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Leveraging Deep Learning and Rare Event Sampling to study climate extremes impacting the power system

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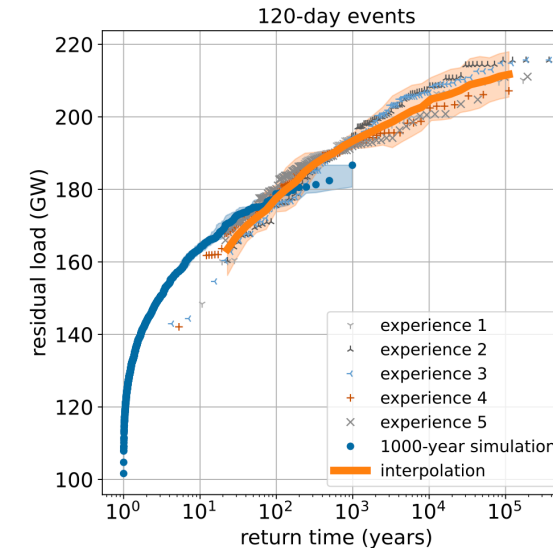
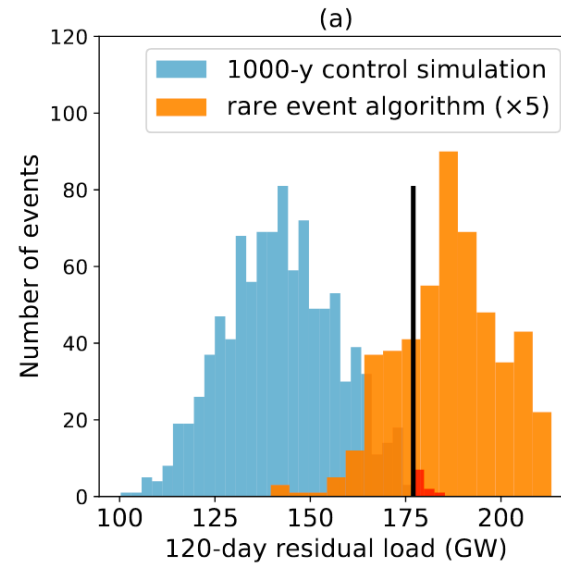


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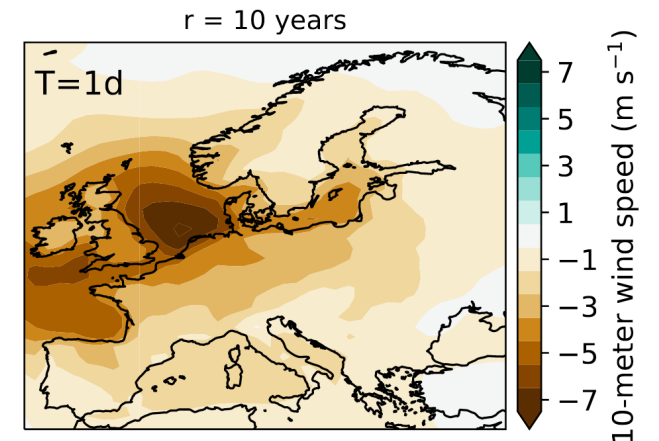
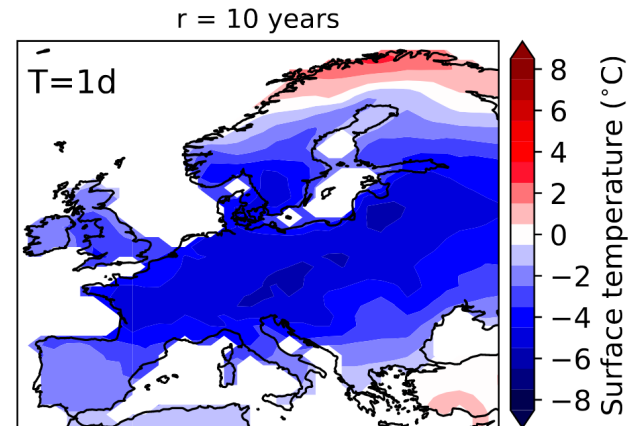
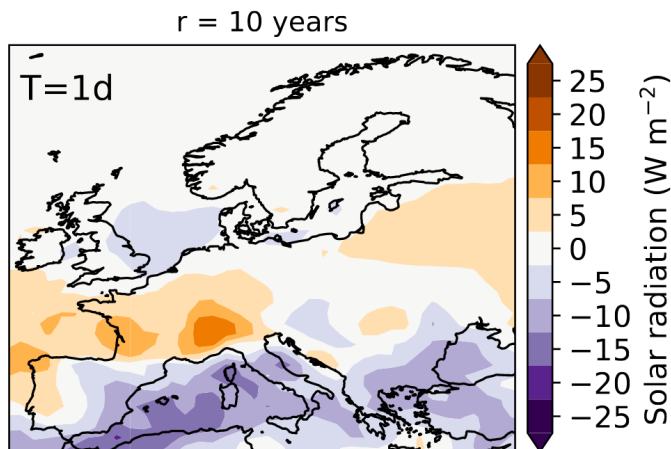


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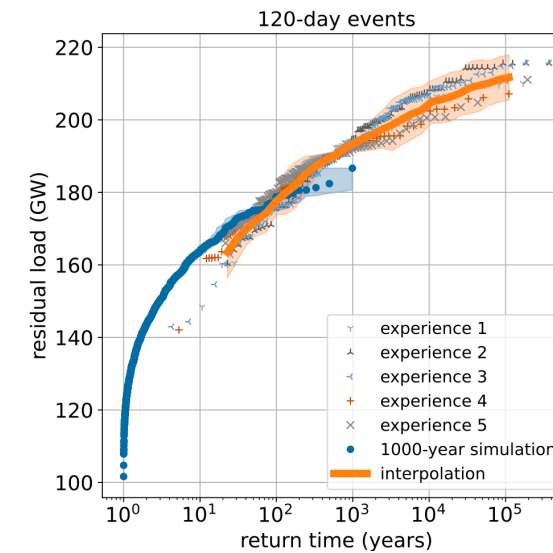
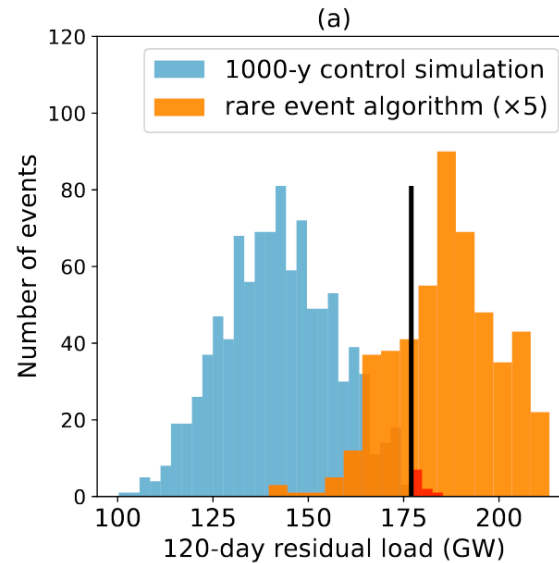


Composite maps
of high residual
load events



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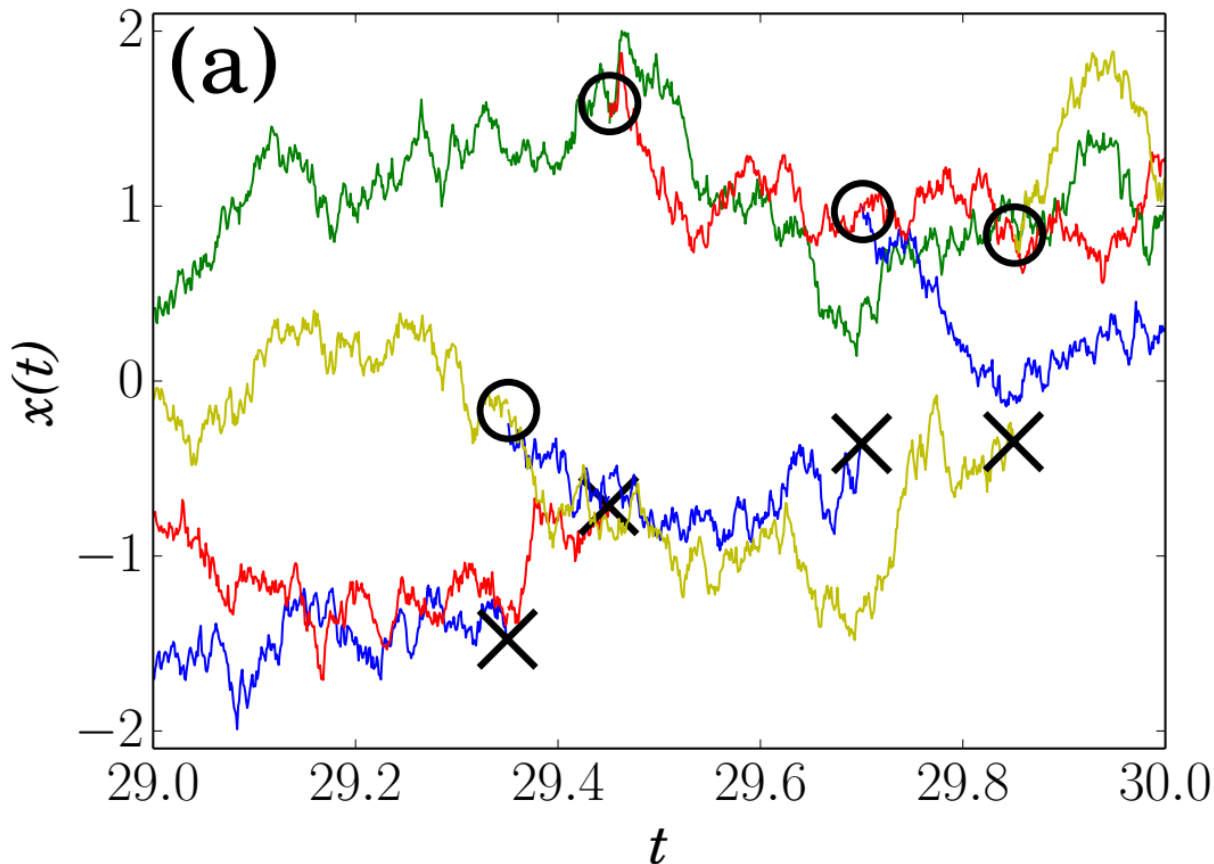
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We need to develop a new methodology to sample **shorter events** (e.g. a **few days or weeks**) critical for power network stability

Genealogical particle analysis algorithm: selecting, killing and cloning trajectories - (*Del Moral, Garnier, 2006*)

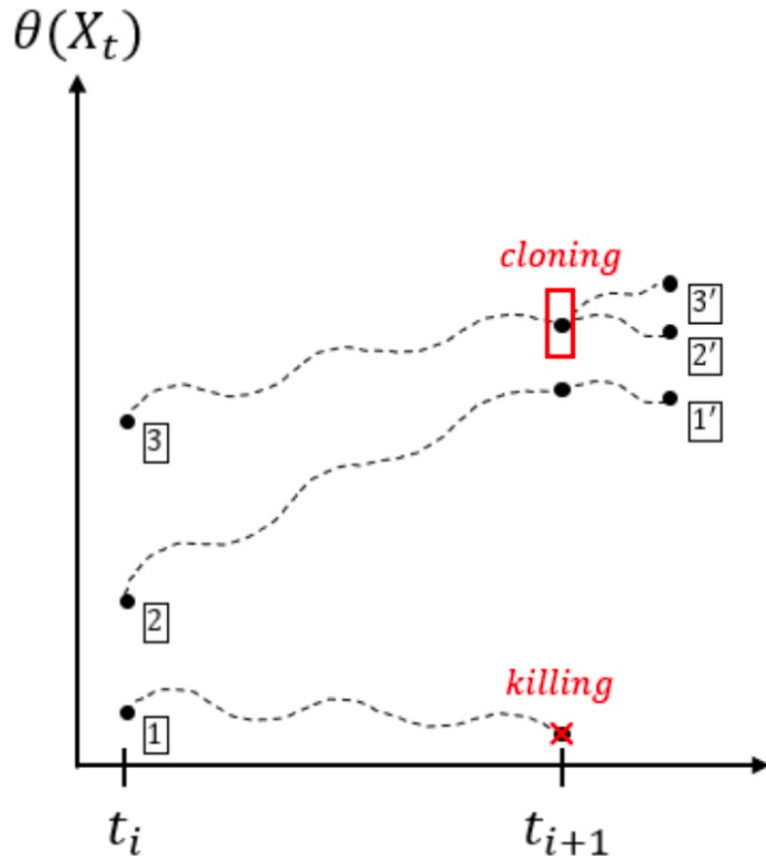
We regularly **stop** simulations and **resample** to weight the ensemble toward the rare event of interest but **track** the **unbiased probabilities**.



