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# Hydrometeorological Extremes and Open Science: A Computational Framework for Resilience

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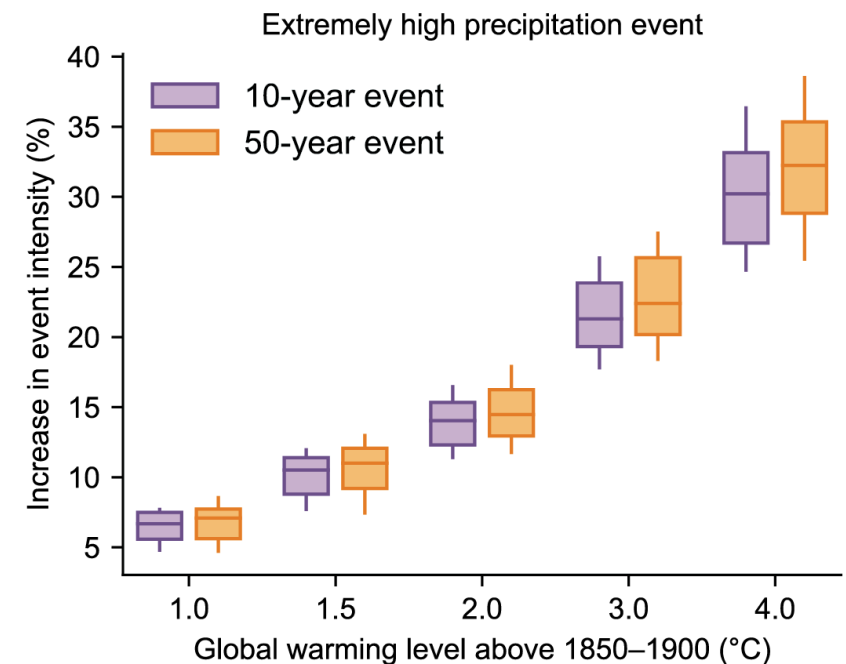
# Outline

- Research highlights:
  - From short-term forecasts to climate projections in arid regions
  - Hydrometeorological extremes in a warming climate
- Computational and operational challenges
- Root for Resilience(R4R) and Foundational Open Science Skills (FOSS) training program and resources



# Hydrometeorological extremes in a warming climate

- Climate change **intensifies extremes** due to increase in atmospheric moisture (7% more for every 1°C):
  - Extreme precipitation intensification from **4% to 8% per °C** (AR6) .
  - A **once every 10-year** event becomes **twice** as likely, and a once in a **50-year** event becomes **three times** as likely to happen (4°C) .
- Hydroclimate extremes in regions of **complex terrain** pose challenges for forecasting and risk assessment:
  - Sparse observations** and **terrain-driven dynamics** challenge modeling accuracy





# The Technical Landscape

## Data Sources

Station data: Precipitation,  
temperature

Gridded and Satellite:  
Daymet, GPMF

Global and Regional  
Models: NA-CORDEX,  
LOCA, GEFS, CFS

## Computational models

Atmospheric : Convective-  
Permitting Weather  
Research and Forecasting  
(WRF)

Hydrological : Rural  
Engineering with 5 Daily  
Parameters (GR5J)

