

Water routing for CMIP7 ORCHIDEE

technical update and studies examples

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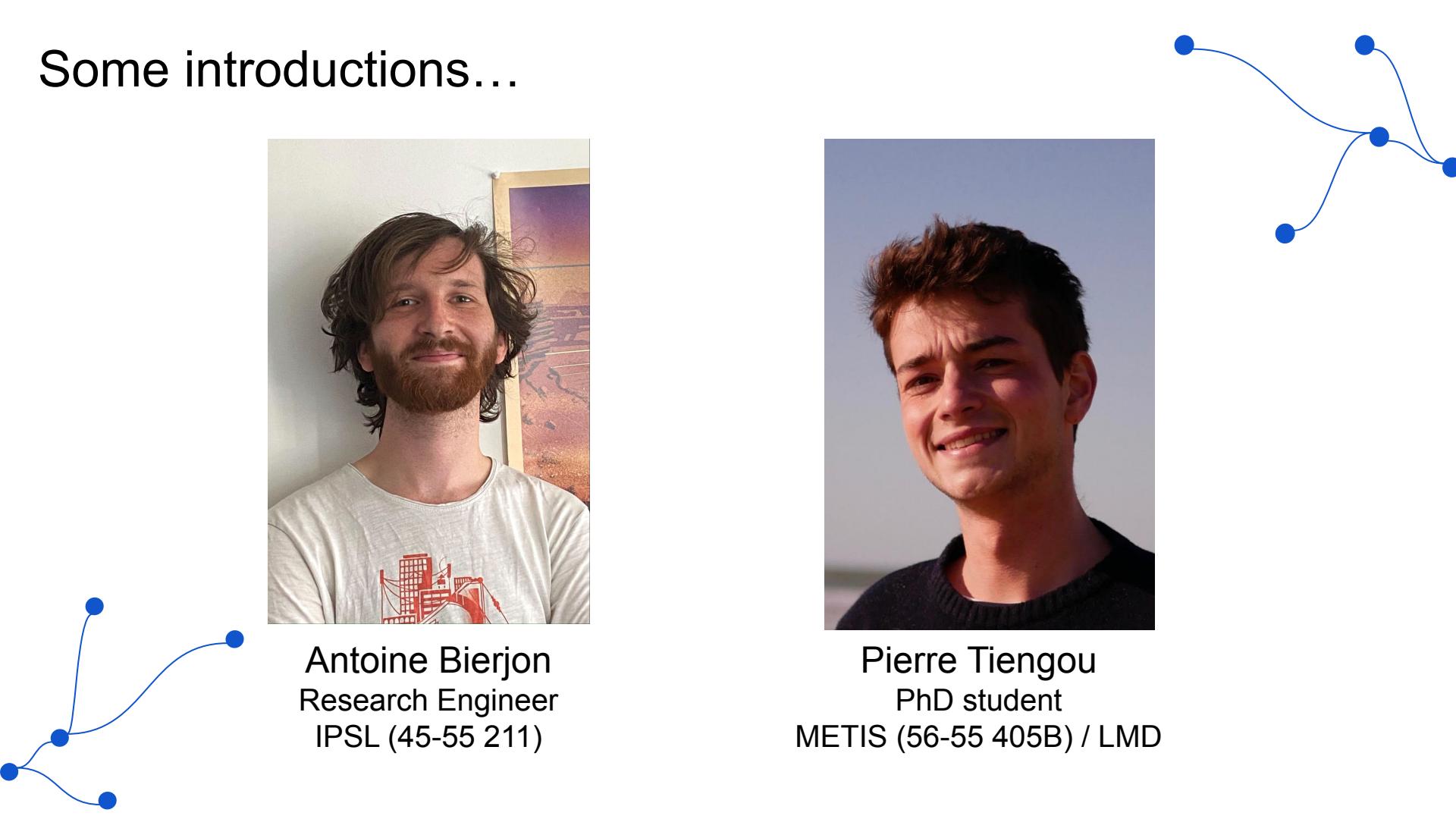
Some introductions...



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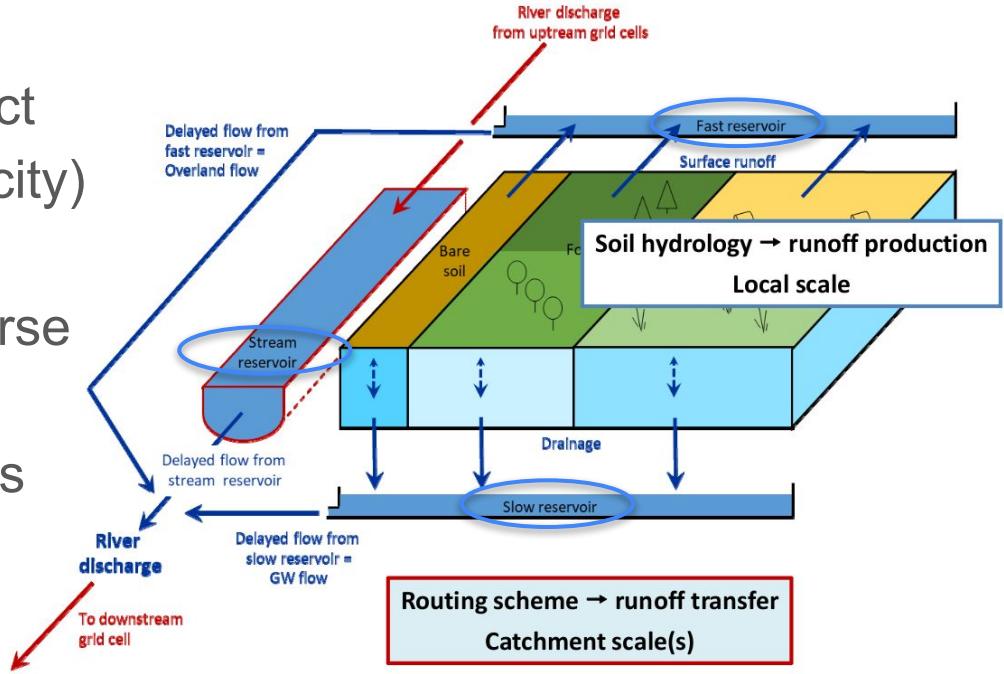


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Routing ?

- Computational scheme to predict the behaviour (magnitude, velocity) of a flood wave with time (hydrograph) along a water course
- Lateral transport of runoff across continents
- Enables water cycle closure
- But also many more things !



Credits: [A. Ducharme, ORCHIDEE Training](#)

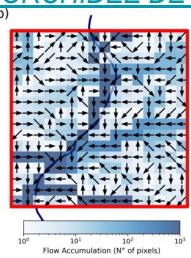
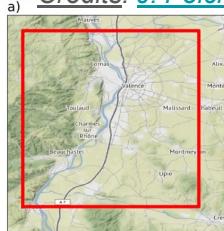
The routing methods in ORCHIDEE: overview & clarification

CMIP6

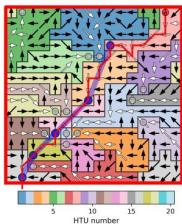
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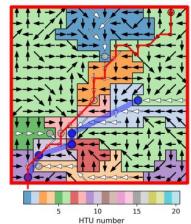
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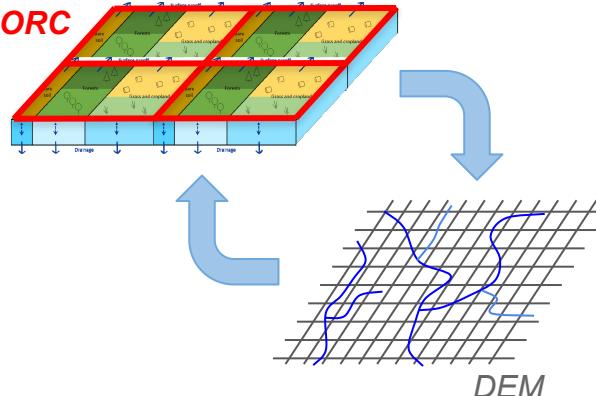
c) nbmax = 18



d) nbmax = 10



ORC



now

standard

subgrid_halfdeg

highres

subgrid_htu

*HTU: Hydrological Transfer Unit

simple

interp_topo_v0

native

interp_topo

(native HTU)

(interp_htu)

The routing methods in ORCHIDEE: overview & clarification

⇒ Renaming of the routing methods to be done very soon !

(old flags ROUTING will still be recognized)

⇒ New documentation to come on the wiki on :

- how to activate the different routing methods
- what processes can be activated with the different routing methods
(table due to evolve)

Previous ROUTING flag	New ROUTING flag	Can run with Irrigation	Can run with Flood Plains	Can run with Lakes	Can run with Water Temperature
standard	subgrid_halfdeg	old & new	old only	no	no
highres	subgrid_htu	old & new	old & new	yes	yes
simple	interp_topo_v0	old only	old only?	no	no
native	interp_topo	old & new	old only?	no	no
(native htu	interp_htu	no	no	no	no)

*follow ticket #997
for more info !*

The routing methods in ORCHIDEE: overview & clarification

⇒ (Old) documentation already existing on the wiki :

- <https://forge.ipsl.fr/orchidee/wiki/DevelopmentActivities/ORCHIDEE-routage>
- <https://forge.ipsl.fr/orchidee/wiki/Documentation/Ancillary>
- <https://forge.ipsl.fr/orchidee/wiki/Documentation/UserGuide/RoutageSimple>
- <https://forge.ipsl.fr/orchidee/wiki/Documentation/UserGuide/RoutageHighres>
- <https://forge.ipsl.fr/orchidee/wiki/GroupActivities/Meetings/Developer>

⇒ Tickets to follow : [#842](#) ; [#857](#) ; [#910](#) ; [#955](#) ; [#978](#) ; [#997](#)

⇒ Other resources :