Weight trajectory i with:

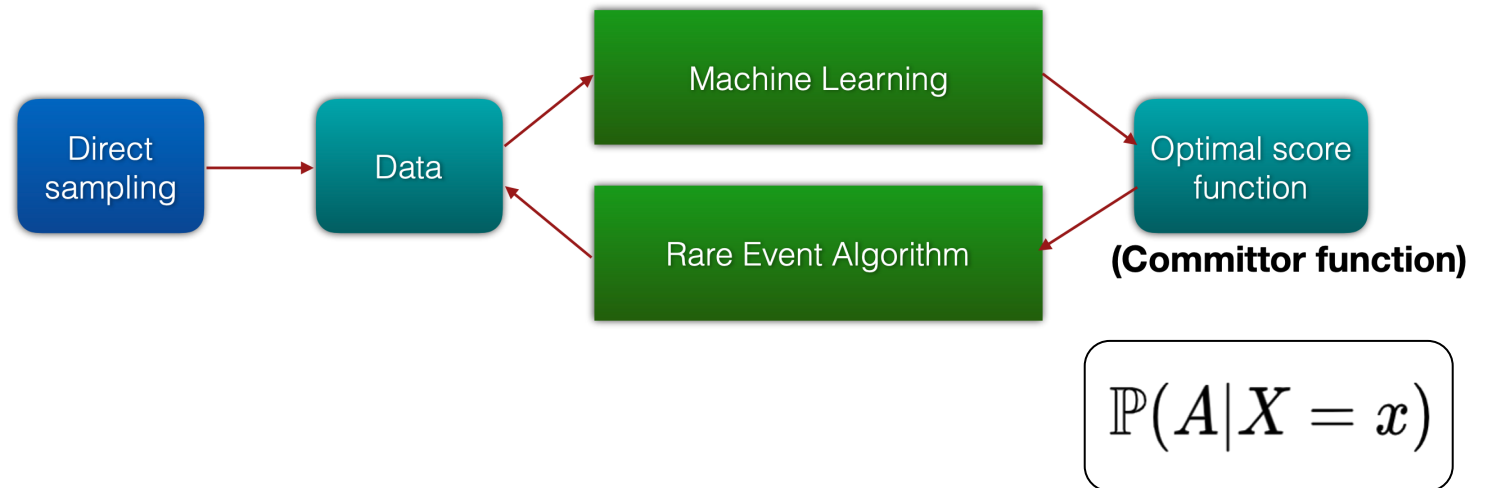
$$W_n^i = \exp \left(k \int_{t_{i-1}}^{t_i} O(X_n(t)) dt \right) / Z_i.$$

Idea for tackling shorter events: Coupling ML with Rare event sampling



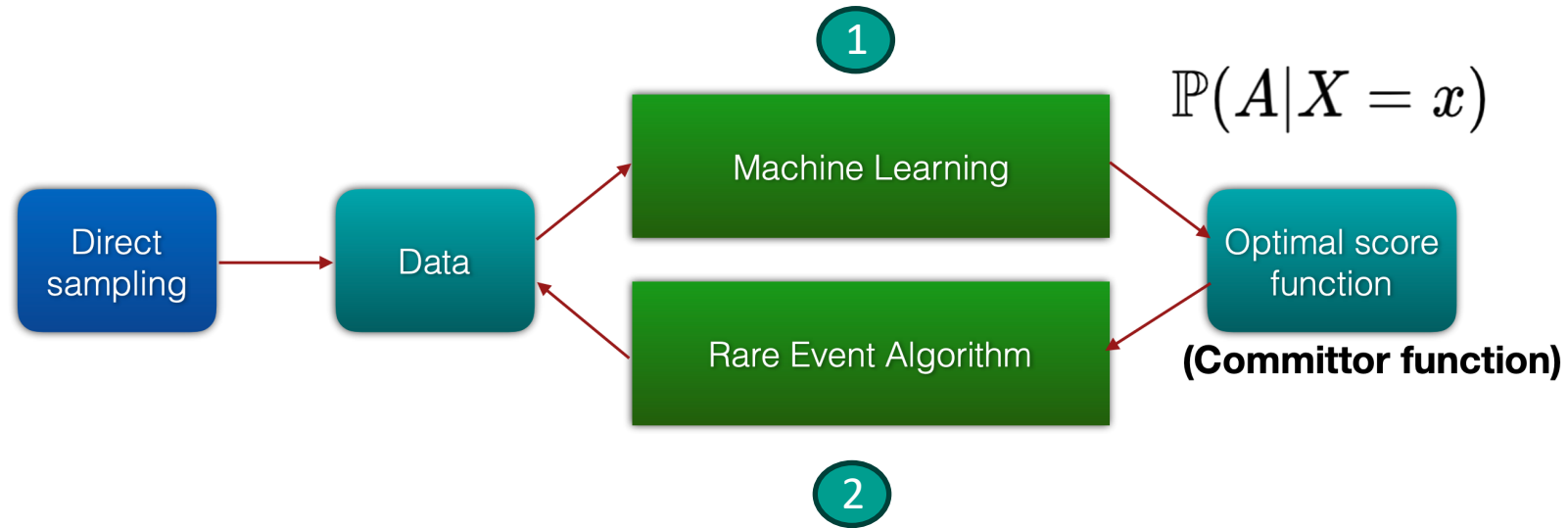
From Noyelle, R., *PhD Thesis (2024)*

Coupling rare event algorithms with data based learning of committor functions



- One example: Bouchet, Jack, Lecomte, Nemoto, PRE, 2016 (Committor function) (For X in dimension 1)

Idea for tackling shorter events: Coupling ML with Rare event sampling



Two options for ① :

A. **Direct prediction** of the event of interest

Lovo & Lancelin et al. (2024)

B. Use an **AI-emulator** of Climate model

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Direct prediction: Tackling the Accuracy-Interpretability trade-off

Lovo & Lancelin et al. (2024)



<https://arxiv.org/abs/2410.00984>

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Tackling the Accuracy-Interpretability Trade-off in a Hierarchy of Machine Learning Models for the Prediction of Extreme Heatwaves

➤ Application: prediction of heatwaves over France

Lovo & Lancelin et al. (2024)

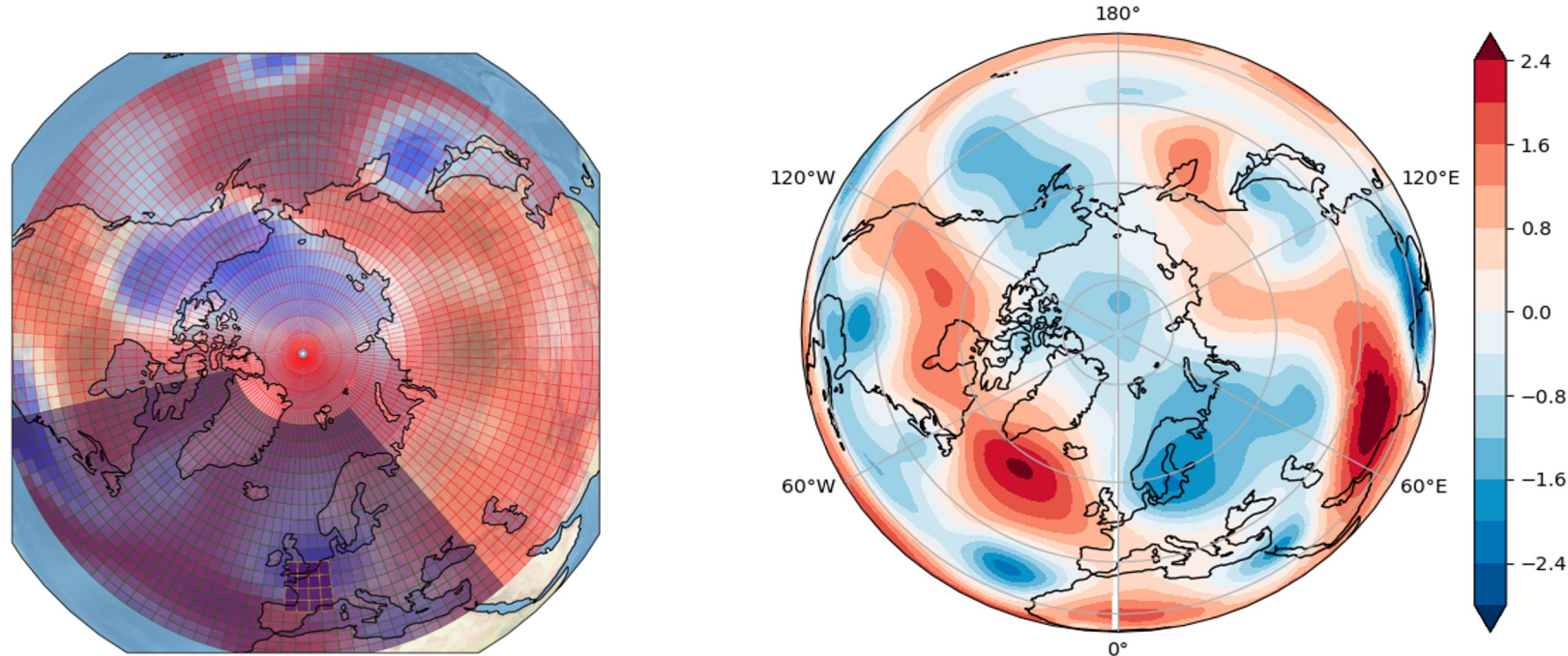
Target: Predict the distribution of heatwaves defined with

$$A(t) = \frac{1}{T} \int_t^{t+T} \frac{1}{|\mathcal{D}|} \int_{\mathcal{D}} [T_{2m} - \mathbb{E}(T_{2m})](\vec{r}, t') d\vec{r} dt'$$

- T is the duration of the heatwave, we set $T = 14$ days here.
- \mathcal{D} is the fixed region of interest. Here, $\mathcal{D} = \text{France}$.

Heatwave occurs if $A(t) > a_q$ with a_q an arbitrary high percentile.