Analysis scope: Short  
term, S2S, and climate  
change projections

## Operational workflow

HPC Job Management:  
High-resolution modeling,  
ensemble approach

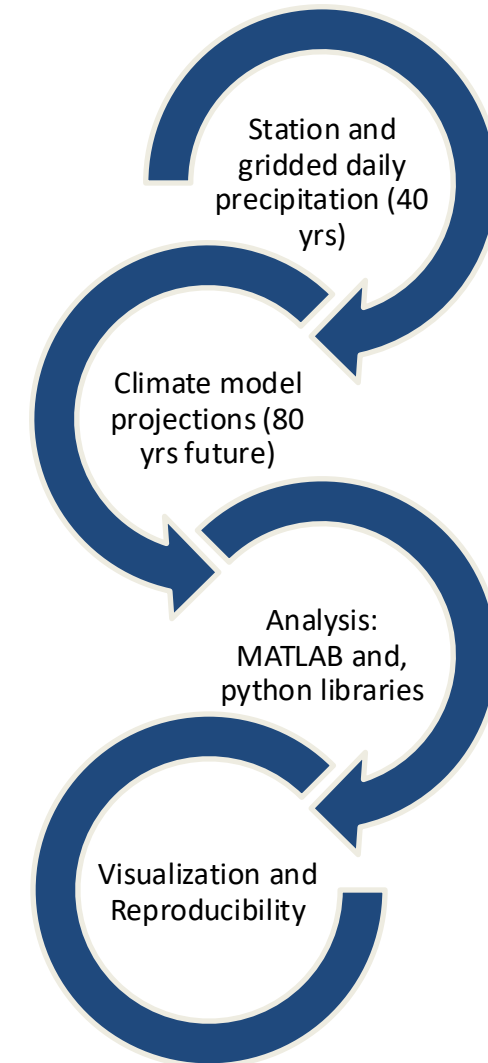
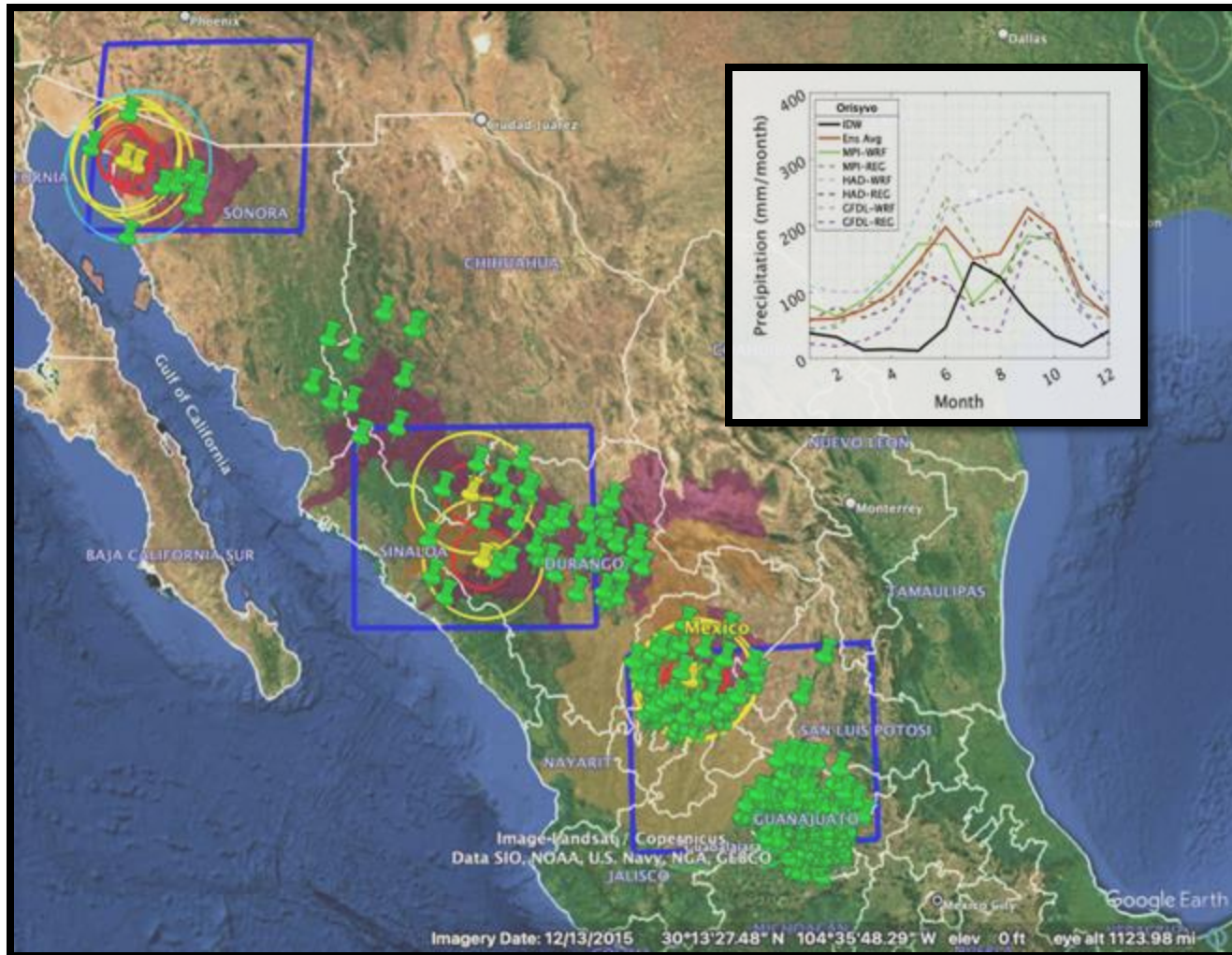
Workflow automatization  
and sharing: Script pre-  
processing, model  
simulations, and analysis