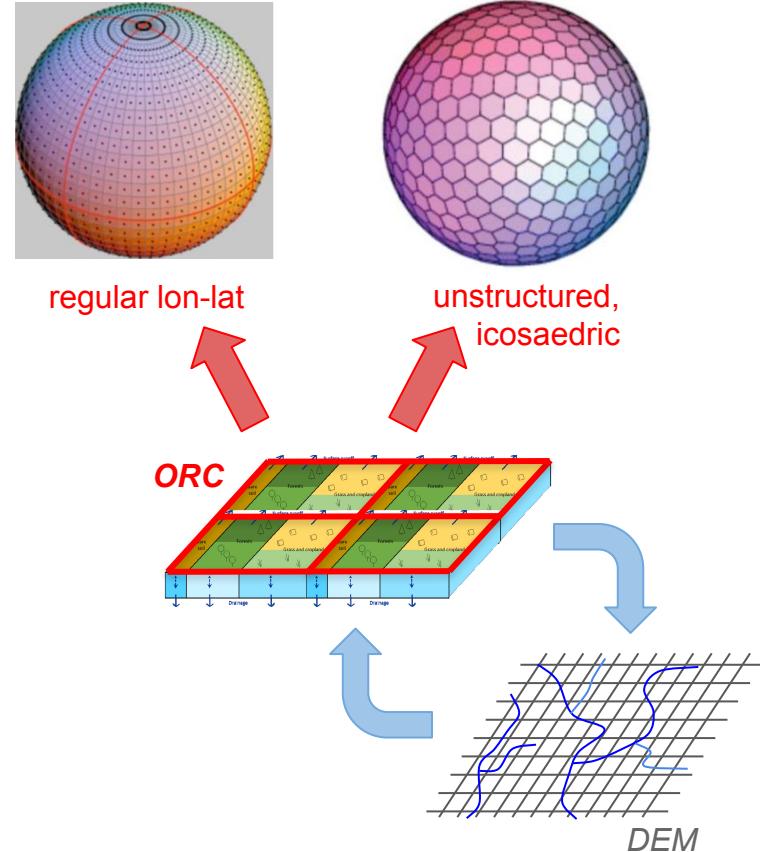
- [wiki page](#) of project HydroFiles
- [wiki page](#) of project Routing-PP

Routing interp_topo: getting ready for CMIP7

- More robust rewriting by Y. Meurdesoif of current trunk default routing “interp_topo_v0”
- Works with any ORCHIDEE grid type, any resolutions
- Interpolations as conservative as possible

⇒ Implemented in trunk and ORC2.2

⇒ Experiment configs adapted in the trunk
(default is still “interp_topo_v0”)