We used simulated data from a state-of-the-art Climate model



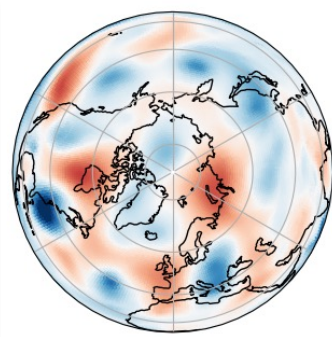
- 1000 years of **simulated data** of the **CESM** model at 1° resolution
- No atmosphere/ocean coupling
- Stationary climate of the years 2000

A probabilistic regression task from initial conditions

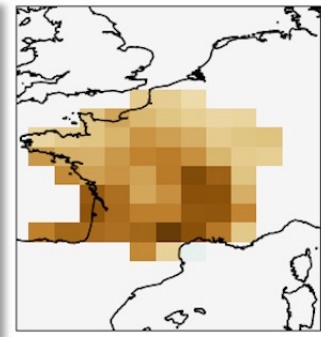
Predictors:

$\mathbf{X}(t)$

Geopotential Height
at 500hPa



Soil Moisture
over France



Snapshot of weather fields at time t

Target:

Predict $\mathbb{P}(A(t + \tau) | \mathbf{X}(t))$ with a focus on extremes

- τ is the lead time at which we want to predict. $\tau = 0, 5, 10, 30, \dots$ days.

Parametric approximation:

$$\mathbb{P}(A|X = x) \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu(x), \sigma(x))$$

Can we find an optimum between accuracy and interpretability?

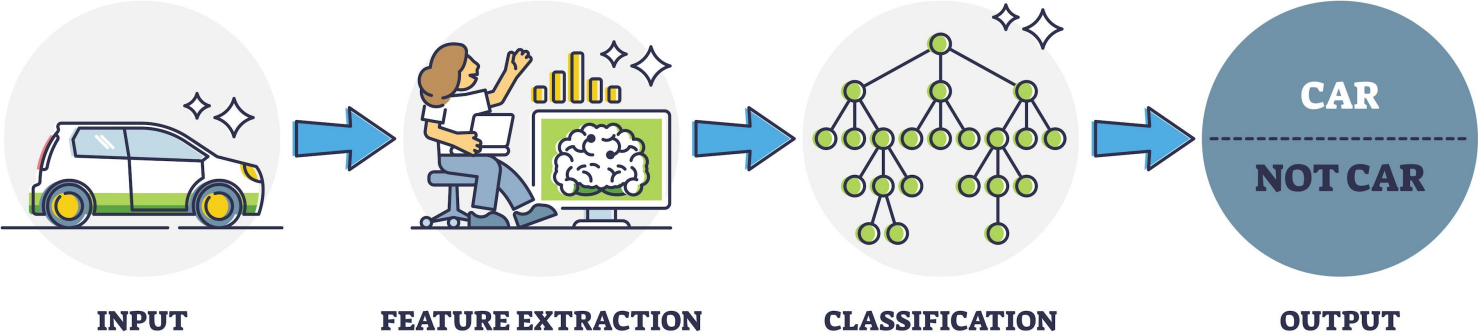
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GA	$M \cdot X$	σ	27 425	0	1
IINN	$g_{\mu}(M \cdot X)$	$s(g_{\sigma}(M \cdot X))$	55 058*	0	10
ScatNet	$\beta_{\mu} \cdot \phi(X)$	$s(\beta_{\sigma} \cdot \phi(X))$	19 930*	656 640*	5
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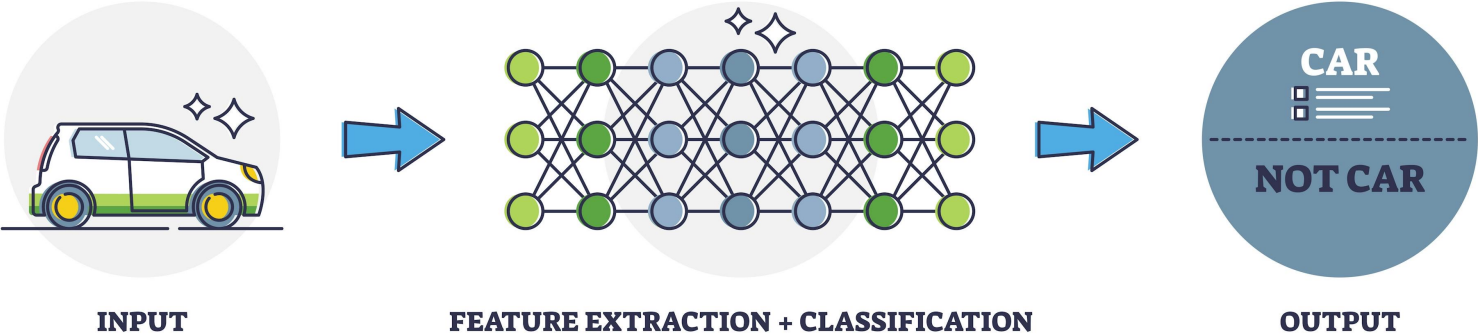
To predict extreme heatwaves, we used a **hierarchy** of models from the **simplest** to the more **complex** ones.

An important distinction between “classic” ML and Deep Learning

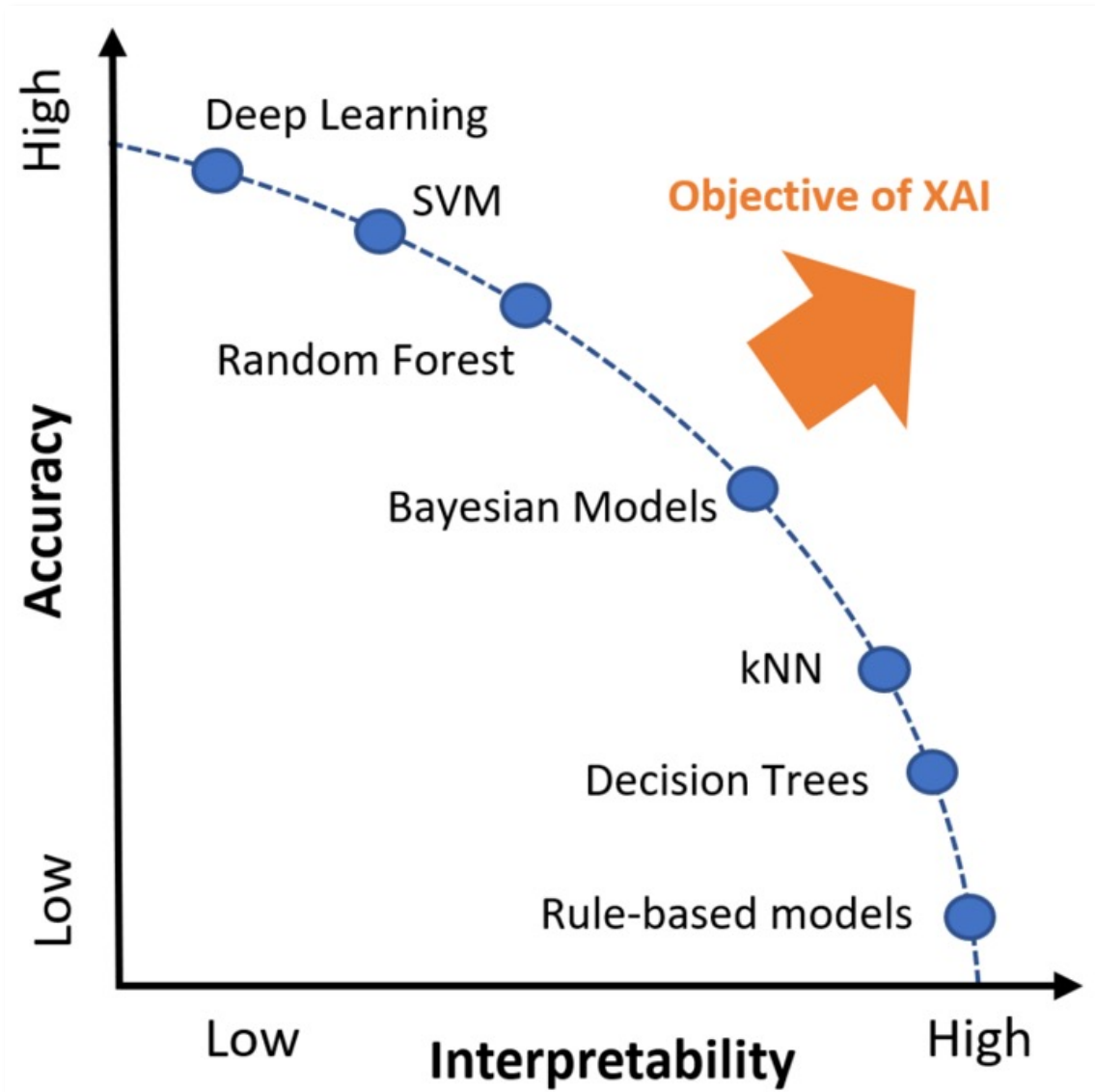
MACHINE LEARNING




DEEP LEARNING



Can we find a optimum between accuracy and interpretability?



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- Specifically, predicting **rare events** with **high societal impacts** requires an **understanding** of how predictions are generated.
 - Could also **inform our physical understanding** of phenomena

$$\mathbb{P}(A|X = x) \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu(x), \sigma(x))$$

A simple model: The Gaussian Approximation

We assume

$$X, A \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \Sigma)$$

Then, it comes

$$A | X \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu_{A|X}, \Sigma_{A|X})$$

where

$$\mu_{A|X} = \Sigma_{AX} \Sigma_{XX}^{-1} X$$

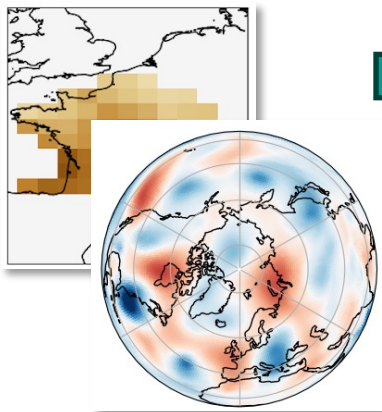
and

$$\sigma_{A|X} = \Sigma_{AA} - \Sigma_{AX} \Sigma_{XX}^{-1} \Sigma_{XA}$$

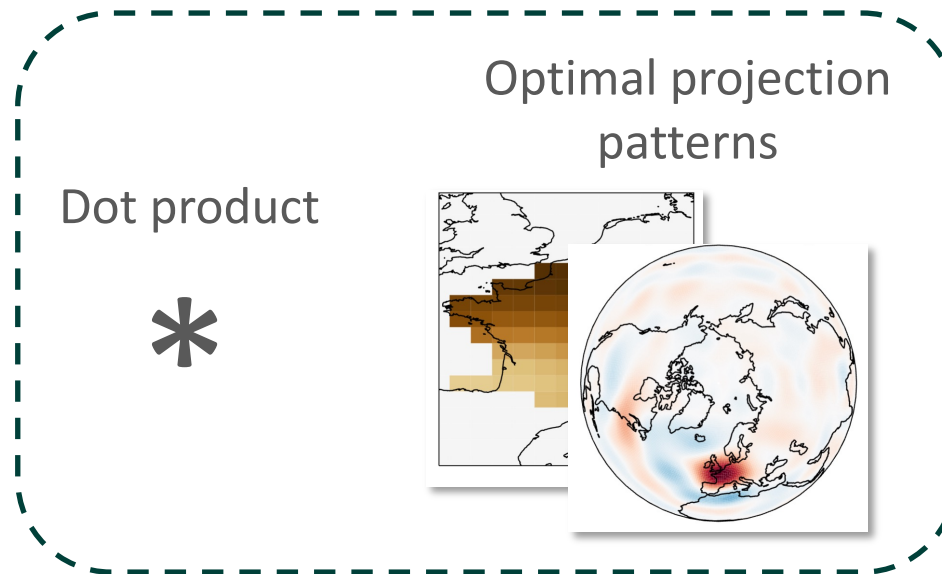
(does not depend on the current observation X)