## Software

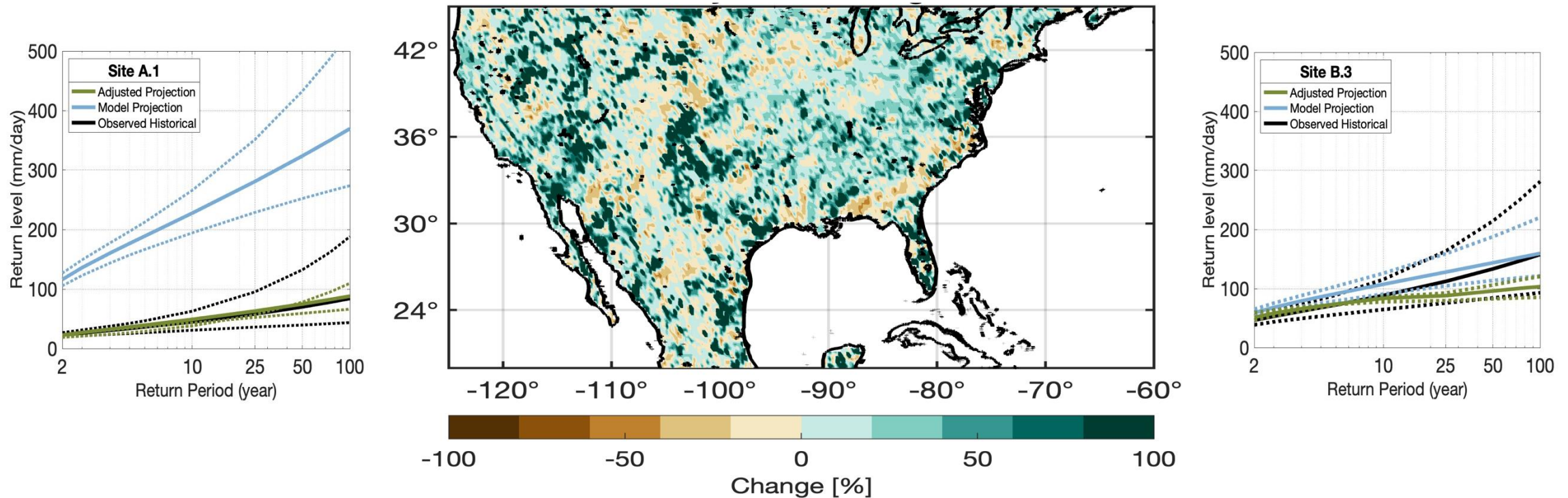
Languages: Python,  
MATLAB, R

Environment: Shell and  
Supercomputers

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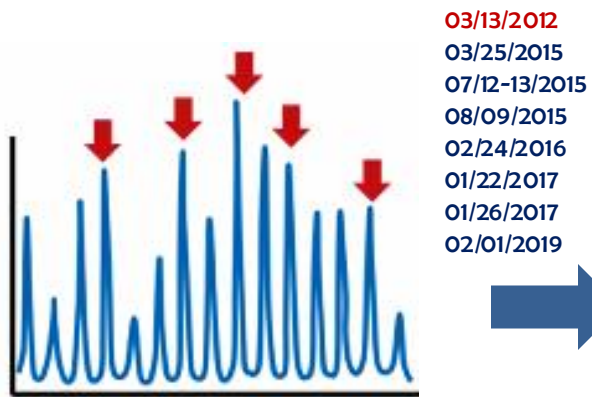


Objective: To provide regionalized insights into extreme precipitation trends by evaluating historical and future changes

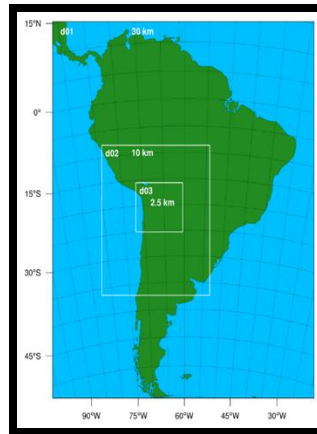


# P02: Hydroclimate modeling system

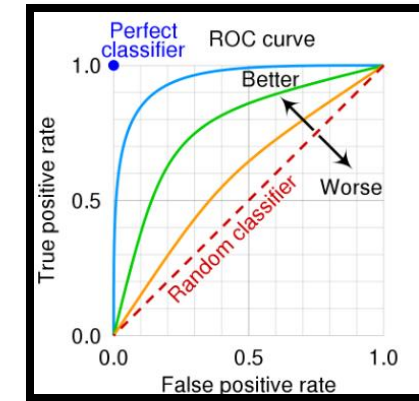
## (1) Selection of Major Streamflow Events (2010-2020)