Routing interp_topo: getting ready for CMIP7

sechiba.card

```
# Choice for routing scheme. Set ROUTING below to have following parameters set in orchidee.def :
# ROUTING=standard => in orchidee.def RIVER_ROUTING=y and ROUTING_METHOD=standard
# ROUTING=hires => in orchidee.def RIVER_ROUTING=y and ROUTING_METHOD=hires
# ROUTING=simple => in orchidee.def RIVER_ROUTING=y and ROUTING_METHOD=simple
# ROUTING=native => in orchidee.def RIVER_ROUTING=y and ROUTING_METHOD=native (note: routing_simple.nc is used also for this case)
# ROUTING=off => in orchidee.def RIVER_ROUTING=n
ROUTING=native

[BoundaryFiles]
List= (${R_IN})/SRF/PFTMAPS/CMIP6/ESA-LUH2v2/historical/15PFT.v2023.1/PFTmap_${(year)}.nc, PFTmap.nc
ListNonDel= (${R_IN})/SRF/ROUTING/routing_simple.nc, .

[RestartFiles]
List= (sechiba_rest_out.nc, sechiba_rest.nc, sechiba_rest_in.nc), \
      (routing_restart.nc, routing_restart.nc, routing_start.nc, OPTIONAL)

[OutputFiles]
List= ..., \
      (diag_routing.nc, ${R_OUT_SRF_O_D}/${PREFIX}_1D_sechiba_routing.nc, NONE), \
      (diag_routing_r.nc, ${R_OUT_SRF_O_D}/${PREFIX}_1D_sechiba_routing_r.nc, NONE)
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ORCHIDEE grid

Runoff
Drainage

Reservoir volumes

xios interpolation

Reservoir volumes
River discharge

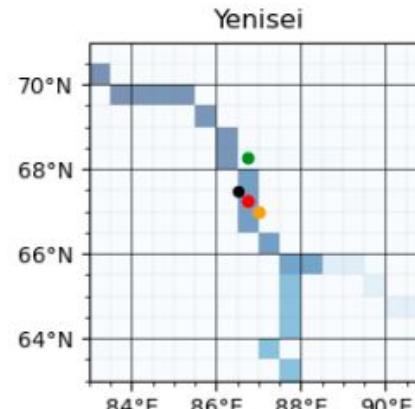
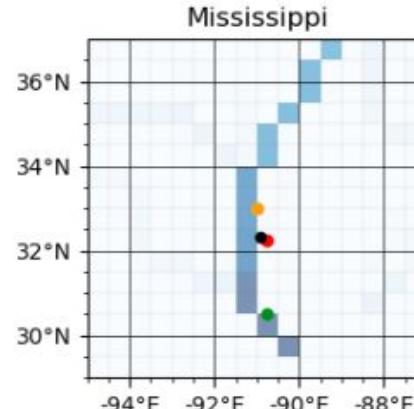
