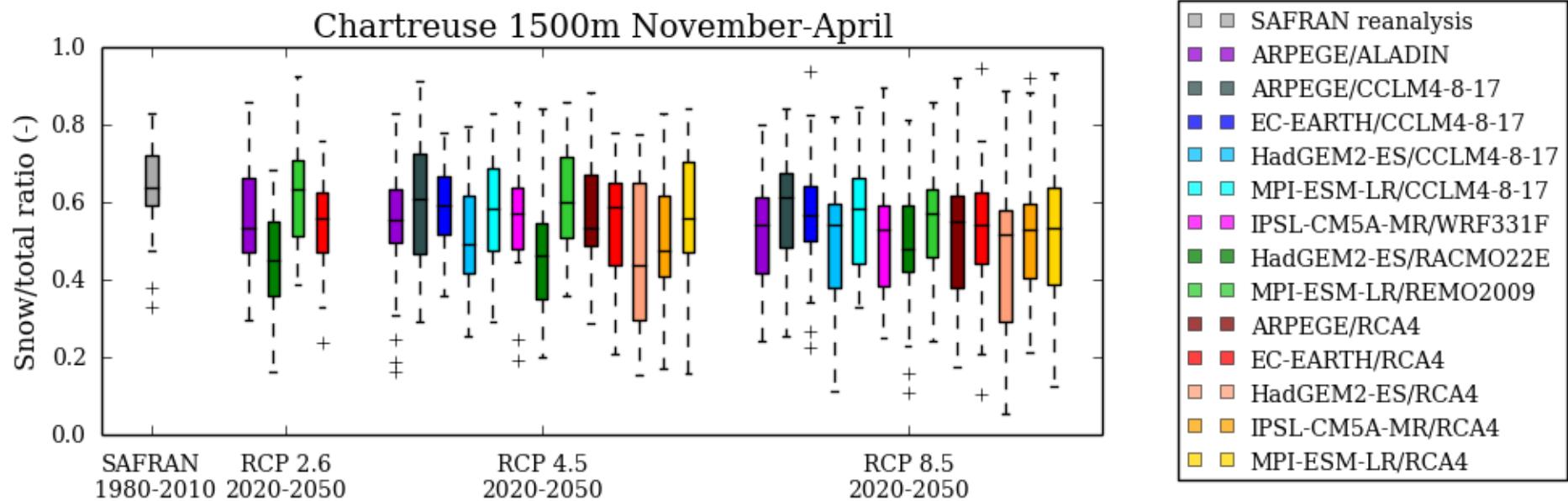


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