## (2) Regional climate ensemble modeling at convective permitting scale (WRF-ARW)

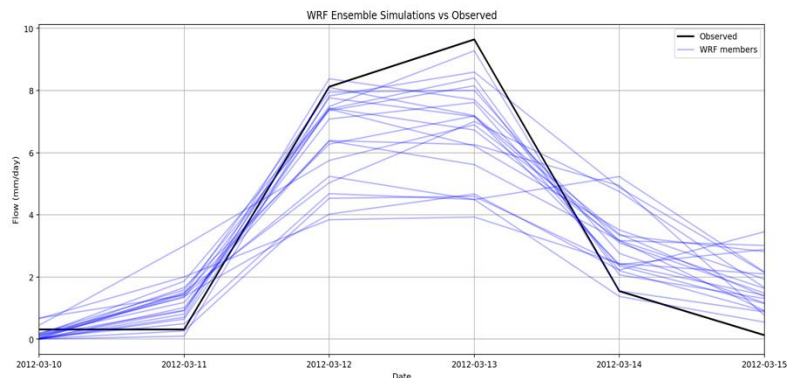


## (3) Forecast Performance Evaluation against observation (GPMF)



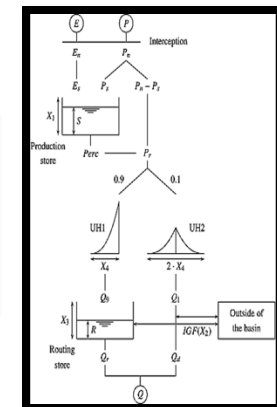
- Binary skill score metric
- ROC

## (5) Streamflow simulation forecast

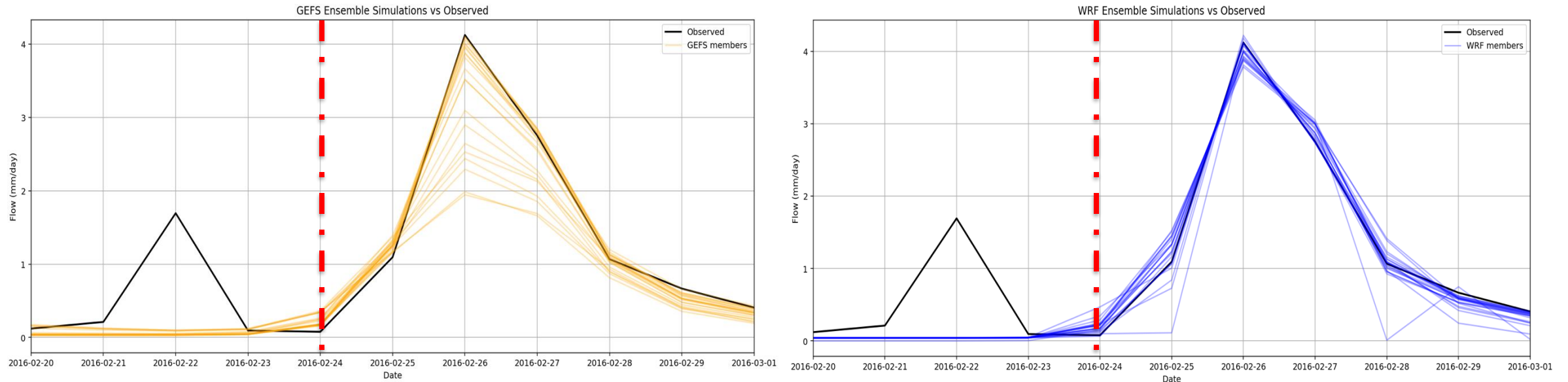


## (4) Hydrologic streamflow simulation (GR4J) using

- Rio Camarones river basin (DGA)
- WRF output
- Precipitation, Average
- PE



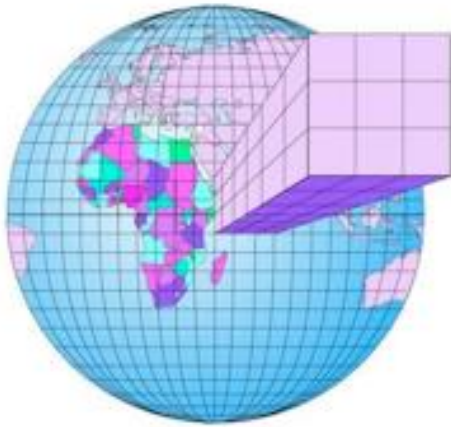
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Objective: To develop a high-resolution forecasting system that integrates convective-permitting modeling and hydrologic simulation to improve real-time flash flood prediction in a climate-vulnerable and data-scarce region of northern Chile.



# Computational Bottlenecks in Hydro-meteorological Research

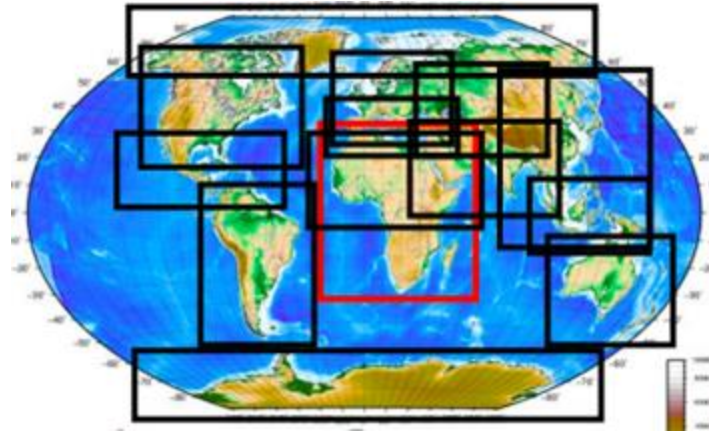


## Data production and processing

Model simulations and datasets models at different time- and spatial-scales.

Great computational power demanded.

Different time- and spatial-scales for models and observations.