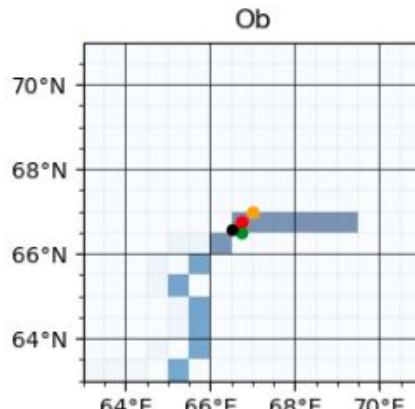
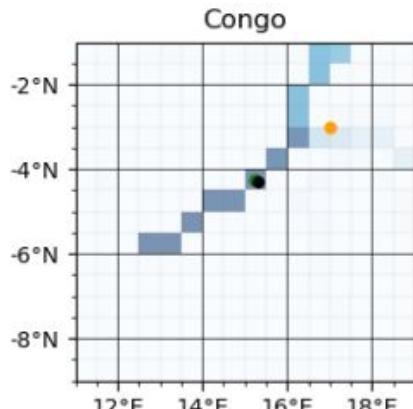
Routing grid (*NB : variables end with _r*)

Routing interp_topo: getting ready for CMIP7

New routing grid for **hydrographs**

=> How to evaluate routing interp_topo ?

- GRDC station
- Mapper snapping
- ORC_0.5deg snapping (excel)
- ORC_2deg snapping (excel)



- ⇒ automatic stations snapping (I:stations.def / O:stations.nc) ?
→ implemented but still some work to do... (+ add basin mask)
- ⇒ take inspiration from/make use of HydroFiles and RoutingPP ?
([Polcher et al. 2022](#))

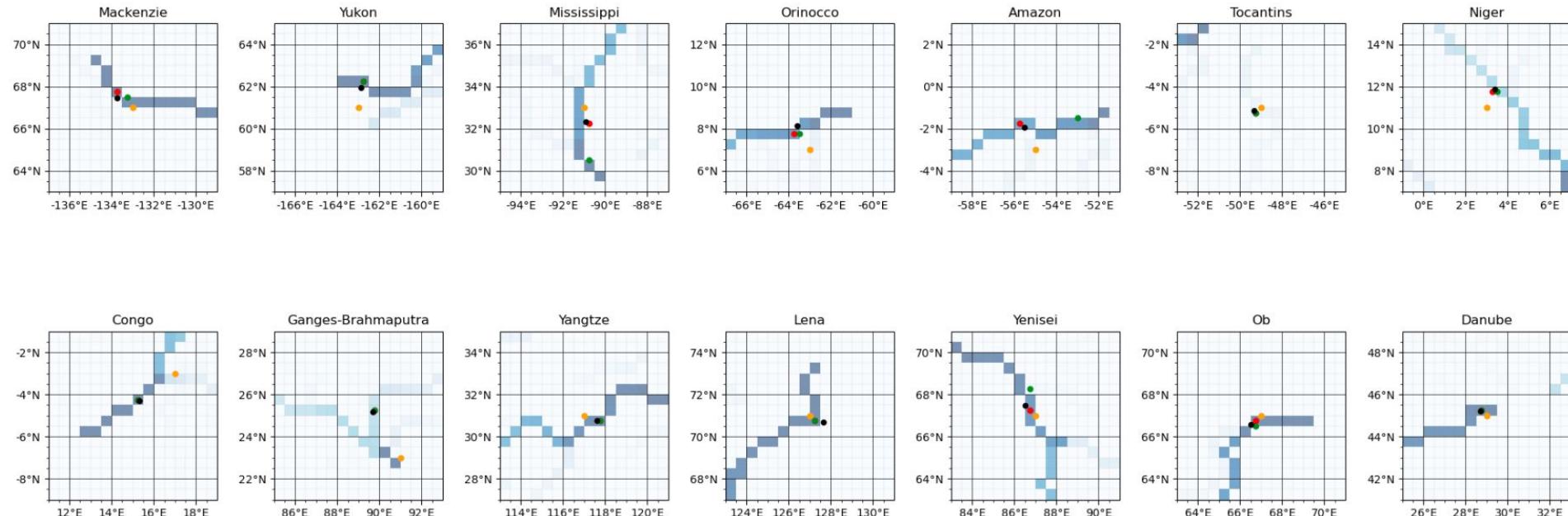
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station1_area = 1660000.0
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Routing comparisons

Study example : Global runs FG_CRUJRA_HIST ($2^\circ \times 2^\circ$) with ORC-trunk, 1970-2000

New ROUTING flag	Routing grid resolution	DT_ROUTING [s]	TCST_SLOW [10^{-3} day/km]	TCST_FAST [10^{-3} day/km]	TCST_STREAM [10^{-3} day/km]
subgrid_halfdeg	(0.5° (def))	86400 (def)	25 (def)	3 (def)	0.24 (def)
interp_topo_v0	0.5° (def)	86400 (def)	25 (def)	3 (def)	0.24 (def)
interp_topo	0.5° (def)	86400 (def)	25	3	0.24
interp_topo	0.5° (def)	1800	25	3	0.24

routing_file_type = standard

run.def

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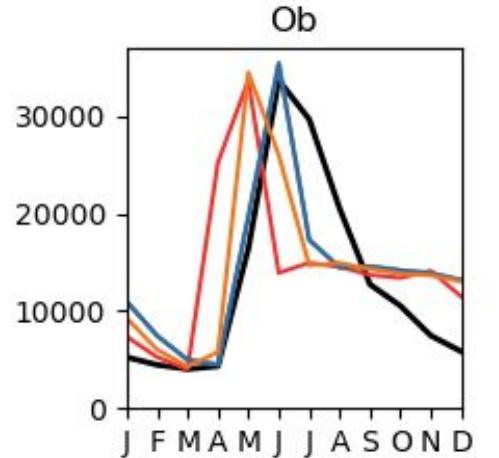