Input

Snapshot of weather fields X



Prediction model: The Gaussian Approximation



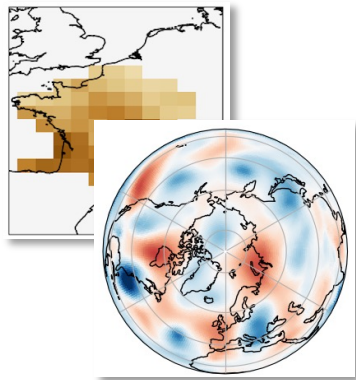
Output

$\hat{\mu}(X)$ and constant $\hat{\sigma}$

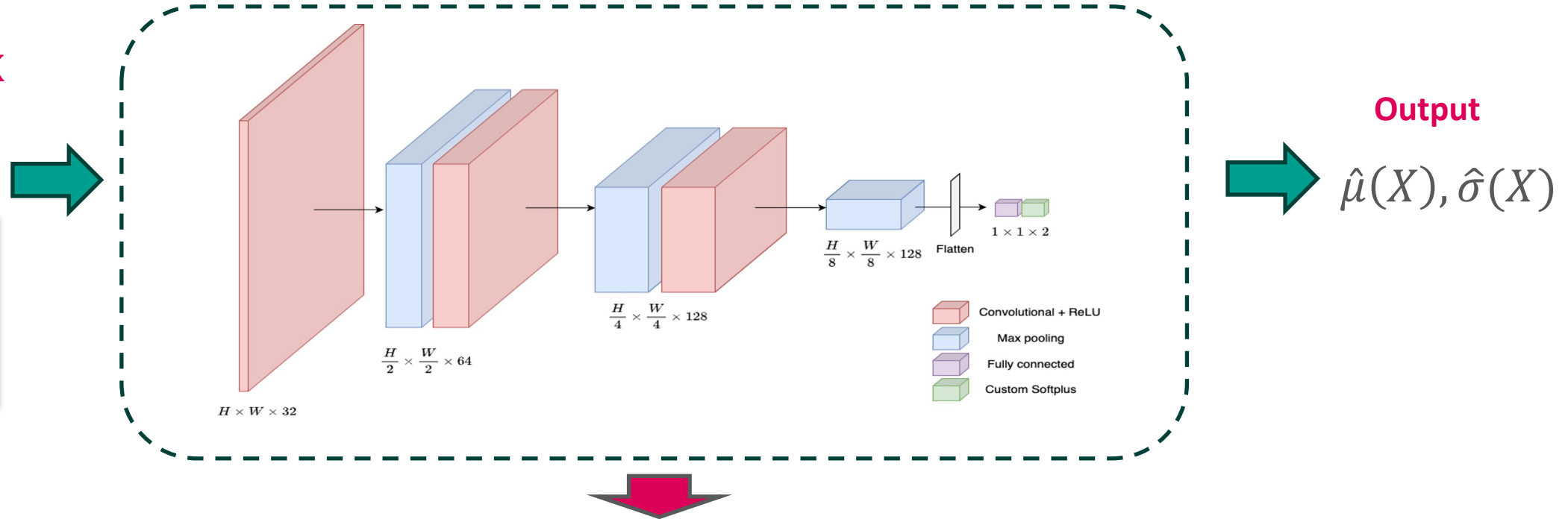
(Mascolo & Lovo et al., 2024)

A more complex model: Convolutional Neural Networks

Input
Snapshot of
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Predictive model: CNN

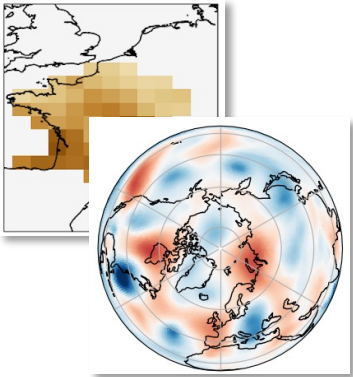


- ❖ Pros: Particularly **performant** on these kind of tasks (with enough training data)
- ❖ Cons: **A lot of parameters to learn** & behave as a **black-box**

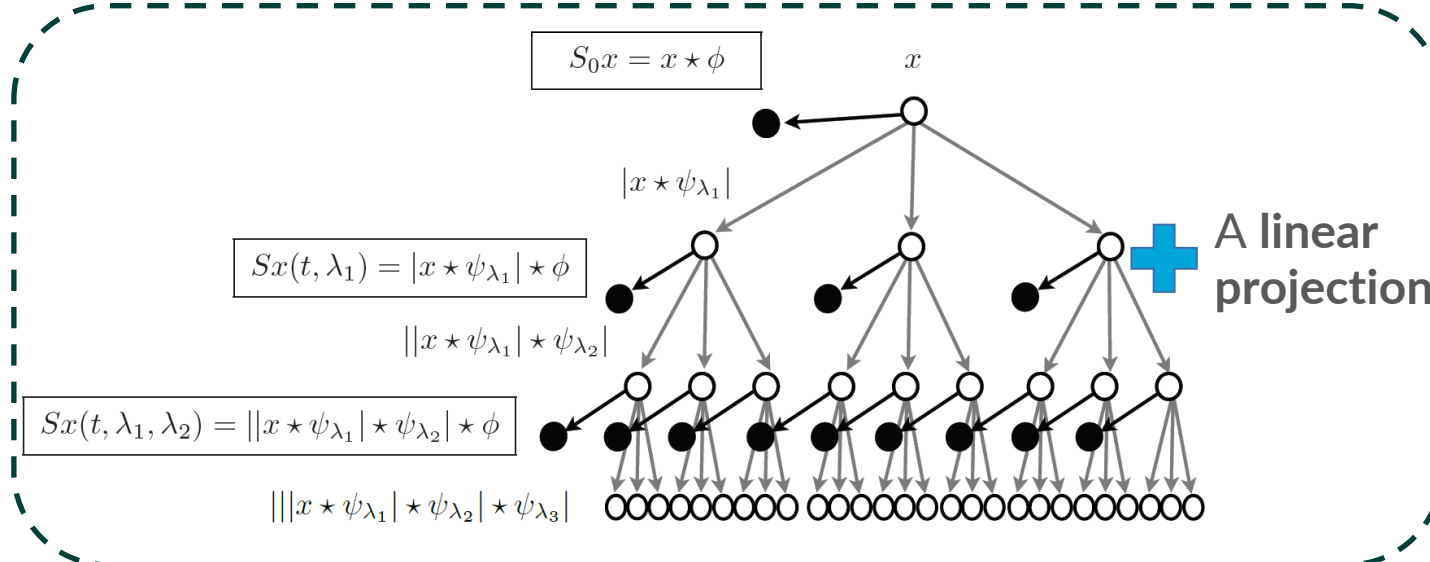
An intermediate model with a convolutional architecture: Scattering Networks

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Predictive model: Scattering Network



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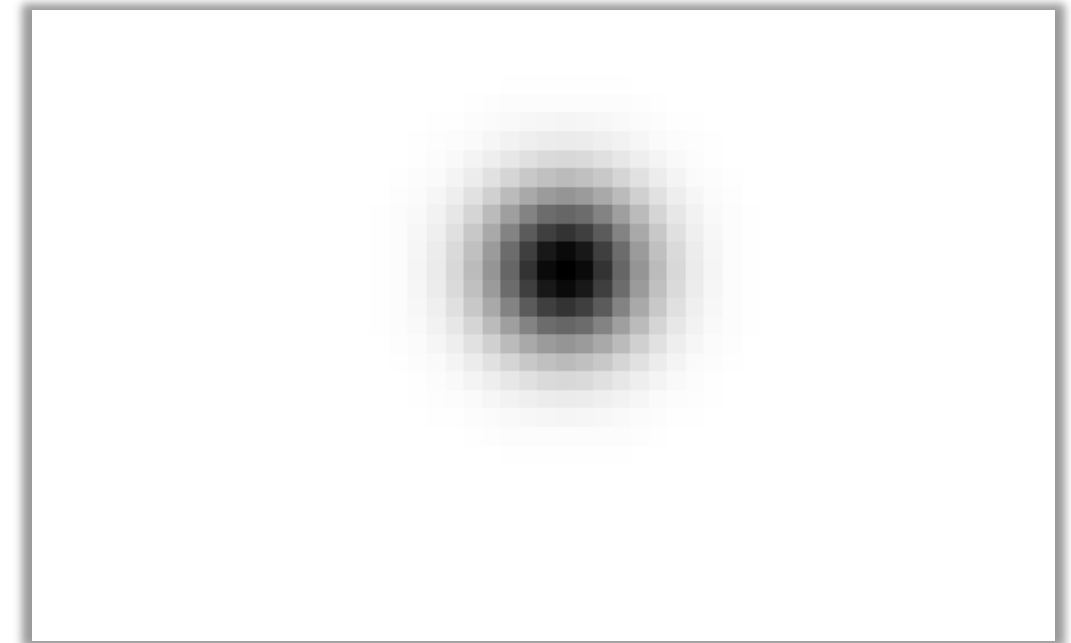
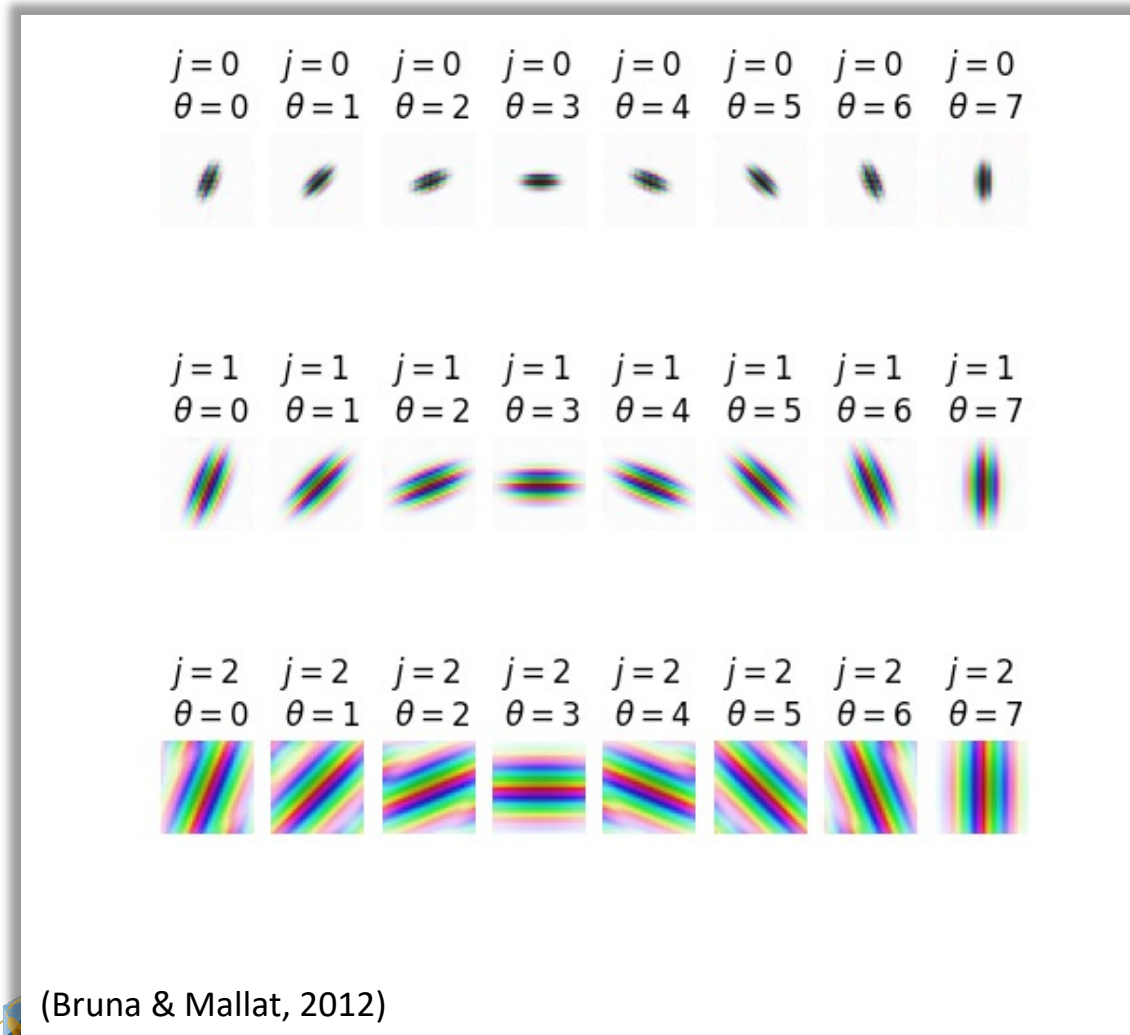
(Bruna & Mallat, 2012)