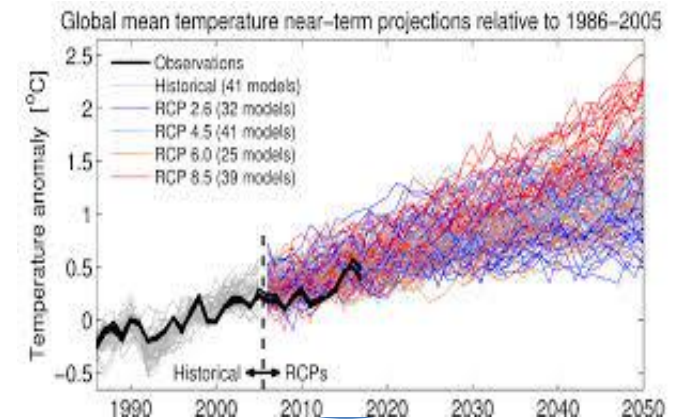


## Data curation and evaluation

Missing or inconsistent observations for model calibration and validation.

Balancing acquiring high-quality data with the need for reliable initial conditions.

Methods for long-term data curation and archival.



## Data Visualization

High-resolution and large-ensemble simulations.

Transference of large files between computational environments.

# Root for Resilience (R4R) Program

The Roots for Resilience program provides training and support to select graduate students on open, reproducible science, computational infrastructure and AI tools to enhance research focused on environmental and societal resilience.

- Leads: Sharon Collinge (AIR), Tina L. Johnson (DSI), Maliaca Oxnam (DSI), Anna Seiferle-Valencia (AIR)



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# Foundational Open Science Skills (FOSS)



<https://datascience.arizona.edu/r4r-cohorts>

- CyVerse's (10 week) virtual workshop.
  - Best practices in open science, computational infrastructure, and AI tools.
  - Discussions with cohort and invited data scientists.
- R4R core objective:
  - Train a collaborative cohort in advanced data science, AI, and FAIR data principles.
  - Foster interdisciplinary research focused on environmental and societal resilience challenges.



# R4R Training and Skills



## Foundations of Open Science

Open Science Principles  
Data Management & Documentation



## Research Pipelines

Version Control (GitHub)  
Software Environments  
Containerization (Docker, Singularity)



## High-Performance Infrastructure

High-Performance Computing (HPC)  
Cloud & Collaborative Platforms (CyVerse)