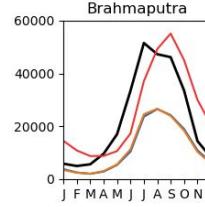
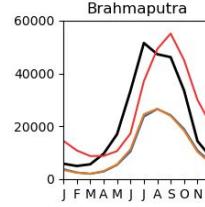
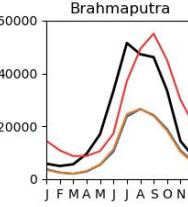
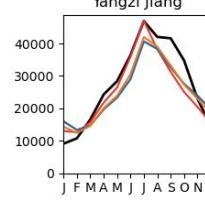
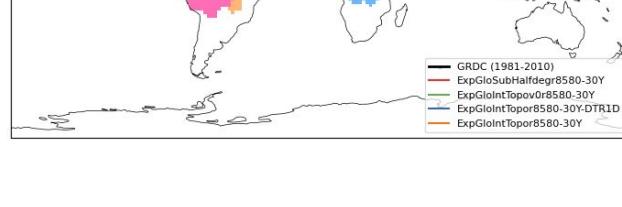
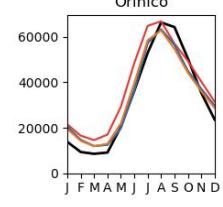
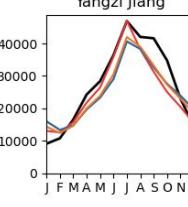
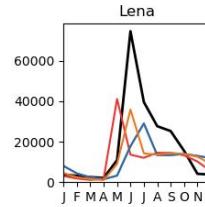
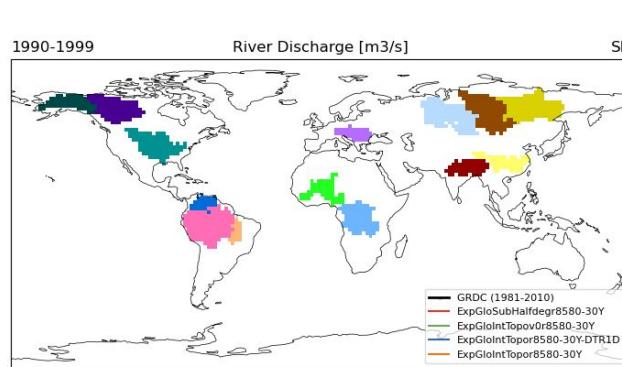
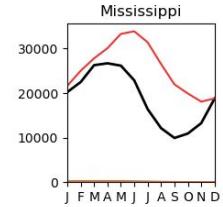
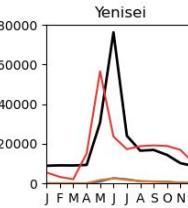
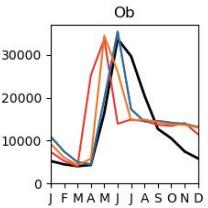
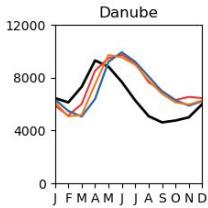
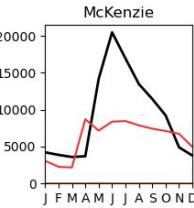
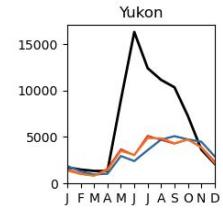
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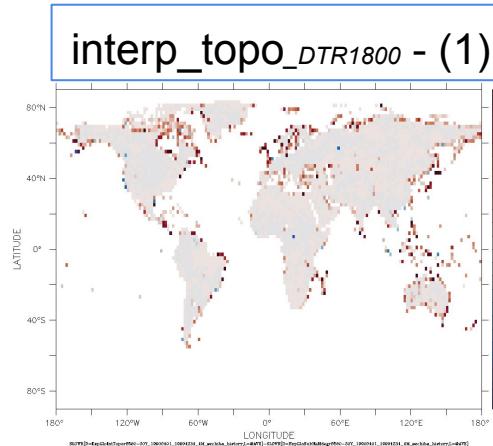
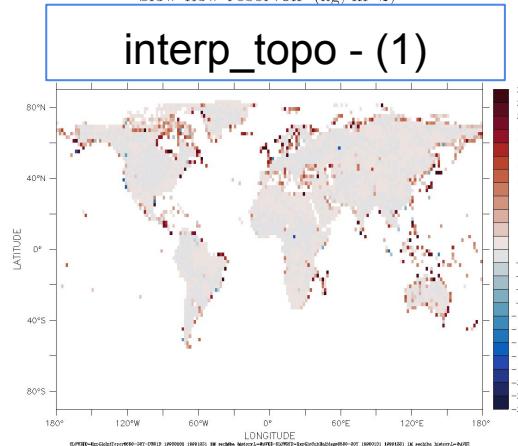
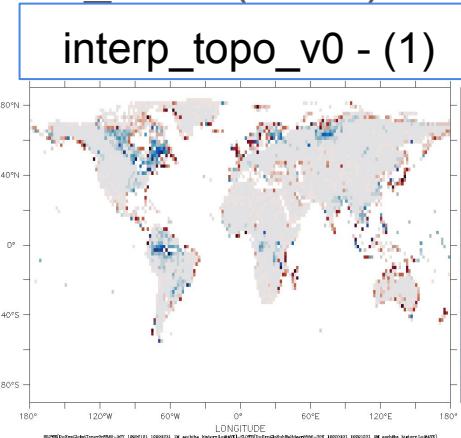
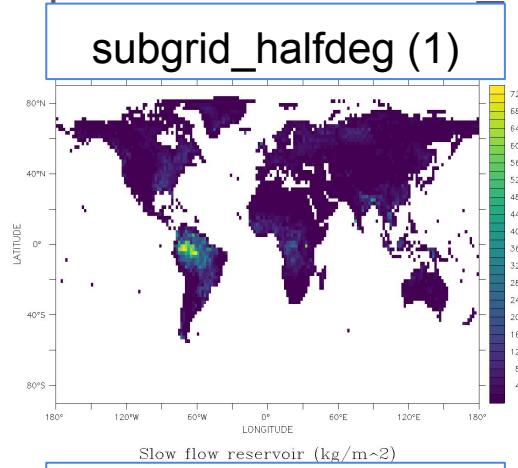
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Study example : Global runs FG_CRUJRA_HIST ($2^{\circ} \times 2^{\circ}$) with ORC-trunk, 1970-2000



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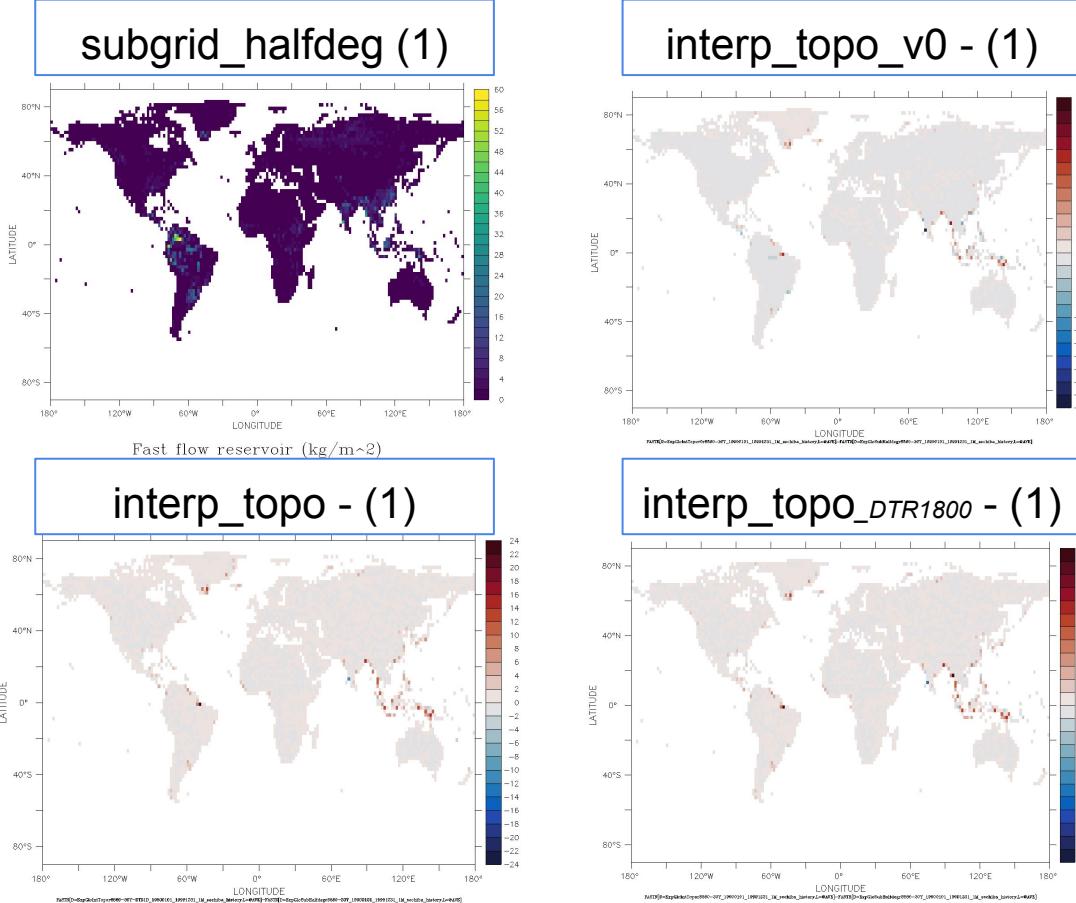
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Slow reservoir
[0-720 kg/m²]

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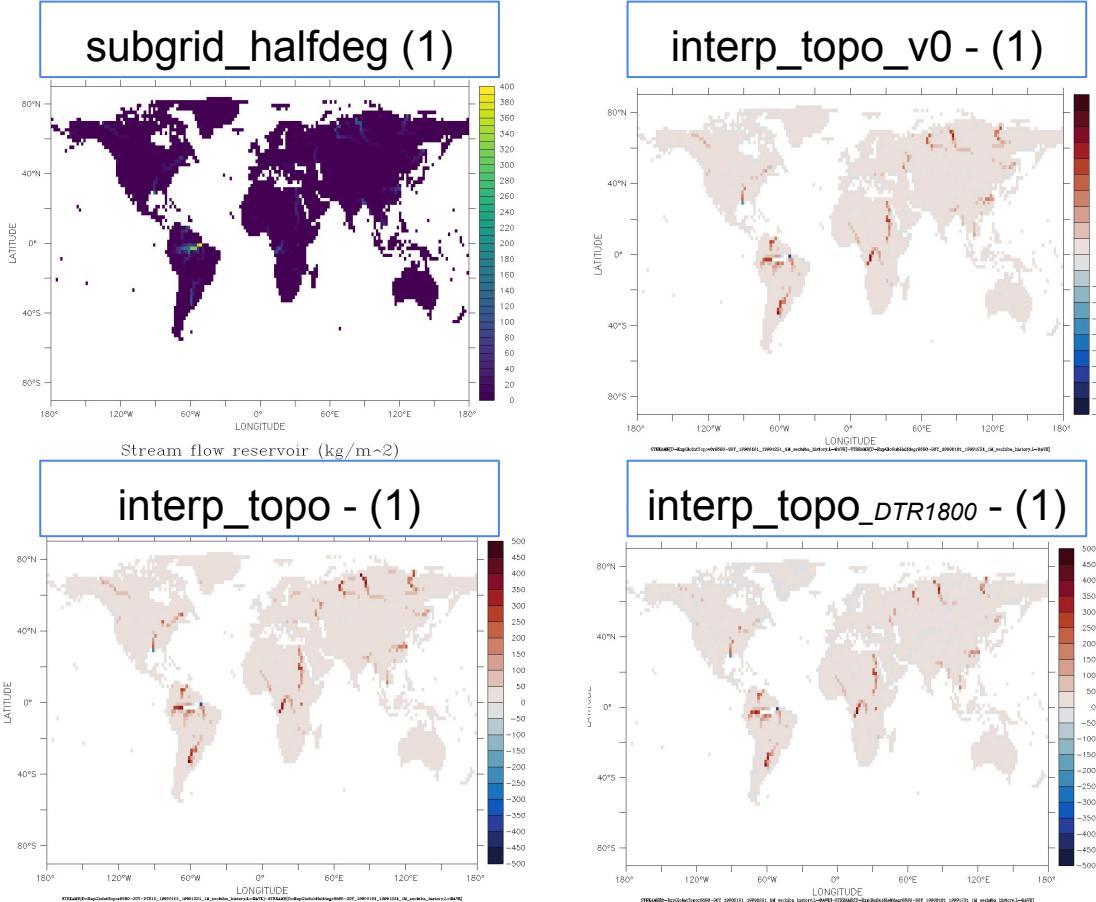
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Fast reservoir