- Idea: Filter images with **wavelets** at various **orientations** and **scales** to extract **frequency information**, apply non-linearity and pooling, then project the features linearly.
- Advantages: Very **few learnable parameters** & **interpretable by design**

An intermediate model with a convolutional architecture: Scattering Networks

Wavelets filters for different scales and orientations

Gaussian low-pass filter



2 hyperparameters: J and L

$$0 \leq j < J$$
$$0 \leq \theta < L$$

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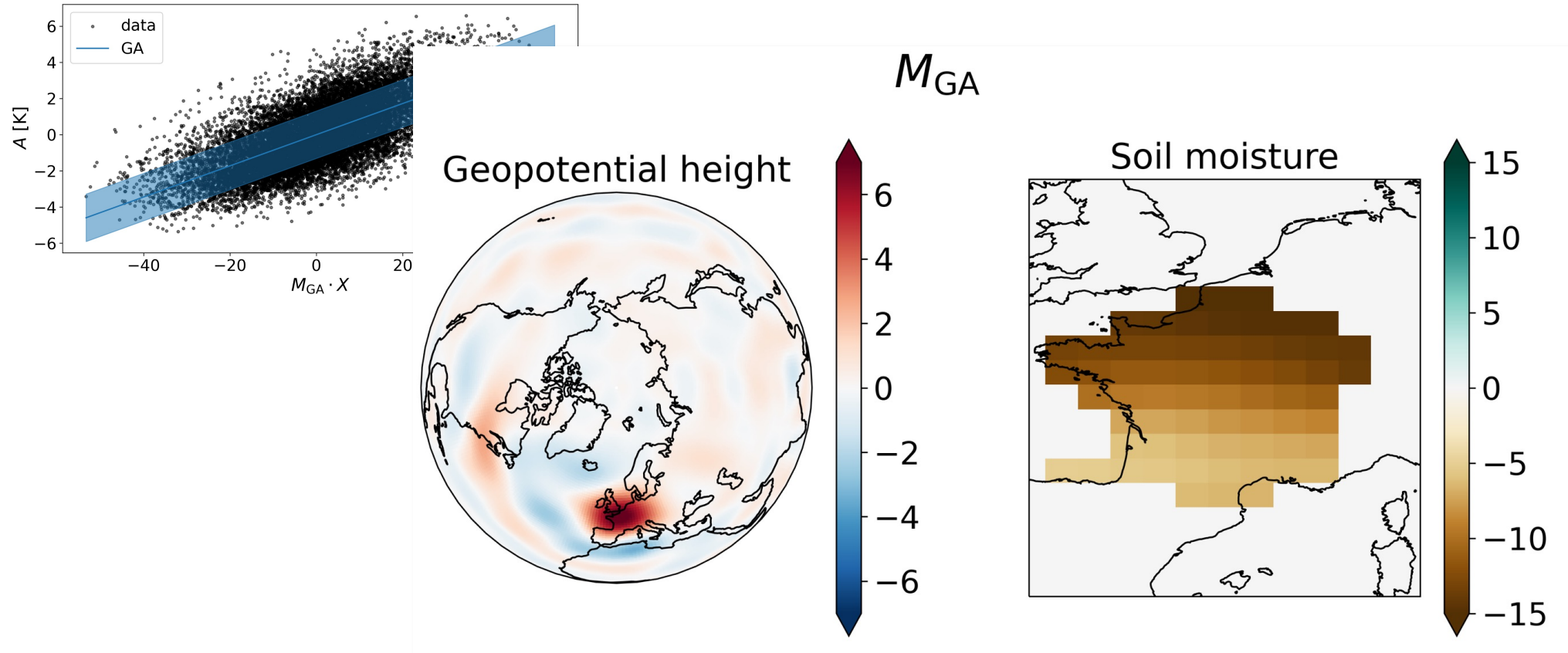
Who needs CNNs when you have wavelets?

The higher, the better

		Metric		
		CRPSS	NLLS	BCES
Model	GA	0.2864 ± 0.0009	0.2169 ± 0.0009	0.293 ± 0.001
	IINN	0.287 ± 0.002	0.217 ± 0.002	0.291 ± 0.003
	ScatNet	0.3097 ± 0.0007	0.246 ± 0.003	0.314 ± 0.005
	CNN	0.310 ± 0.003	0.245 ± 0.007	0.311 ± 0.008

- Skill **above linearity**: GA is outperformed by more **than 10%**.
- We **don't need to learn everything**: ScatNet has higher skill than CNN.
- Perfect candidate for **low data regimes**: ScatNet has fewer parameters than GA and is robust when trained with less data (e.g., 80 years; not shown).

Gaussian Approximation: What are the optimal projection patterns?

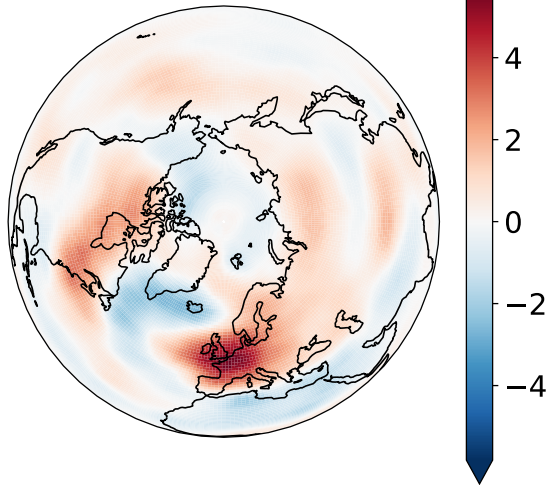


- Persistent **anticyclonic anomaly** over France
- **Dry soil** is important (more in North than South France)
- Coherent patterns over the **North Atlantic** linked with the path or strength of the **Jet Stream**.

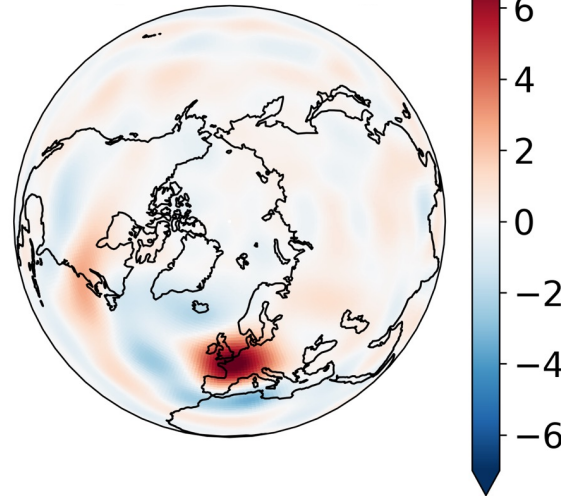
Ad-hoc explainability tools reveal similar patterns for CNN and G.A

$$\min_S \mathcal{L}(S) = -\hat{\mu}_{\text{CNN}}(S) + \lambda_2 (\|S\| - n_0)^2 + \lambda_r \left(\sqrt{H_2(S)} - r_0 \right)^2$$