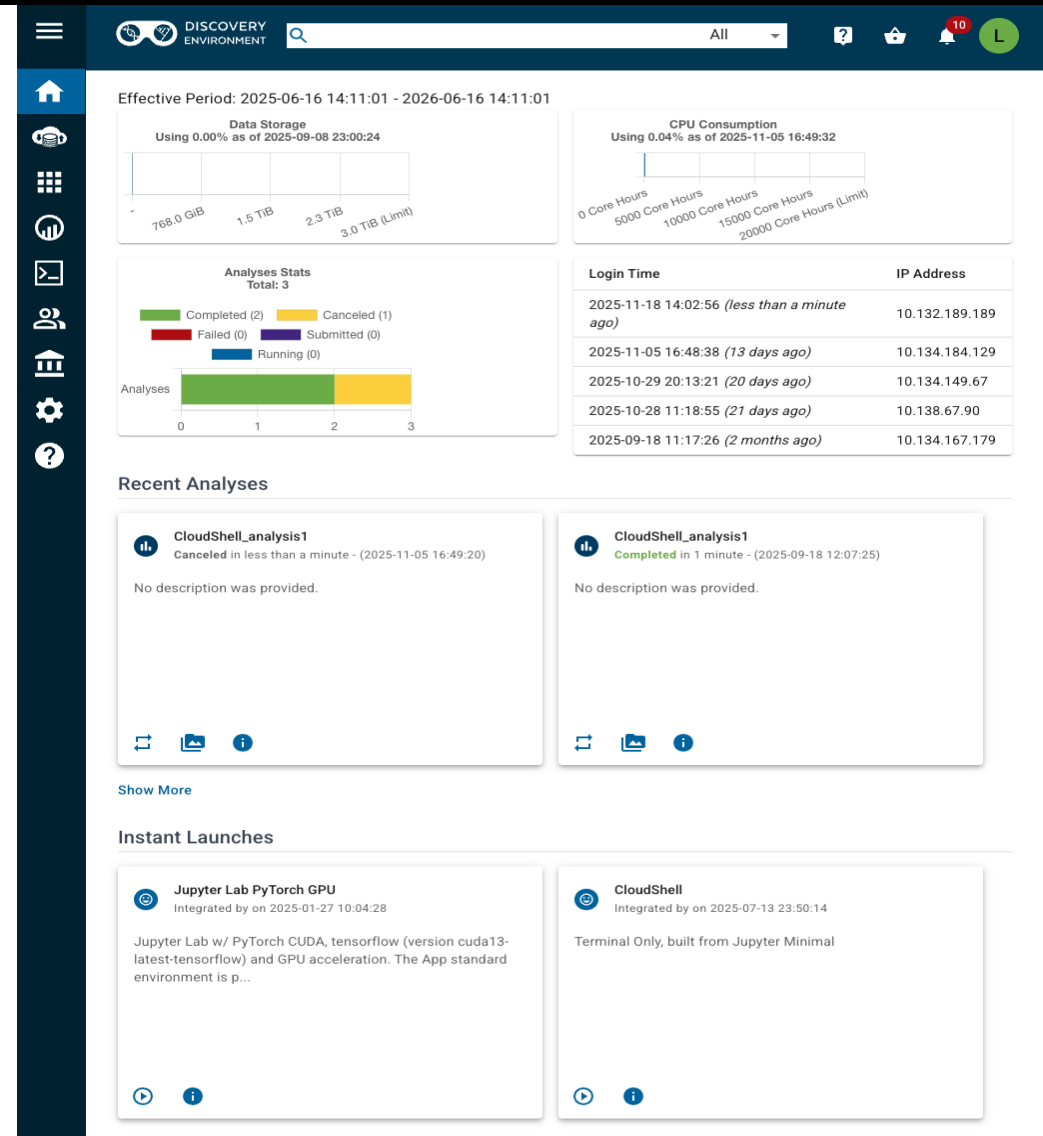


## AI, LLMs & Visualization Tools

Applications  
Data Visualization

# High-Performance Infrastructure

- Remote & Collaborative Platforms: [CyVerse](#)
  - Cyberinfrastructure designed to tackle large-scale scientific datasets
  - Free access for UA students, faculty, and staff
  - 3 TB of data storage, 20,000 compute units/year, run 4 concurrent jobs, workshops
- [UArizona](#) High-Performance Computing (HPC):
  - El Gato (1888 TC), Ocelote (11724 TC), and Puma (30720 TC)
  - Scale up and out data storage, processing and workflow automation



# Research Pipeline

- Version Control: [GitHub](#)
  - Free, fast, and easy to build platform and template use
  - Separate space for documentation or websites
- Software Environments: [Python](#) and [R](#)
  - Isolated, project-specific spaces with customized dependencies and software versions
  - Infrastructure for computing operations and user interactions.
- Containerization: [Docker](#)
  - Unit of software that packages up code and all its dependencies
  - Ease of sharing, platform independence, version control, scalability, isolation

The top part of the image shows a screenshot of a GitHub repository named 'Hydroclimate-Extremes-Analysis' by user 'LouFie08'. The file 'HW1.ipynb' is selected, showing a Jupyter Notebook with Python code for data analysis. The code includes imports for numpy, pandas, and matplotlib, and performs data reading and manipulation.

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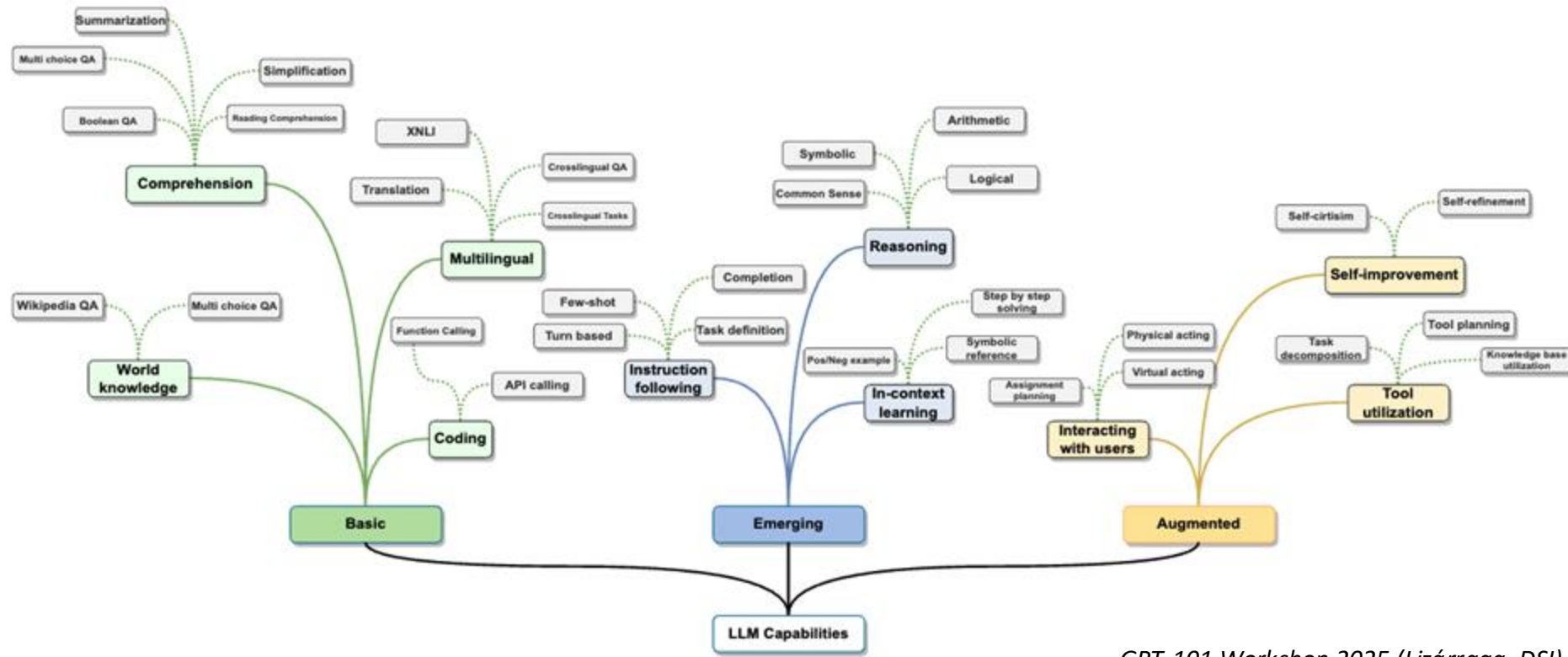
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# Large Language Models (LLMs)

AI systems trained to understand and generate human-like text (from internet) using massive datasets and billions of parameters.