[0-50 kg/m²]

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Stream reservoir
[0-1500 kg/m²]

Study example : Regional impacts of irrigation in Spain with ORC2.2

Objective :

Study the impacts of simulated irrigation in coupled simulations using the ICOLMDZOR Limited Area Model configuration.

Requires using river routing with DYNAMICO, at high resolutions
=> **interp_topo** with **MERIT 2km topography**

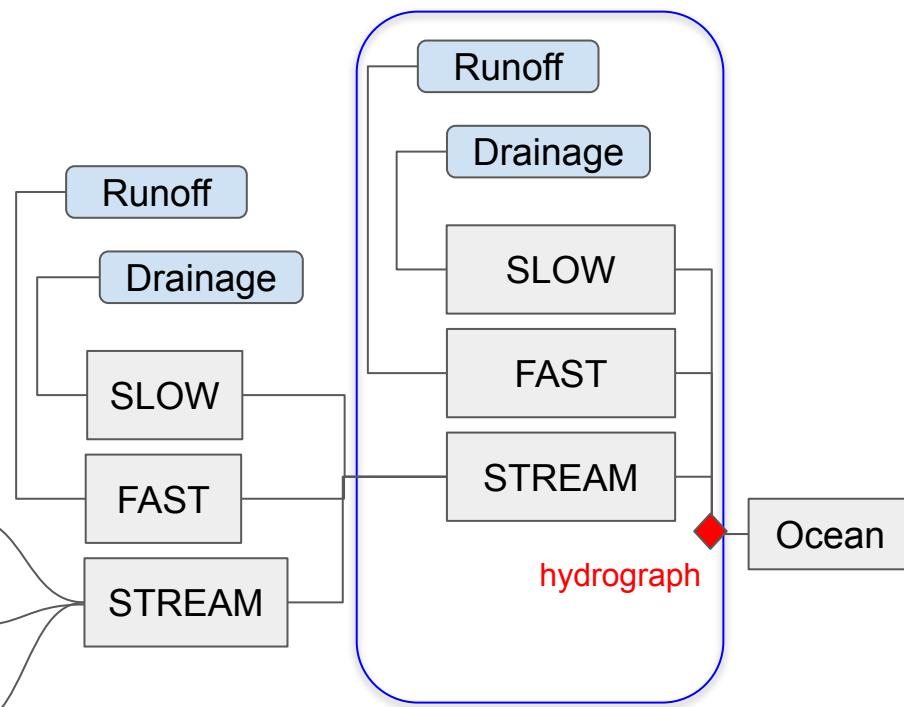
- 1) Offline evaluation : comparison with subgrid_halfdeg using 0.5° topography
- 2) Offline calibration using MERIT topography : choice of time constants
- 3) Coupling with ICOLMDZ

1) Offline evaluation : interp_topo_0.5° vs subgrid_halfdeg

Development differences

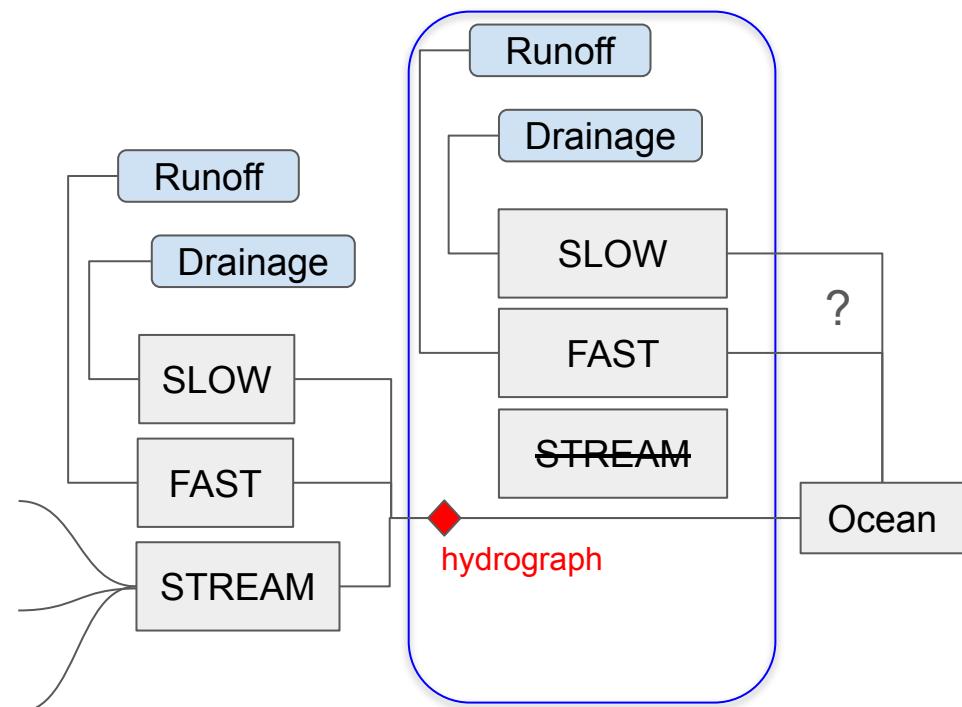
subgrid_halfdeg

Last continental point



interp_topo

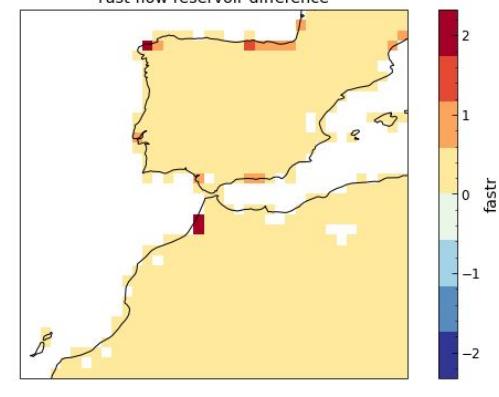
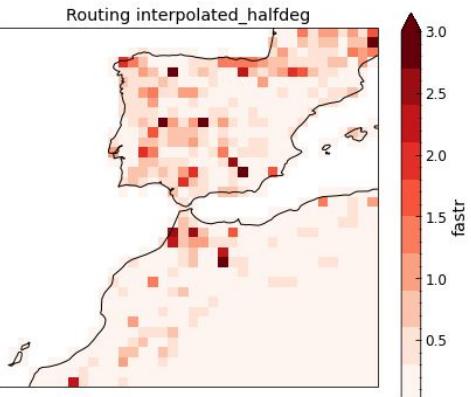
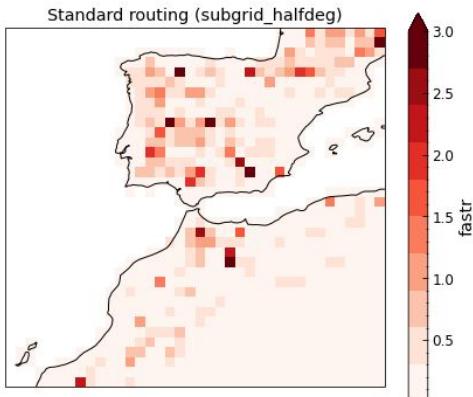
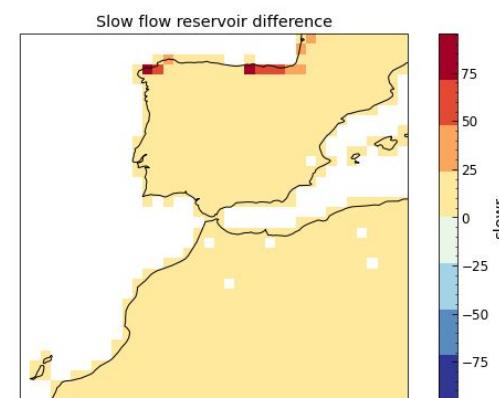
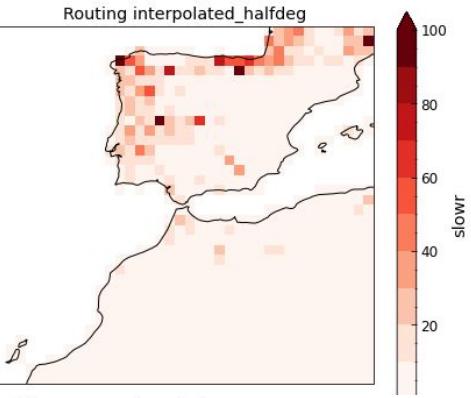
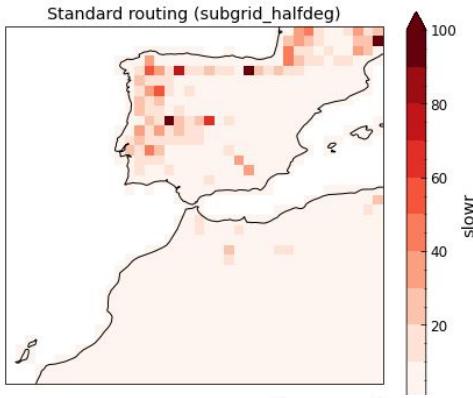
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1) Offline evaluation : interp_topo_0.5° vs subgrid_halfdeg

SLOW and FAST : differences on the coastline

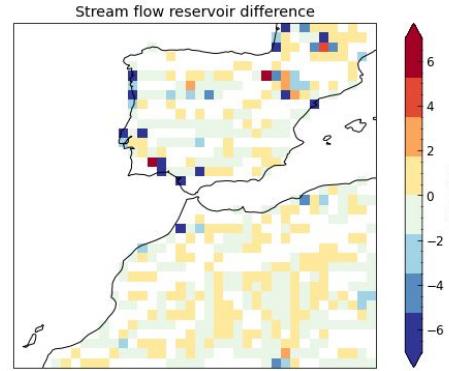
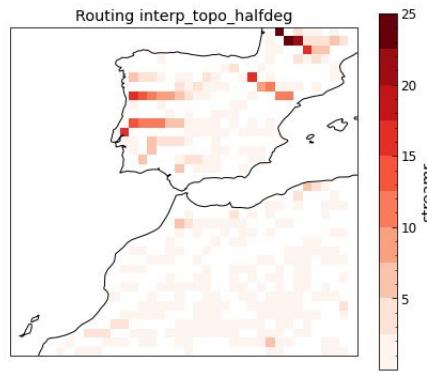