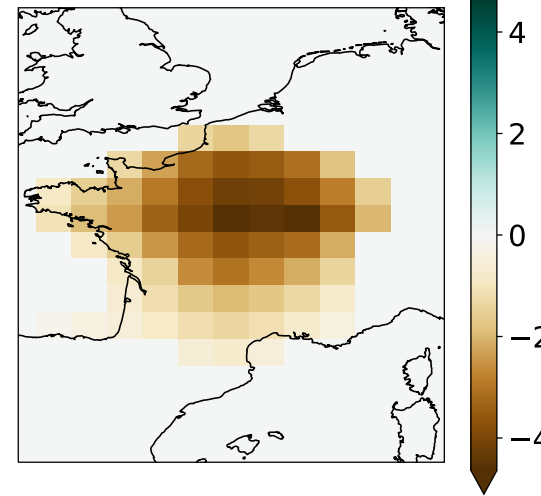
CNN optimal input



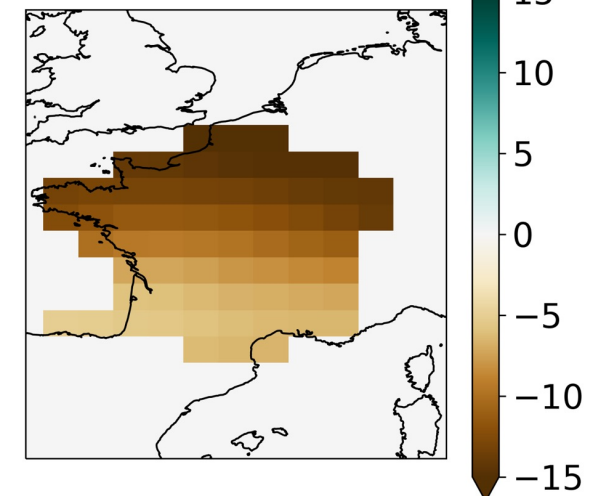
G.A projection pattern



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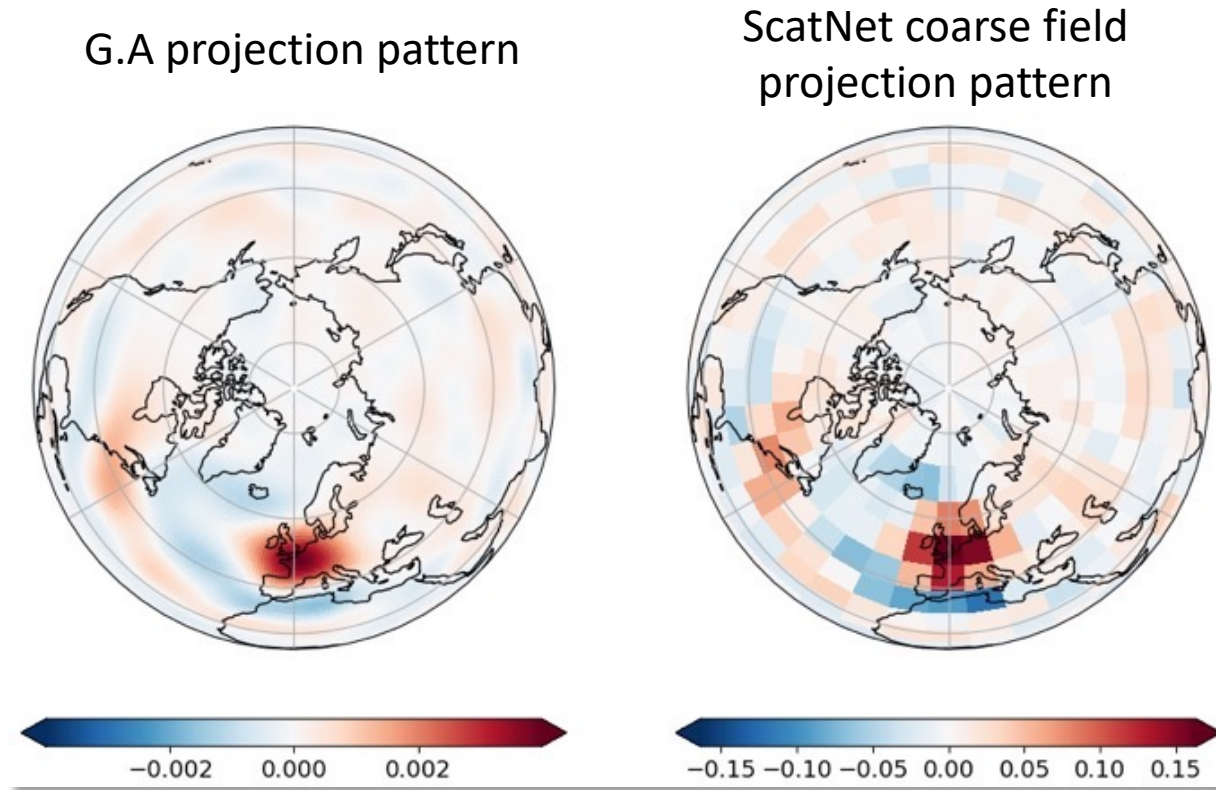


G.A projection pattern



- Very similar patterns
- Smaller weight to the positive geopotential anomaly over Western Europe and extend further North over Scandinavia
- Hard to get more insights on how the CNN makes his predictions

At first order, ScatNet behaves as the Gaussian Approximation



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ScatNet can identify the most relevant scales for prediction

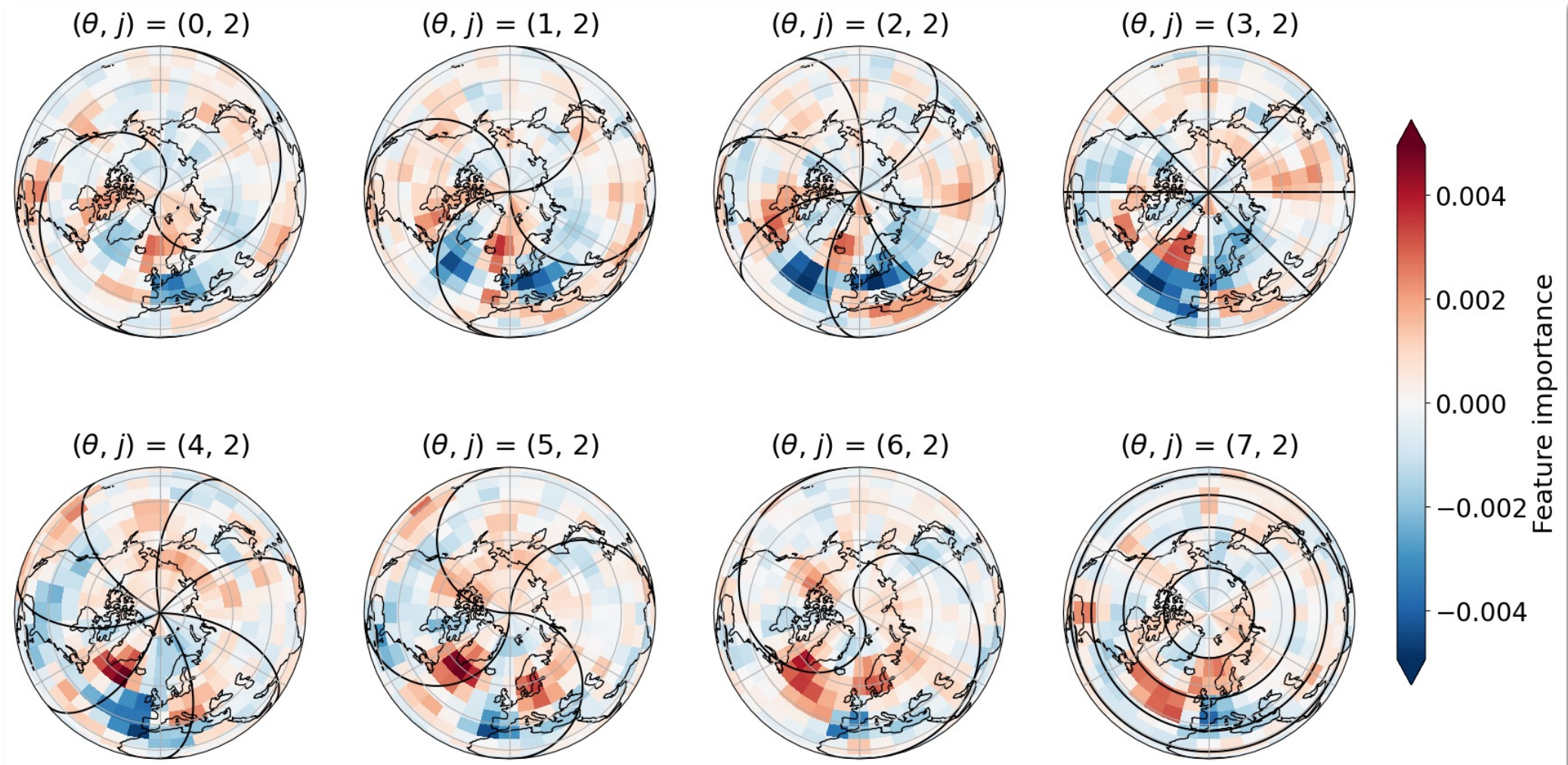
Relative **feature importance** of various scales, expressed as percentages

	scale $j = 0$	scale $j = 1$	scale $j = 2$	coarse field	soil moisture
Relative FI (in %)	5.2 ± 0.3	10.4 ± 0.5	20.0 ± 1.0	51.0 ± 2.4	13.5 ± 1.0



Correspond to oscillations that are 2^2 pixels large, i.e. ~ 400 km

Allow to inspect a whole new set of feature importance patterns for each part of the Fourier domain





Conclusion and perspectives

- Skill **above linearity**: GA is outperformed by more **than 10%**.
- **CNN** model **does not outperform** the **interpretable ScatNet**, even with enough data.
- CNN explanations are **minor variations** of known results from GA.
- ScatNet identifies relevant **scales** and **orientations** for prediction, linking performance gains from GA to **400 km wavelength oscillations** in the geopotential height field over the **North Atlantic**.
- ScatNet is a **promising tool** for **climate science** applications.

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Riding the (Large-Scale) Deep Learning wave: Using AI-Emulators to design better score functions

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How traditional climate/weather models works?

State variable $X = [u(x,y,z), T(x,y,z), \dots]$

- Pressure p
- Free surface η
- salinity s (ocean), humidity H (atmos.)

Dynamics with partial differential equation (PDE)

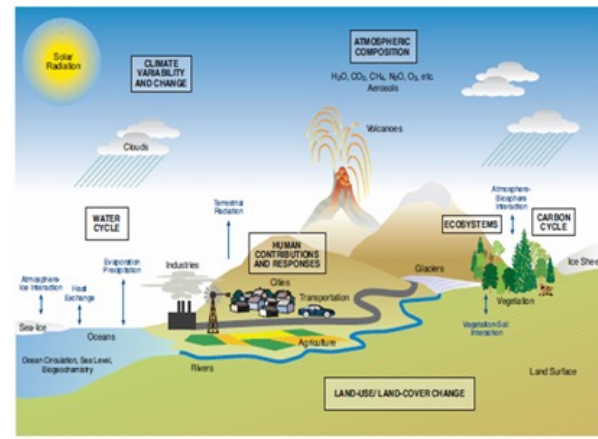
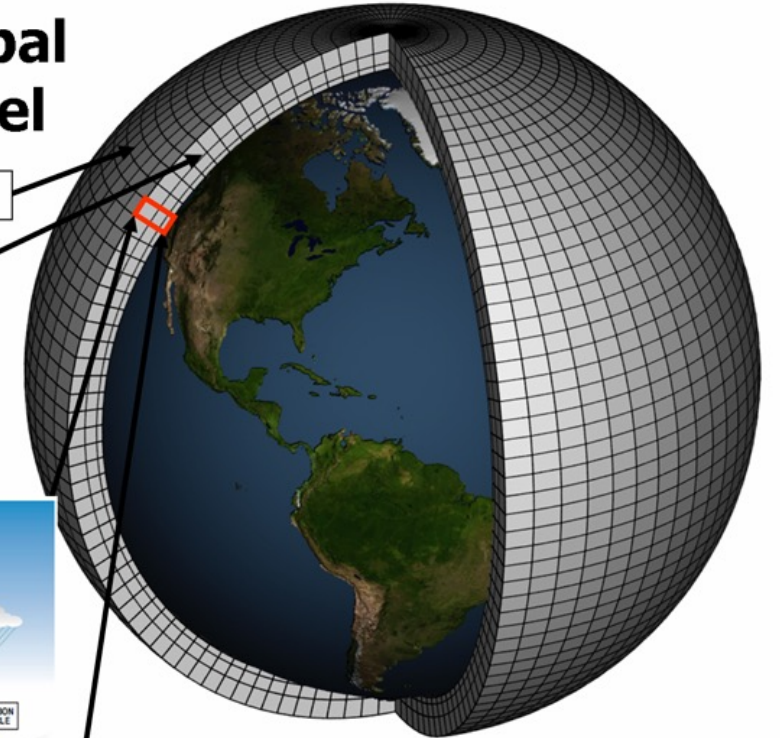
$$\partial_t \mathbf{X} = F(\mathbf{X})$$

- Fluid-dynamics: Navier-stokes equation simplification
- These models are **very costly to run**

Schematic for Global Atmospheric Model

Horizontal Grid (Latitude-Longitude)

Vertical Grid (Height or Pressure)



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FOURCASTNET: A GLOBAL DATA-DRIVEN HIGH-RESOLUTION WEATHER MODEL USING ADAPTIVE FOURIER NEURAL OPERATORS

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Pangu-Weather: A 3D High-Resolution System for Fast and Accurate Global Weather Forecast

Kaifeng Bi, Lingxi Xie, Hengheng Zhang, Xin Chen, Xiaotao Gu, and Qi Tian[✉], *Fellow, IEEE*

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GraphCast: Learning skillful medium-range global weather forecasting

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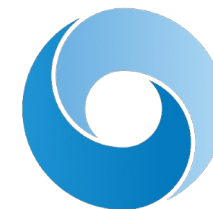
Big Tech is starting the race to pure data-driven weather forecast...



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How these models work?