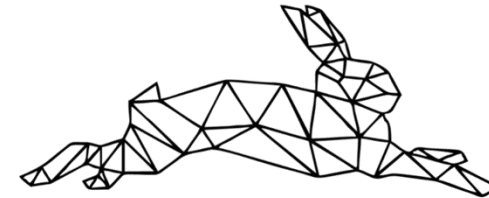


GPT-101 Workshop 2025 (Lizárraga, DSI)

*When used responsibly, it can support open models and data, accelerate discovery, and aid in the evaluation of research... But you must be cautious because they can generate biased or false information.*

# Large Language Models (LLMs)

- Prompt Engineering: technique to craft effective instructions
  - Context Role Action Format Tone Framework
  - [Student AI Guidelines and Principles](#)
- Research and analysis:
  - Trace and spot unexplored or emerging areas: [ResearchRabbit](#)
  - Find details and skim specific sections in research papers: [NotebookLM](#), [Perplexity](#)/ChatGPT/ [Gemini](#)
- Write and Editing
  - Draft summaries, refine complex concepts, and improve clarity and tone ([Gemini](#)/ChatGPT/Grammarly).
- Code Development:
  - Generate, translate, and debug code: [Claude](#)/[Copilot](#)
  - VS Code and GitHub CodeSpaces: Integration through Application Programming Interface (API): [Google AI Studio](#), [Ollama](#), [OpenAI](#), [Anthropic](#)



# Large Language Models (LLMs)

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glm-4.6		11	9	9	2	6	9	8	14
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Northern Mexico Projected Precipitation and Monsoon Changes

2 sources

These sources present climate change projections for the border region of the southwestern United States and northern Mexico, focusing specifically on future changes in precipitation and temperature variables. The first paper examines statistically downscaled CMIP6 climate models to project changes in daily precipitation, air temperature, and wet-bulb temperature across Arizona, concluding that the region is expected to become overall warmer and wetter, with increases in extreme heat and humidity. The second study utilizes the NA-CORDEX ensemble of dynamically downscaled simulations to investigate trends in mean and extreme precipitation over Northern Mexico, forecasting a decrease in precipitation to the west and an increase to the east of the Sierra Madre, alongside a delayed and lengthened North American monsoon season and a nearly doubling of extreme precipitation event frequency. Both studies underscore the potential for increased hydroclimate extremes—such as heat stress, drought, and flooding—that will necessitate robust adaptation strategies in these vulnerable border regions.

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How will mean and extreme precipitation patterns geographically shift across Northern Mexico by the century's end?

How are the timing of North American Monsoon changes projected to shift across Northern Mexico by the century's end?

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README

Hydrometeorological Extreme Analysis

Workflow and script documentation for analyzing climatological (models and observations) and meteorological variables relevant to extreme analysis

Time series

Climate Indices

CLINE


>\_ Cline for CLI is here!

Install to use Cline directly in your terminal and enable subagent capabilities. Cline can spawn **cline** commands to handle focused tasks like exploring large codebases for information. This keeps your main context window clean by running these operations in separate subprocesses. [Learn more](#)

npm install -g cline

Install

Enable Subagents



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RECENT TASKS

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create a python script that reads a plot precipitation data from a csv file. The

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plot\_precipitation\_data.py