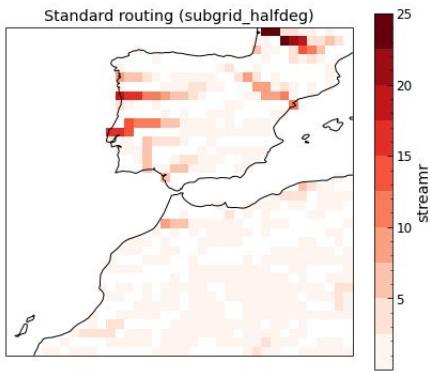
Slow flow reservoir average over the period (2003-2012, kg/m²)



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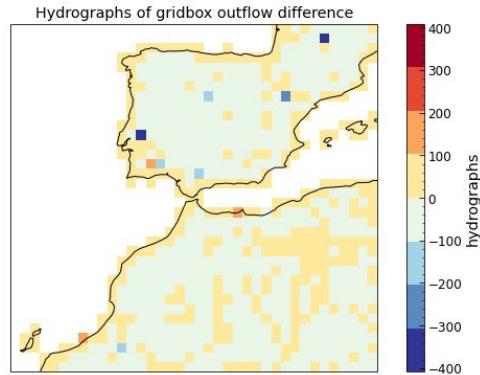
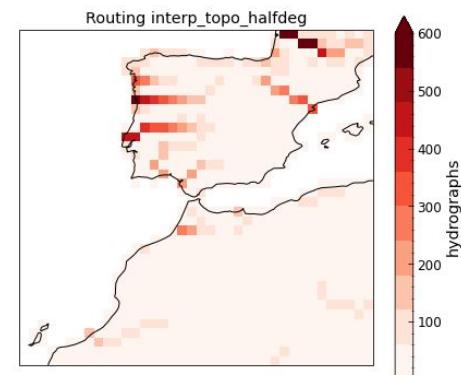
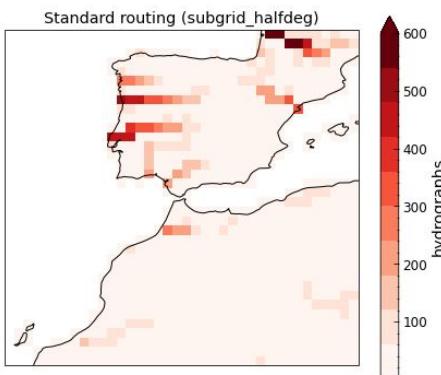
STREAM : differences on the coastline and on the routing path

Stream flow reservoir average over the period (2003-2012, kg/m²)

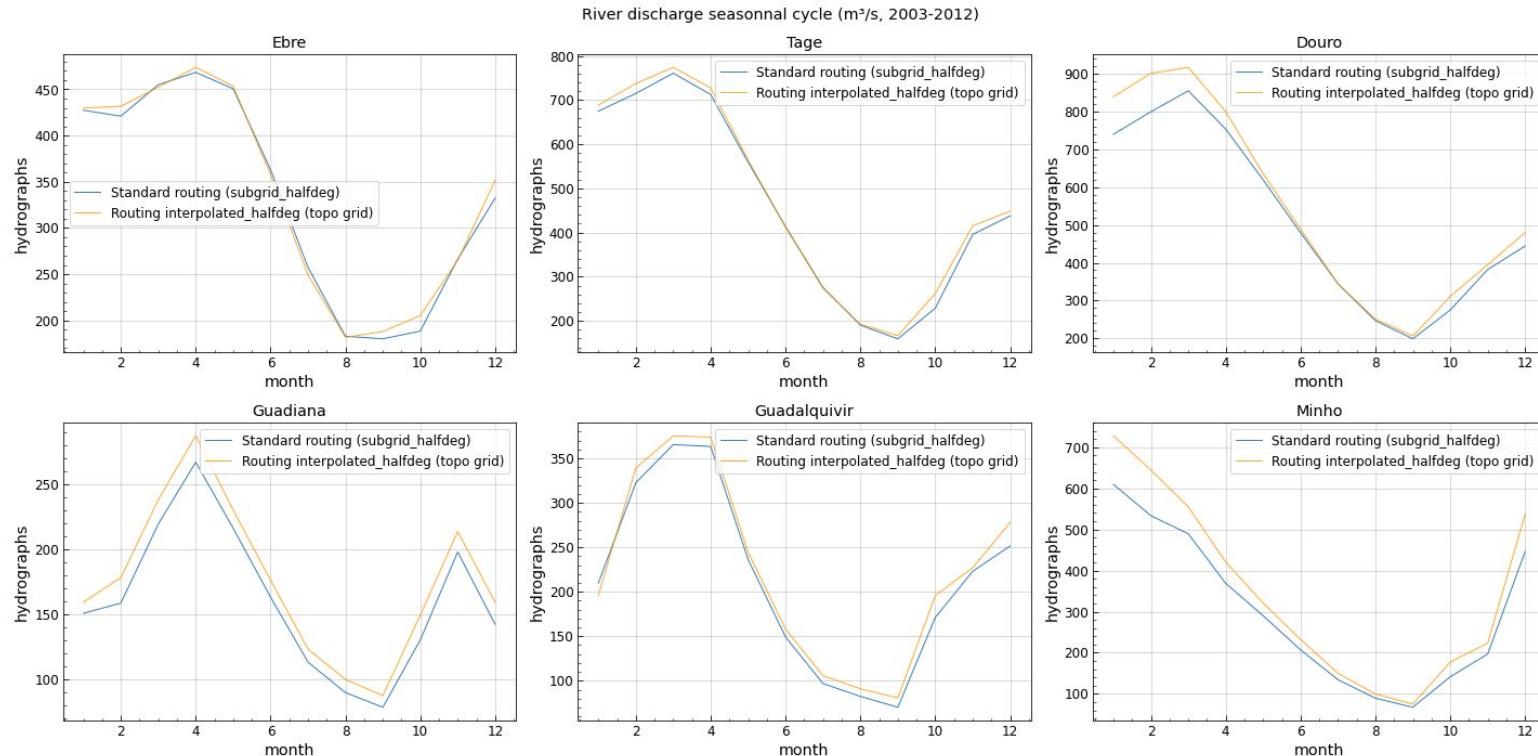


Hydrographs : differences on the routing path

Hydrographs of gridbox outflow average over the period (2003-2012, m³/s)



1) Offline evaluation : interp_topo_0.5° vs subgrid_halfdeg



2) Offline evaluation and calibration of interp_topo_MERIT

MERIT : different topography, ~2km resolution

Reservoir time constants (10^{-3} day/km)

3 “reference” options

	SLOW	FAST	STREAM
Y.Meurdesoif + D.Kılıç	1.2	0.9	0.03
Subgrid_halfdeg (standard)	25	3	0.24
Subgrid_HTU (L. Rinchiuso)	600	80	6.3

3 initial experiments

	SLOW	FAST	STREAM
TCST1	3	0.3	0.03
TCST2	30	3	0.3
TCST3	300	30	3

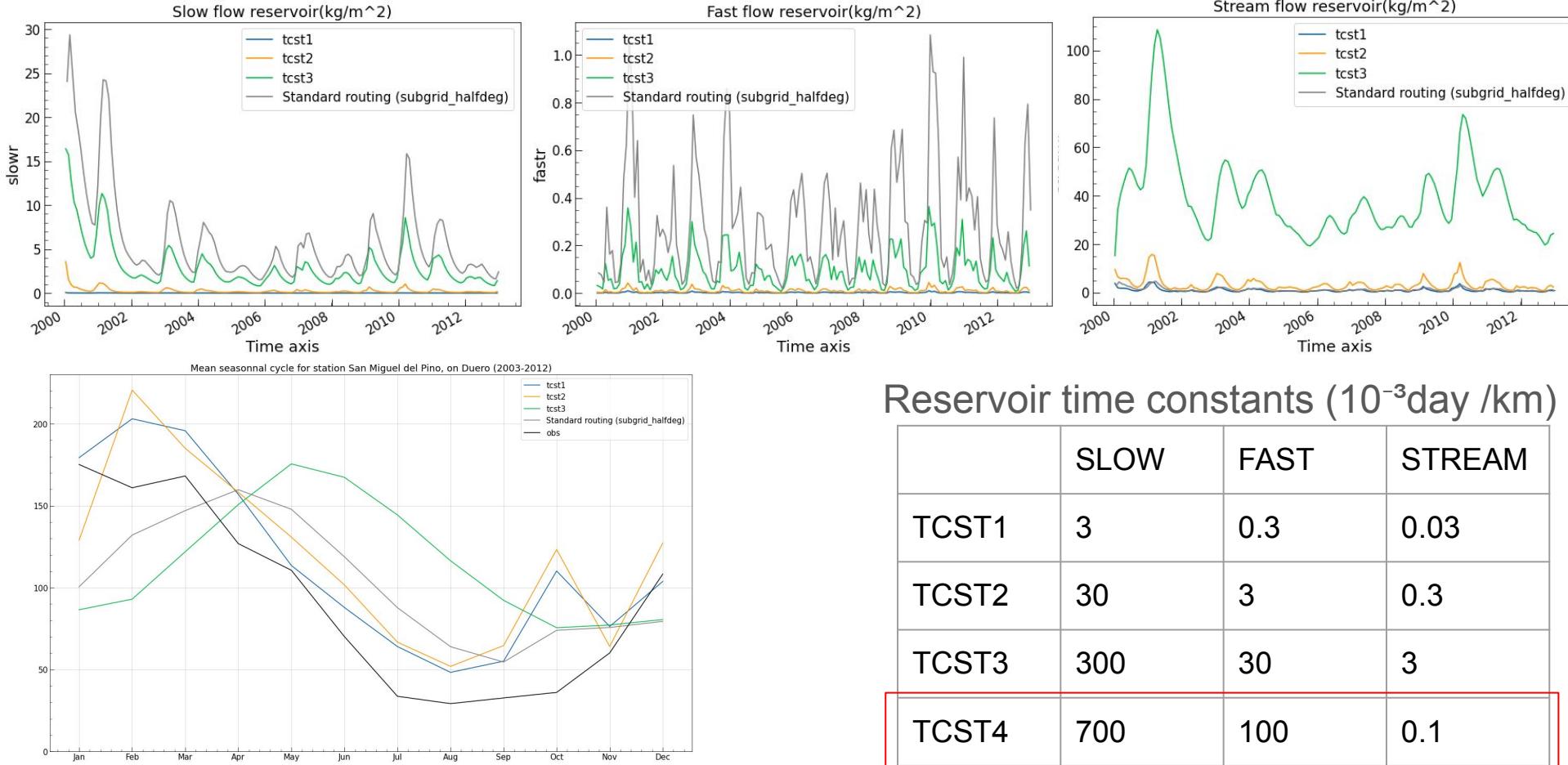
Variables to evaluate

- Reservoir volumes
- River discharge

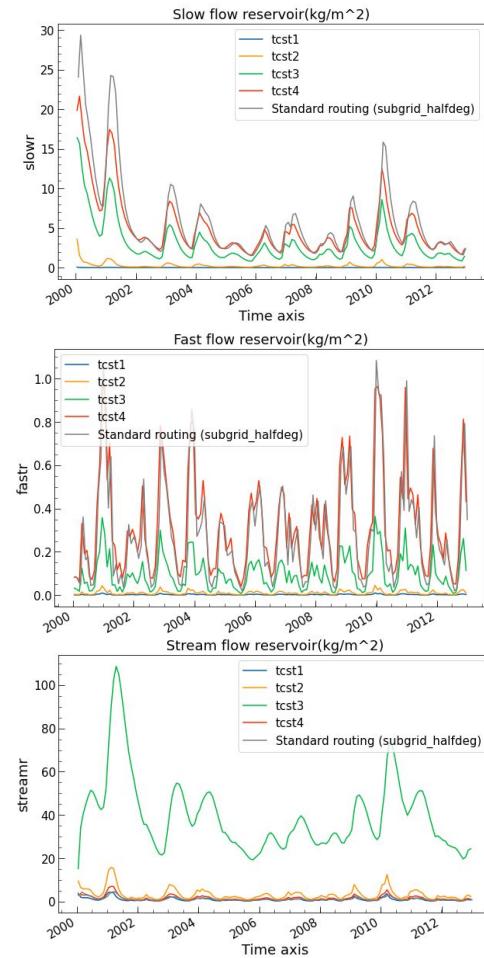
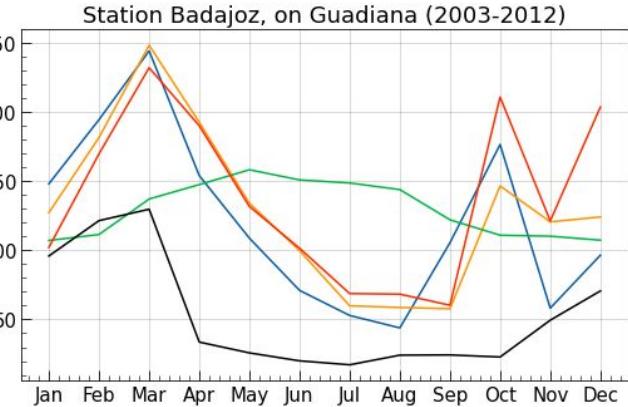
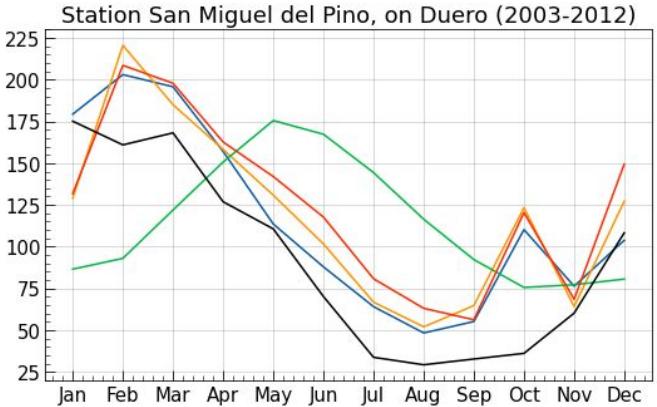
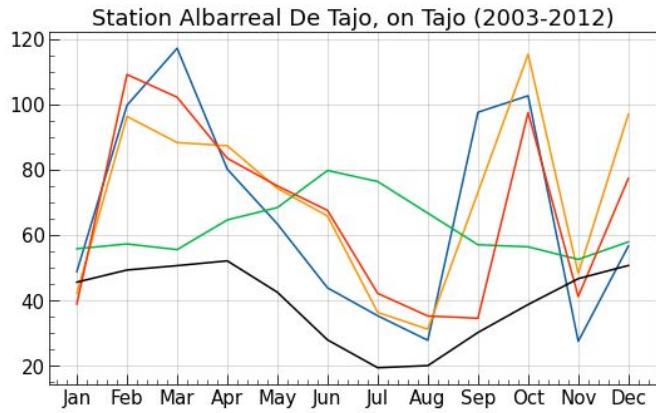
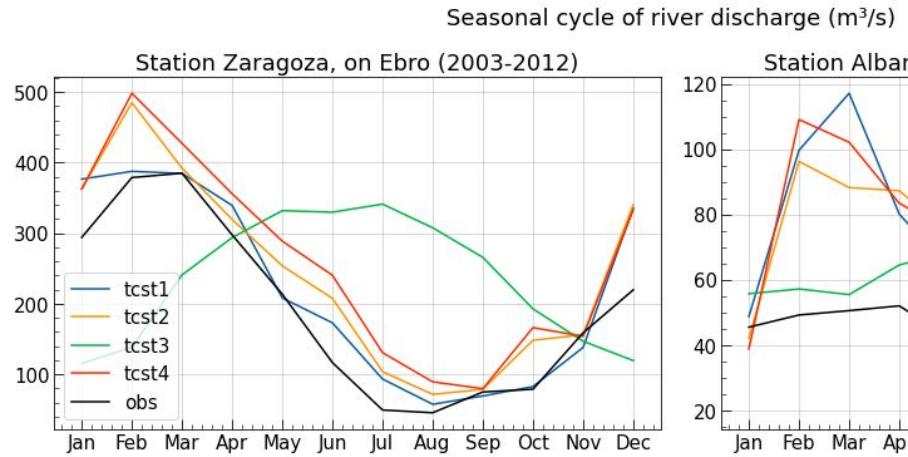
Other factors considered