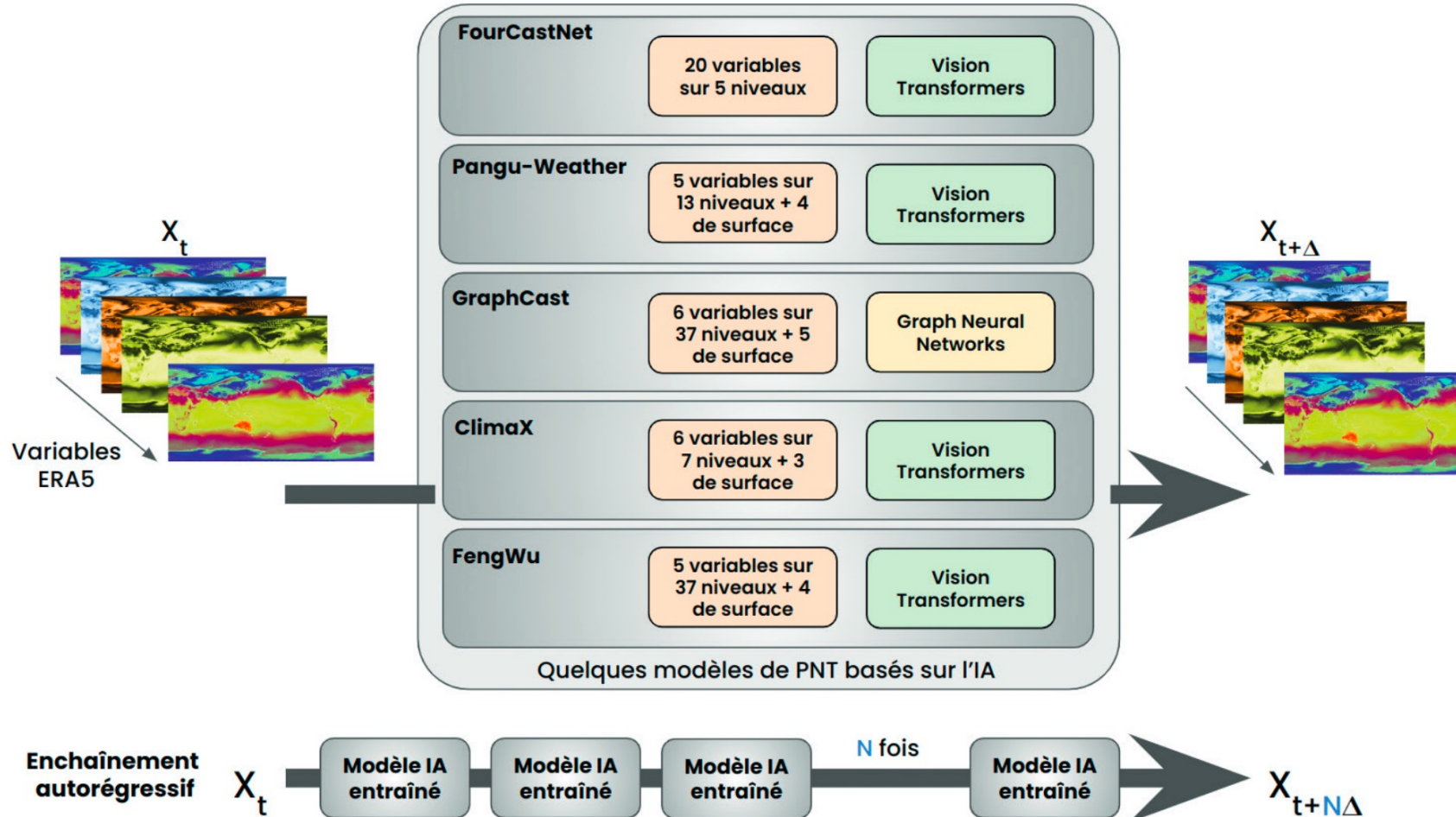


Figure 1. Schéma récapitulatif des modèles présentés ici qui partent d'un état de l'atmosphère pour le prévoir à une courte échéance Δ . Pour produire une prévision sur un horizon plus long $N\Delta$, le modèle utilisé est enchaîné N fois. Il est à noter que GraphCast prend non seulement $X(t)$, mais aussi $X(t - \Delta)$, mais cette spécificité est omise dans cette figure pour une meilleure lisibilité.

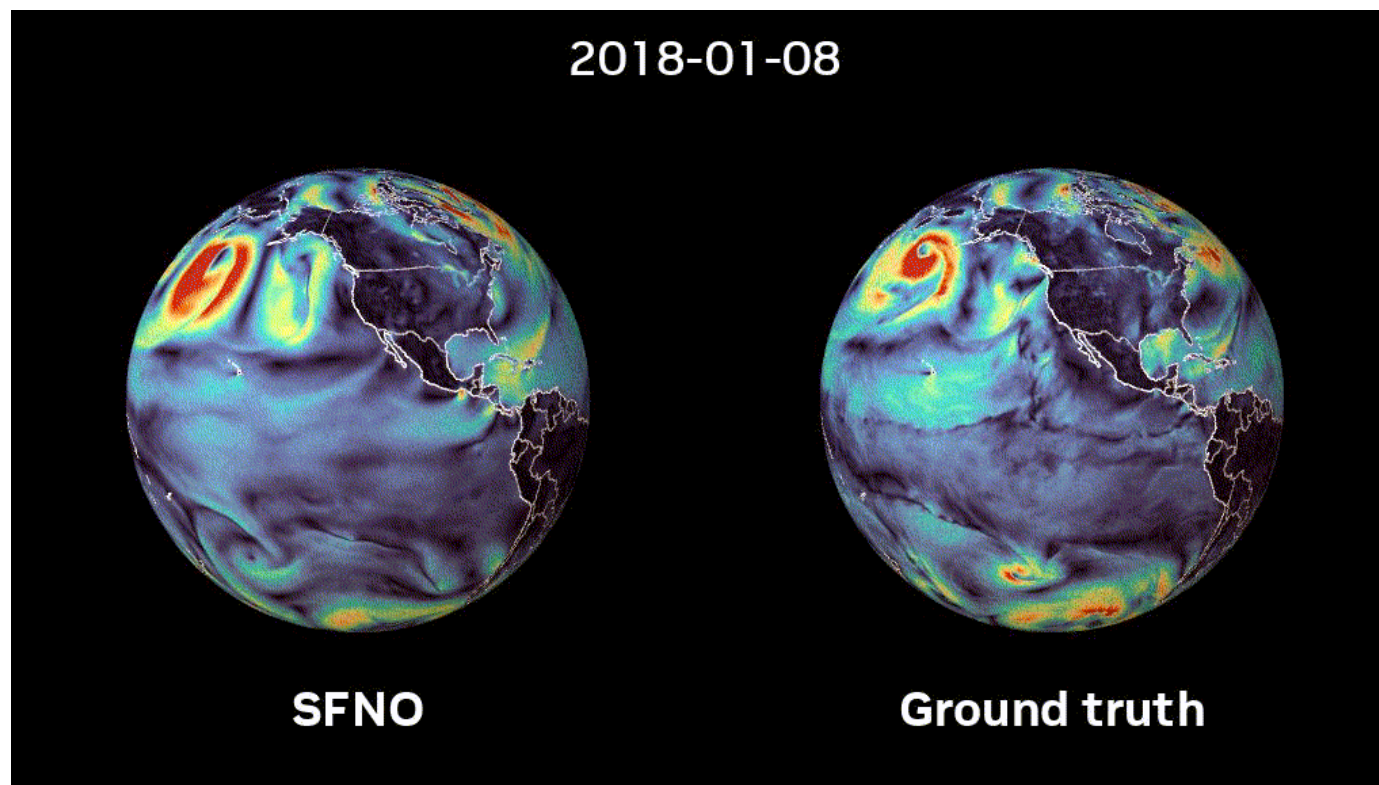
Source: R. Lguensat, *Les nouveaux modèles de prévision météorologique basés sur l'intelligence artificielle : opportunité ou menace ?*, La Météorologie, 2023.

Potential benefits of climate models emulators



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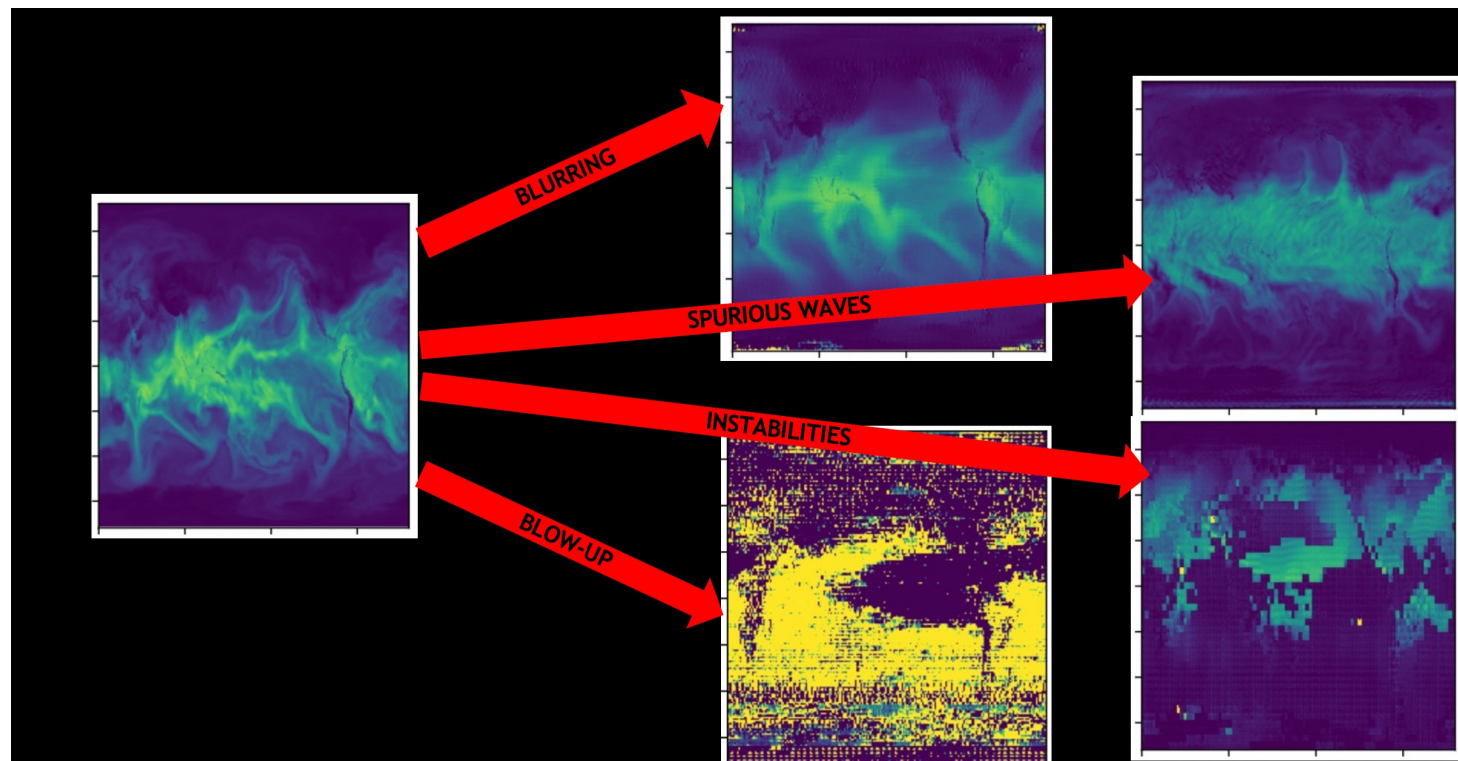
Source: ACE
emulator,
2023



- **10,000 to 100,000 faster** than conventional GCMs allowing Huge Ensemble simulations. Particular interest to study **rare events** and climate projections.
- These are differentiable models. Particular interest for **data assimilation**.
- If trained directly on observations, could it help discover **new physics**?