plot\_precipitation\_data.py > read\_csv\_data

```
1  #!/usr/bin/env python3
2  """
3  Script to read and plot precipitation data from a CSV file.
4  The script reads columns: PRCP (precipitation), TAVG (average temperature),
5  TMAX (max temperature), and TMIN (min temperature).
6  """
7
8  import pandas as pd
9  import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
10 import os
11 import sys
12 from datetime import datetime
13
14 def get_file_path():
15     """Get the CSV file path from user input."""
16     while True:
17         file_path = input("Enter the full path to your CSV file: ").strip()
18
19         # Remove quotes if present
20         if file_path.startswith('"') and file_path.endswith('"'):
21             file_path = file_path[1:-1]
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PROBLEMS

OUTPUT

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PORTS

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Plot Options:

1. Individual plots for each variable

2. Combined plot (temperature together, precipitation separate)

3. Both views

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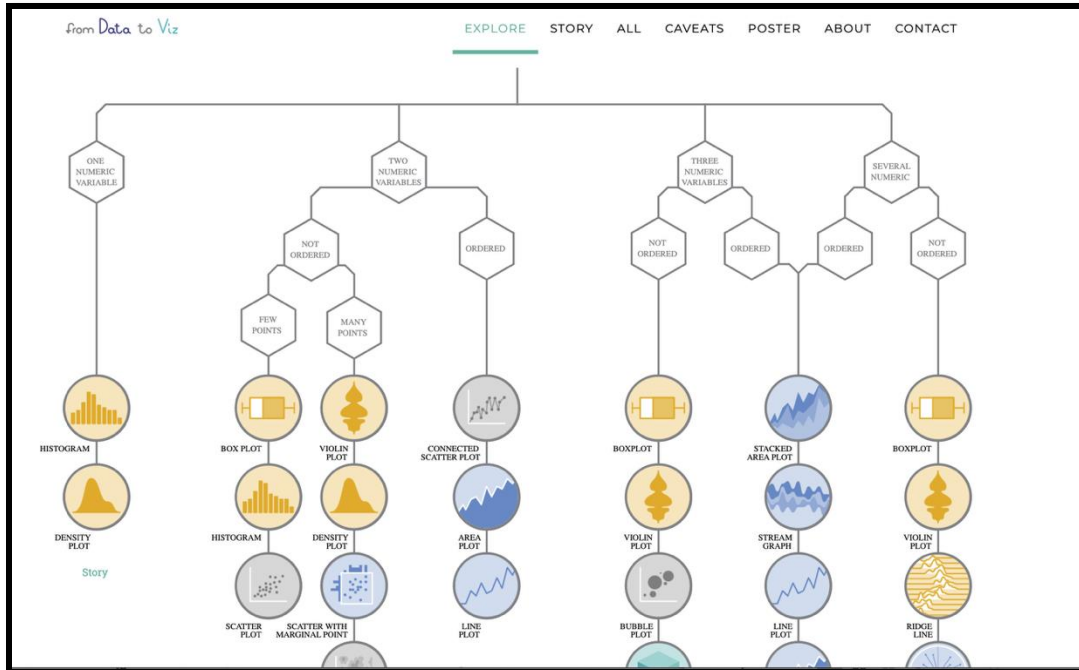
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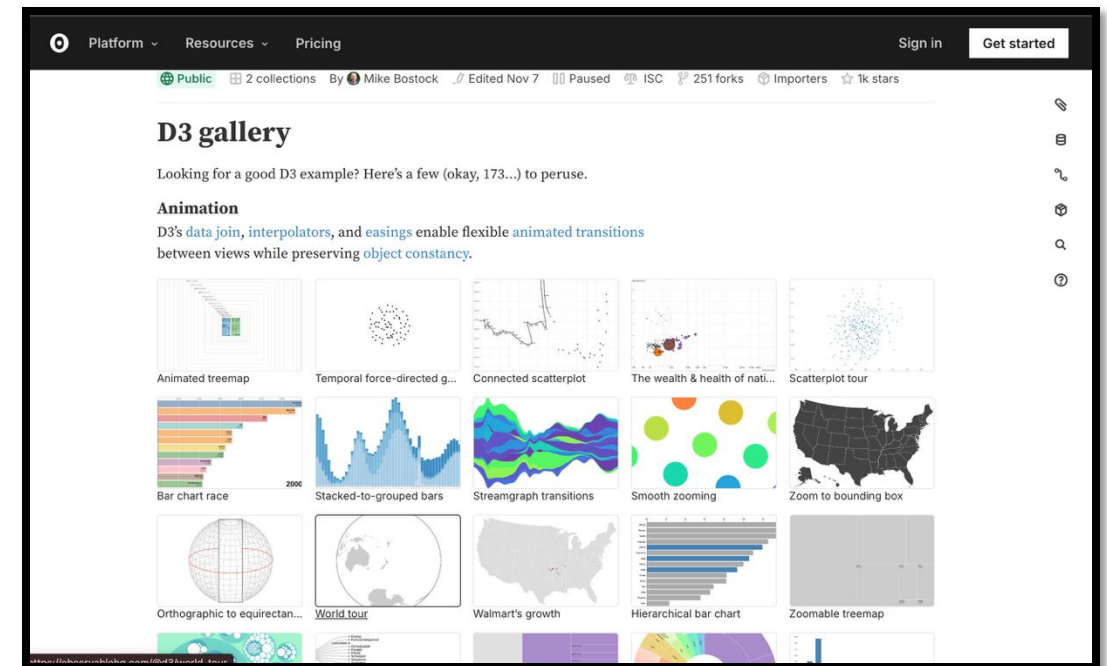
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# Visualization Toolkit



Data to Viz



Observable

Efficiency: Maximizing data ink



# Conclusions

- Hydro-meteorological **research** can be **computational challenging** due to manage massive datasets, and complex multi-scale models.
- There are easy-to-access tools that can help to ease the burden. Platforms like R4R, FOSS, and CyVerse provide easy-to-access tools and training in Open Science, AI, and HPC to manage data, speed up analysis, and create impactful visualizations.
- By integrating some of these tools with a computational framework, we can create research pipelines that are **reproducible, scalable, and impactful** in addressing environmental and societal resilience.



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# Thank you!!



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