- Forcing (WFDEI vs GSWP3)
- Irrigation (nolrr, Irr_0.9, Irr_0.6)

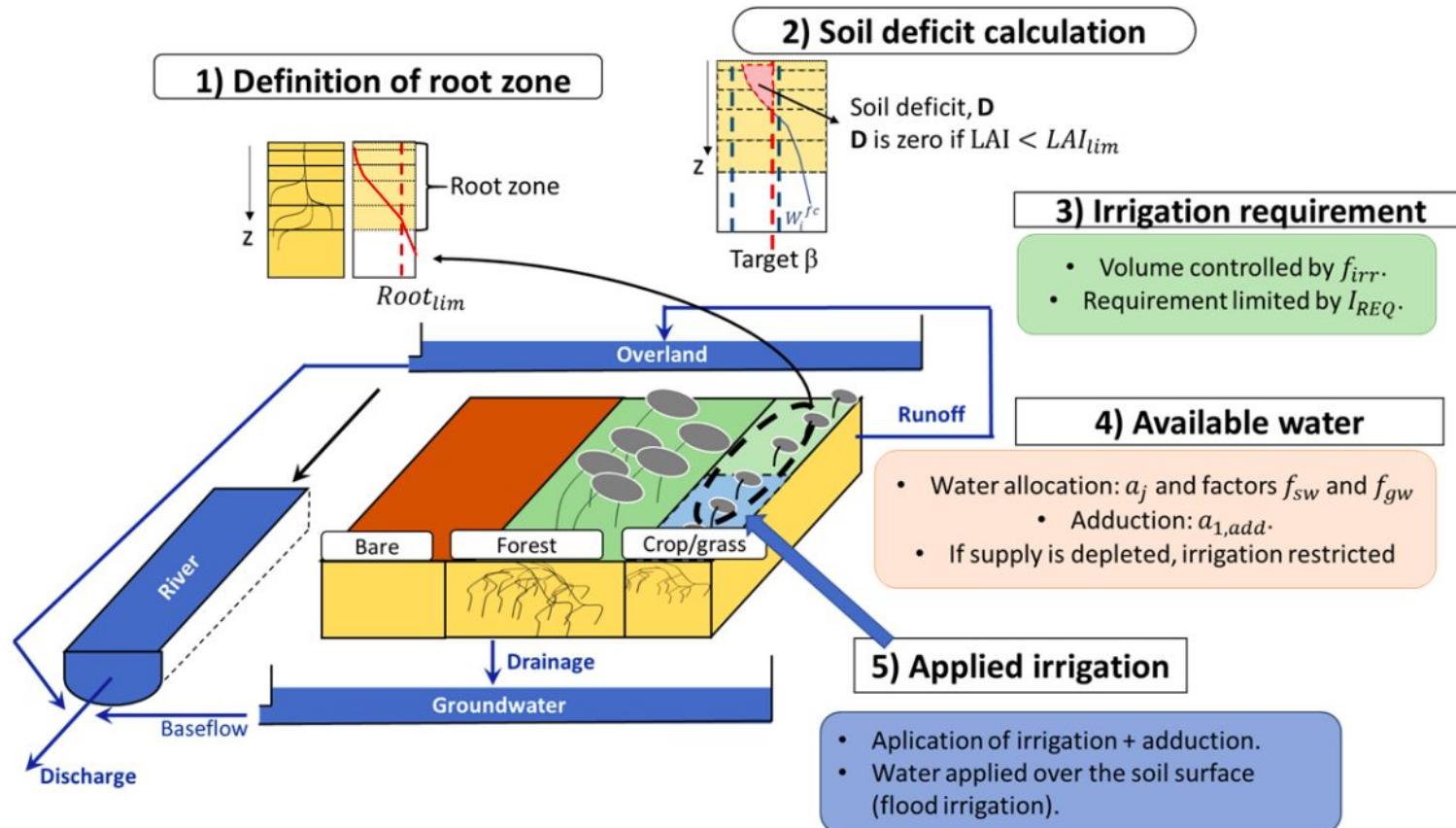
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Adaptation of new irrigation ([Arboleda et al. 2024](#)) to routing interp_topo



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ORCHIDEE grid

Runoff
Drainage
Irrigation demand

Reservoir volumes
Applied irrigation

xios interpolation

Reservoir volumes

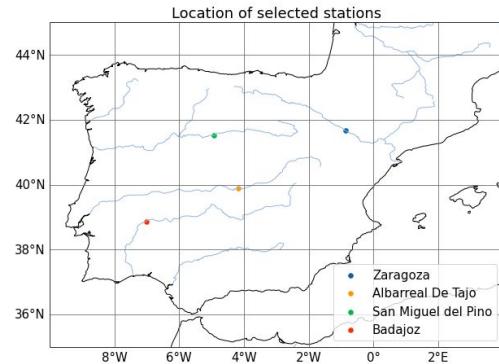
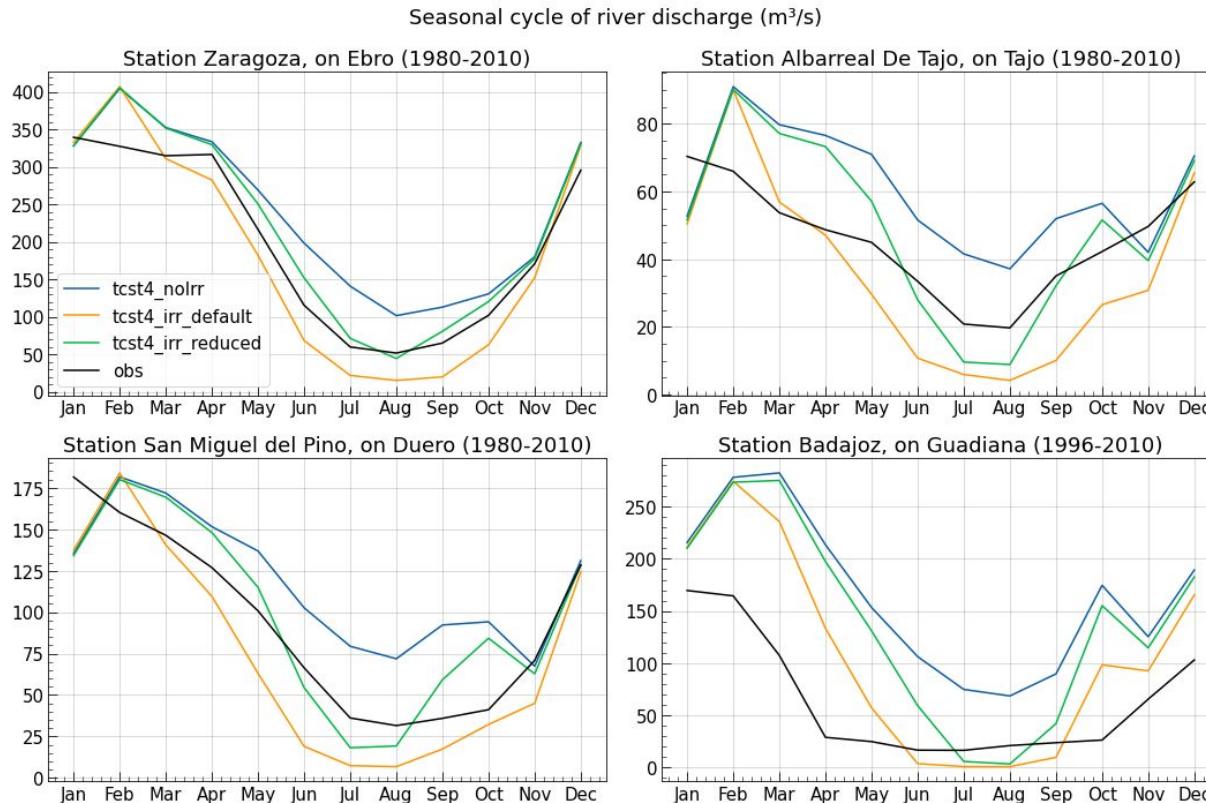
River discharge

Available water for irrigation

Routing grid (*NB : variables end with _r*)

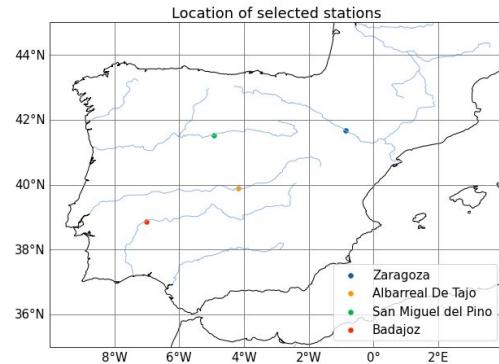
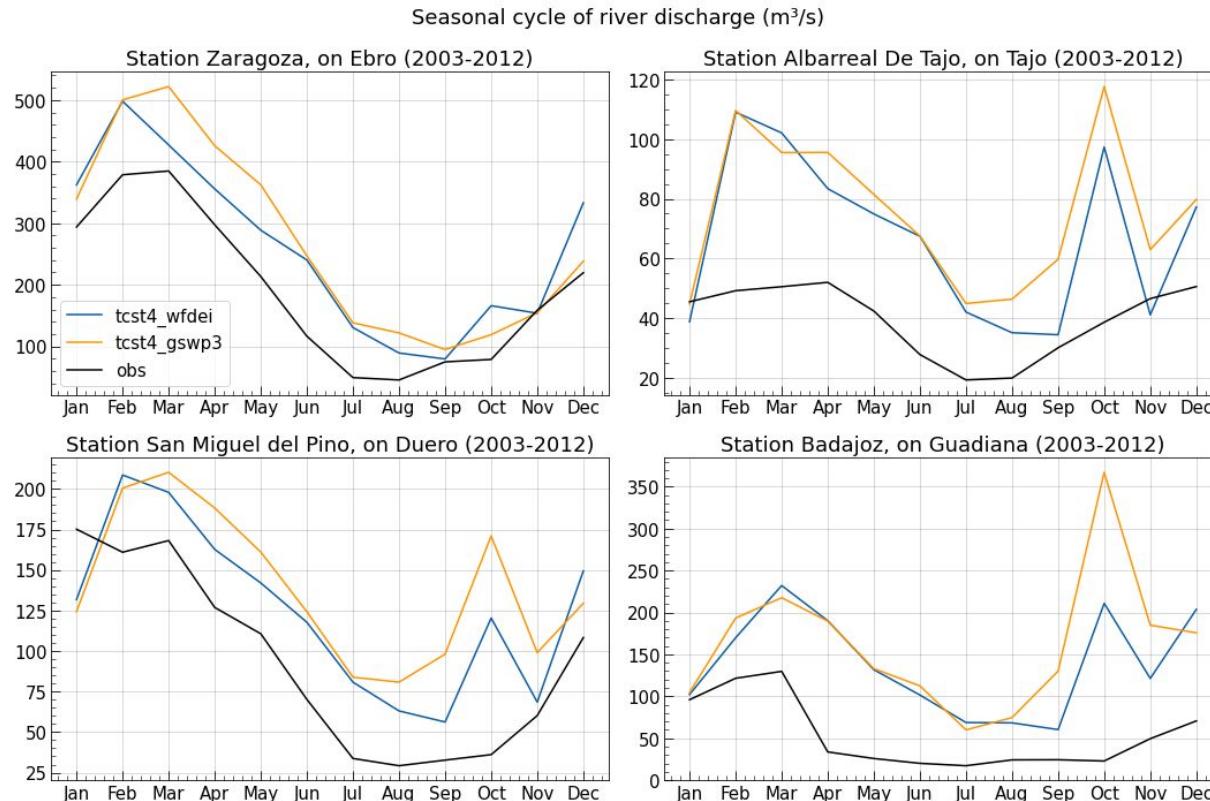
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Influence of irrigation

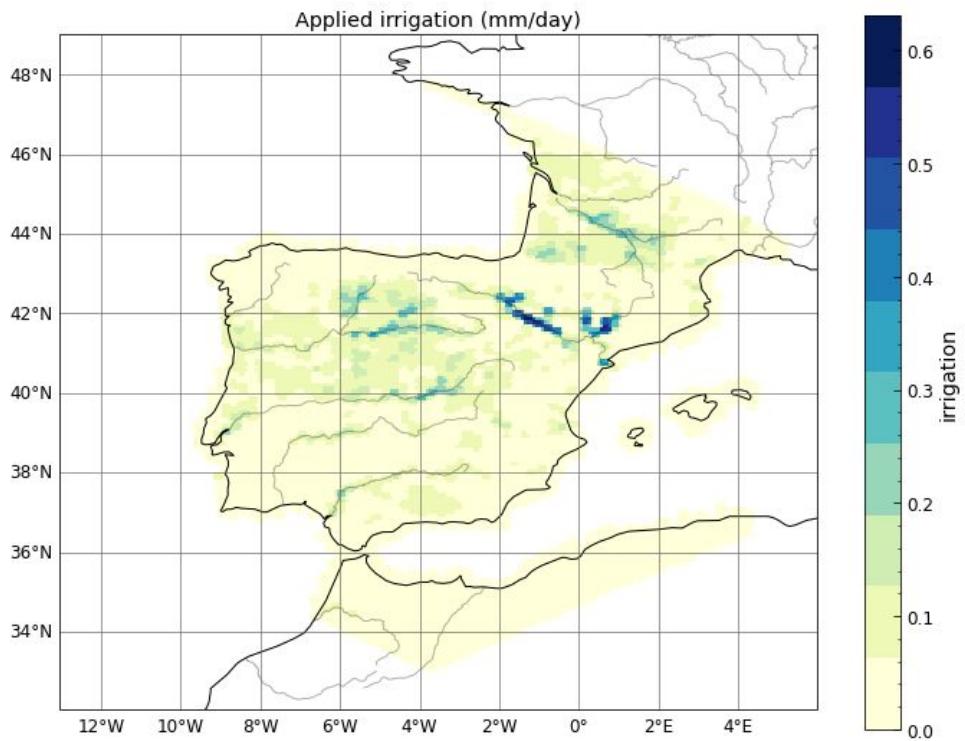


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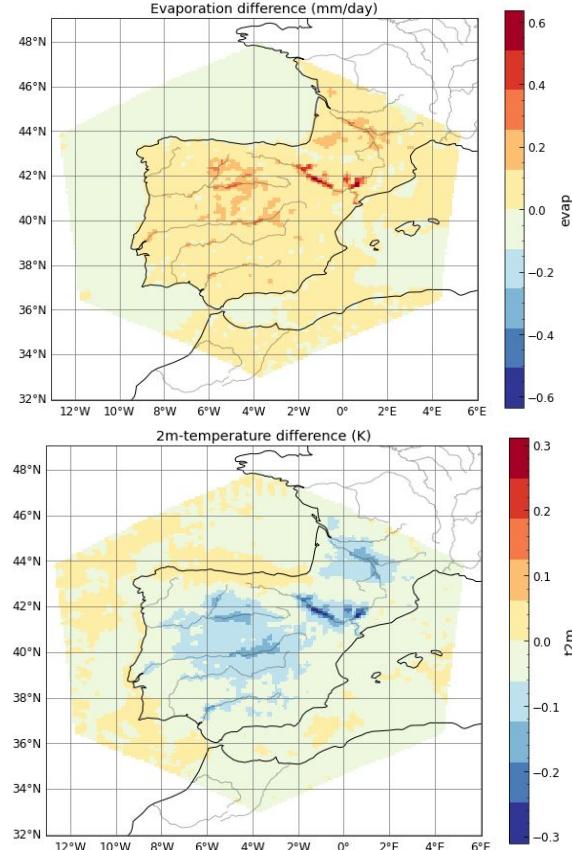
Influence of meteorological forcing



3) Coupled simulations using interp_topo_MERIT



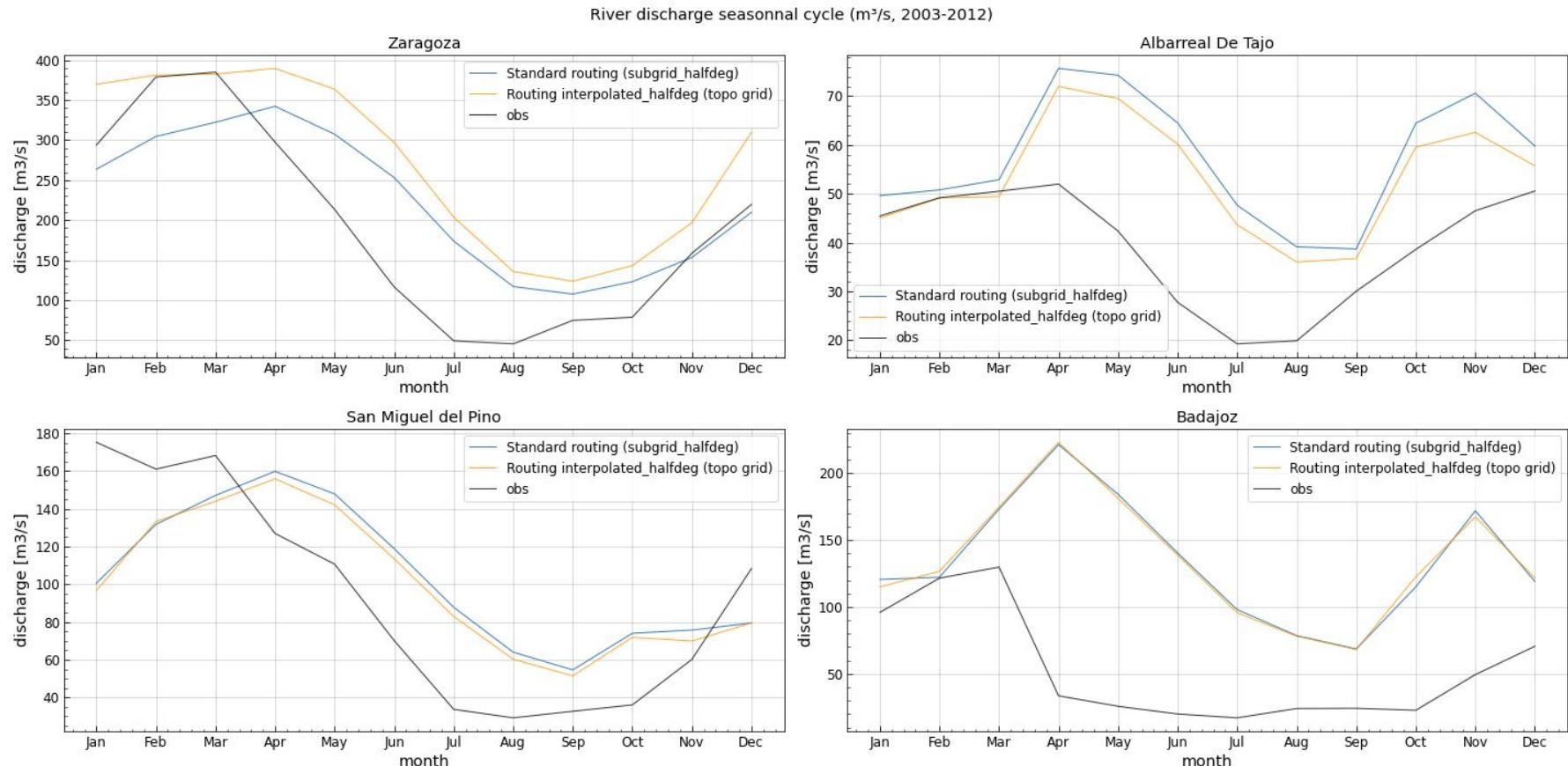
Difference (irr - no_irr)



Thank you for your attention

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1) Offline evaluation : interpolated_topo_0.5° vs subgrid_halfdeg



2) Offline evaluation and calibration of interpolated_topo_MERIT

Impact of RSOIL => Leads to strong overestimation of discharge