Limitations of Deep Learning weather forecasts

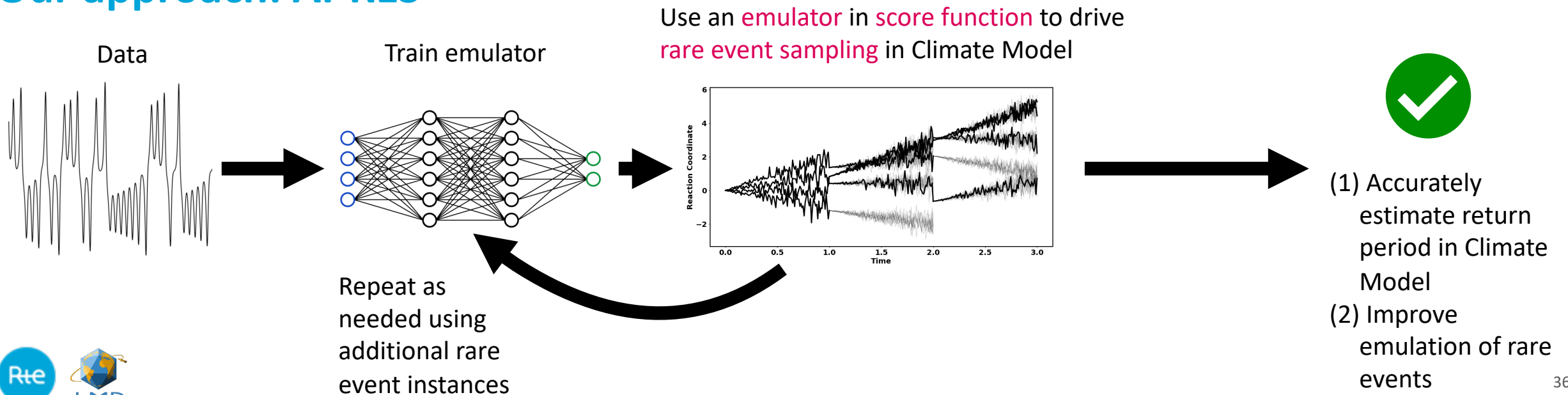
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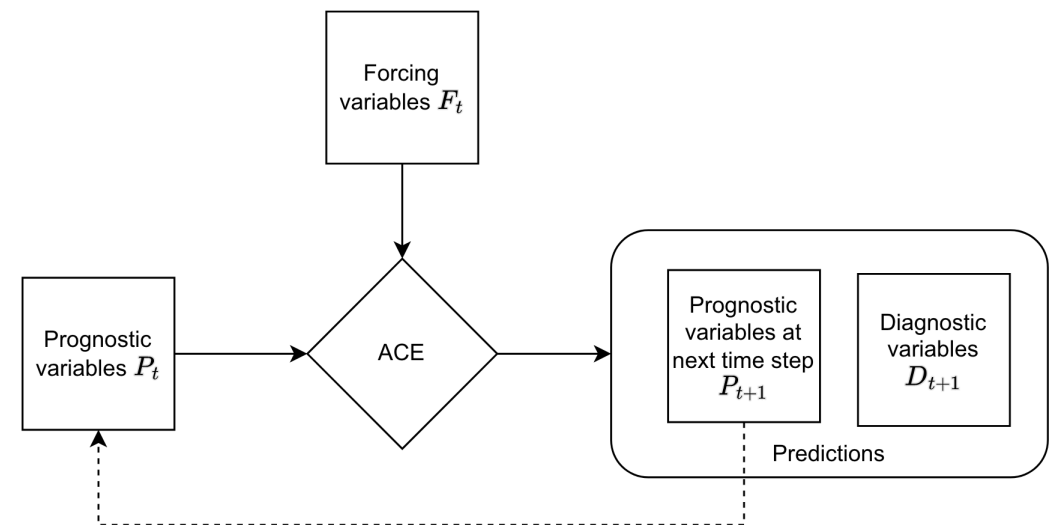
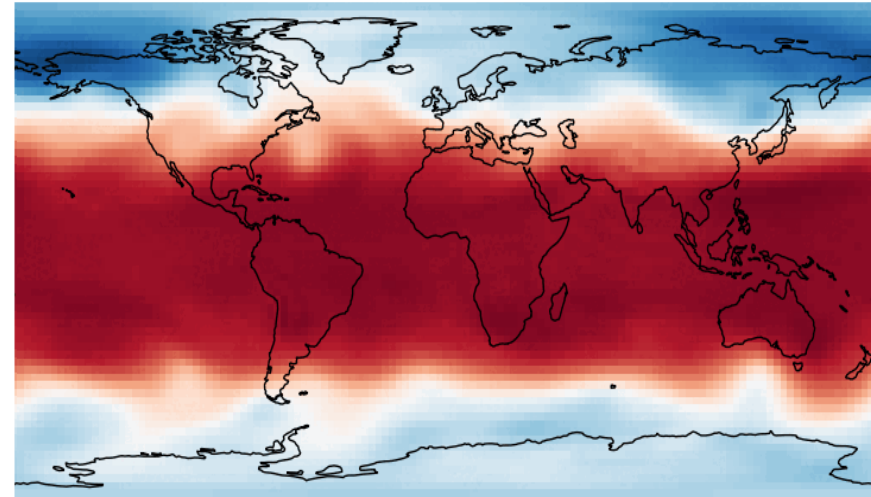
Our approach: AI-RES



We first want to test the procedure for a cheap-to-run Climate Model

- **PlaSim**: an intermediate complexity GCM with simple parametrizations
- We have a 100,000 years control run to study statistics of rare events
- We can impose forcings such as **soil moisture (or other slow drivers)** to study the impact on relevant extreme events (heatwaves, cold snaps, etc.)
- The first step is to develop a (stable) **dynamical emulator** of this model.

Z500 from a PlaSim simulation

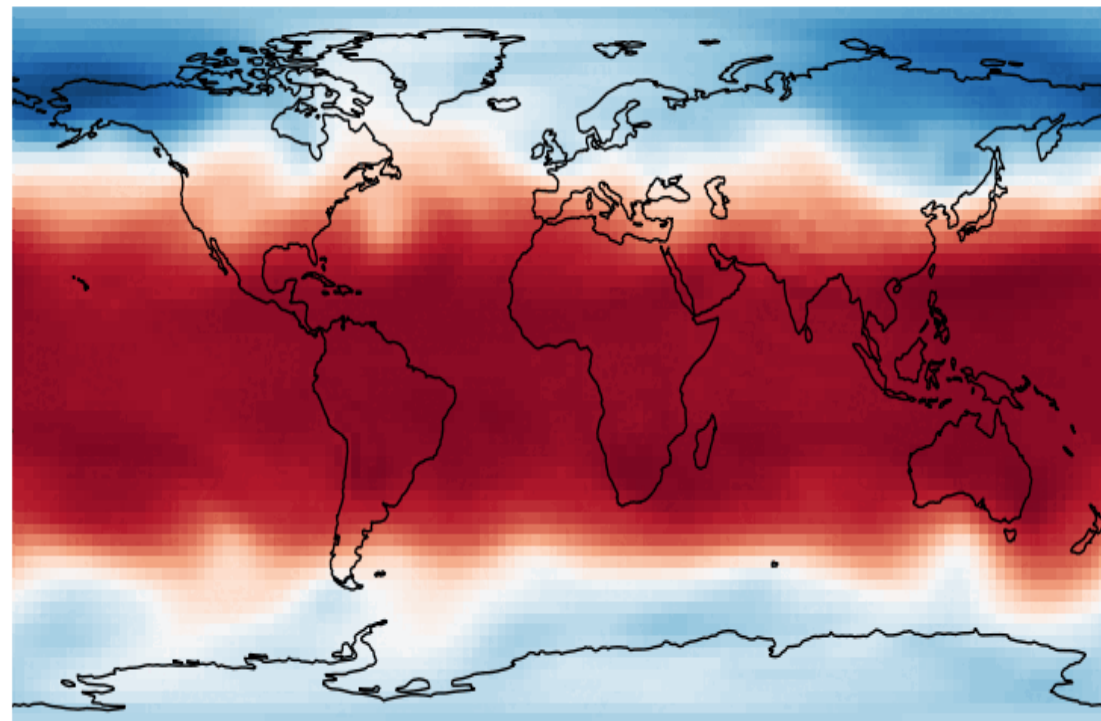
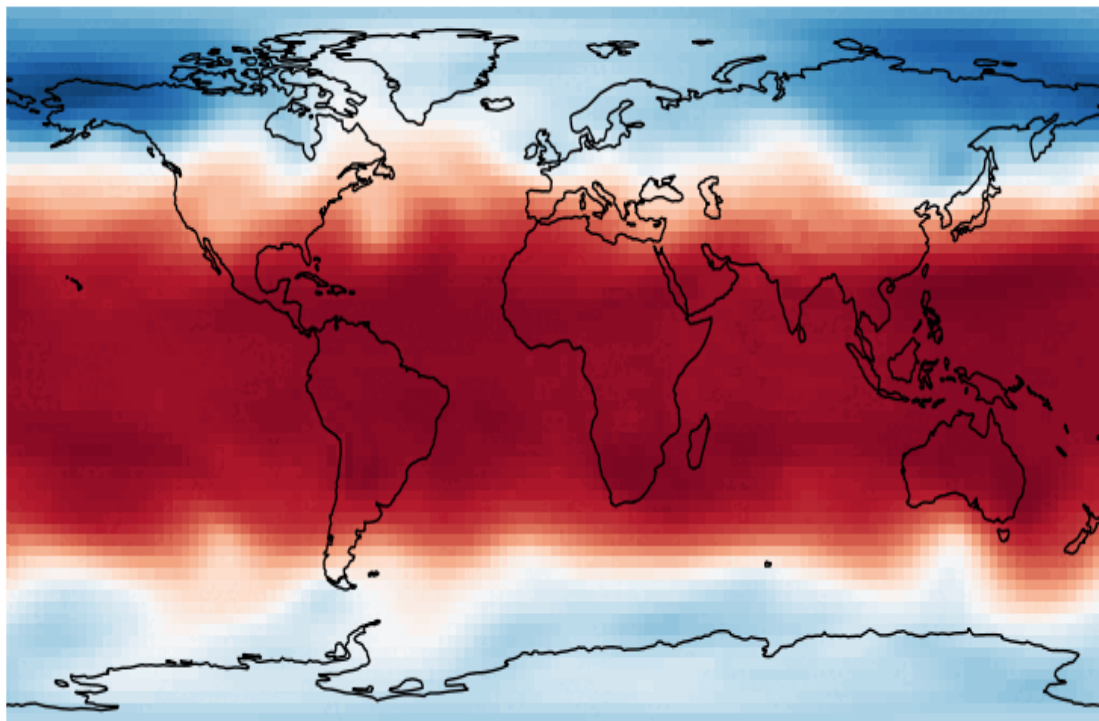


First step accomplished?

Pangu-PlaSim0106

zg_500hPa at lead time 0 hours

Ground Truth





Next steps and questions to answer

- Finish the **hyperparameter optimization** of the emulator...
- Add other varying boundary variables such as **soil moisture**, snow cover, etc.
- Test the emulator on the prediction of **extremes**
- Test the emulator on **probabilistic** metrics
 - How to construct **good ensembles** with the emulator?
- Use emulator predictions as score function in **Rare event algorithm**
 - Which algo?
 - Which event of interest?
 - Which criteria of success for the algorithm?

Thank you for your attention!

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