

Régionalisation des effets des changements climatiques sur les ERV à La Réunion et dans le SOOI

Regionalization of the impacts of climate change on VRE in Reunion and in the SWIO

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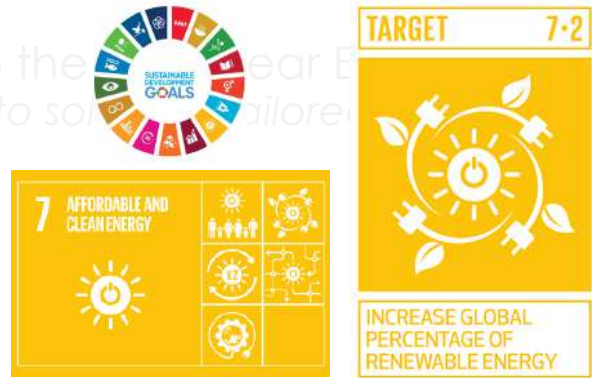


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Introduction

From the **Agenda 2030** ...
 Translating **global objectives** into solutions tailored to needs and specificities



GLOBAL SCALE: AGENDA 2030

fig. 1. **Share** of electricity production from RE (1985-2023)
 Ritchie and Rosado 2020

Share of electricity production from renewables, 2023
 Renewables include electricity production from hydropower, solar, wind, biomass & waste, geothermal, wave, and tidal sources.

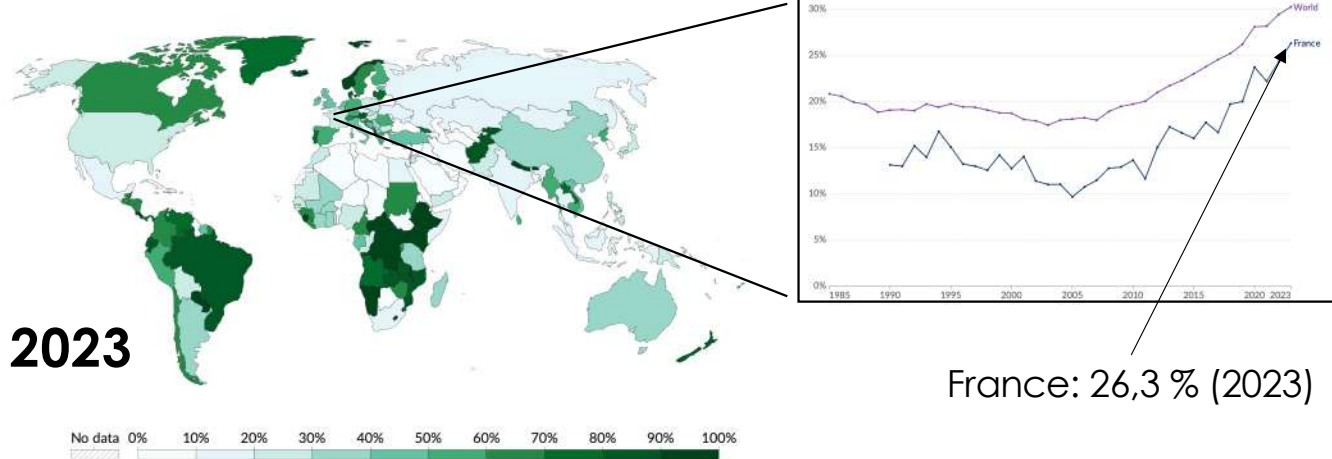
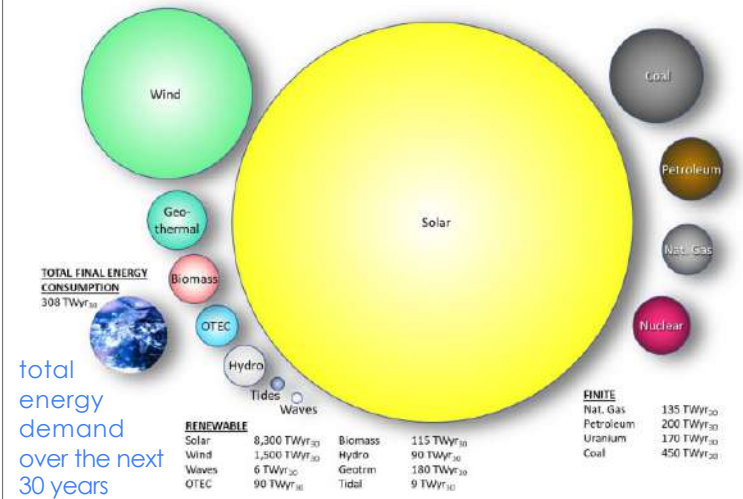


fig. 2. **Reserves** in renewable and finite energy sources over the next 30 years – Perez and Perez 2022



Data source: Ember (2024); Energy Institute - Statistical Review of World Energy (2024) | OurWorldinData.org/energy | CC BY

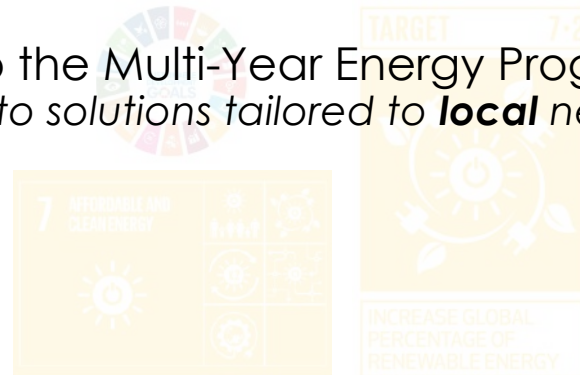
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From the **Agenda 2030** ... to the Multi-Year Energy Program (**PPE**) for Reunion
 Translating **global** objectives into solutions tailored to **local** needs and specificities

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LOCAL SCALE: PPE REUNION



tab. 1. **Targets** for Solar PV and Wind energy by 2028

Energy sector	Installed capacity in 2023	Objectives by 2028	Target capacity
Solar PV	266,2 MW	+310 MW vs. 2018	440-500 MW
Onshore wind	19,8 MW (Ste-Suzanne) +10 MW (Ste-Rose – 2025)	+75 MW vs. 2016	91,5 MW
Offshore wind	N/A	Dev. of 40 MW	40 MW

REUNION

French overseas territory

2512 km²



885 700 inhab. (1/1/2024)



- **Non-Interconnected Zone**
- **Electricity production in 2023**
3 085,1 GWh – **56,6 %** from RE
Conversion from coal to biomass
- **Heavy dependence on imported energy (88,6 % in 2023)**
Imported biomass
- **Self-sufficiency goal**
By **2030**: achieving 100 % RE electricity
*Increase **Solar PV energy** by ~2*
*Expand **Wind energy** by a factor of ~4*

Introduction

Towards a Sustainable Energy Transition in Reunion: Opportunities and Challenges

Category	Key opportunities	Key challenges
 Geographical	Reduce energy dependency on fossil fuels	Limited space and local resource constraints
 Production & grid	Diversify mix (solar, wind , biomass, G-H2)	Variability of renewables , grid infrastructure
Green hydrogen (G-H2)	Long-term storage, reduce emissions	High production costs, renewable hydrogen
Demand management	Enhance flexibility	Lack of smart grid technologies
Environment & society	Reduce emissions, environmental benefits	Social acceptance of renewables
Innovation	R&D in microgrids, innovative storage	High cost of pilot projects
Governance	Achieve autonomy targets by 2030	Stakeholder coordination

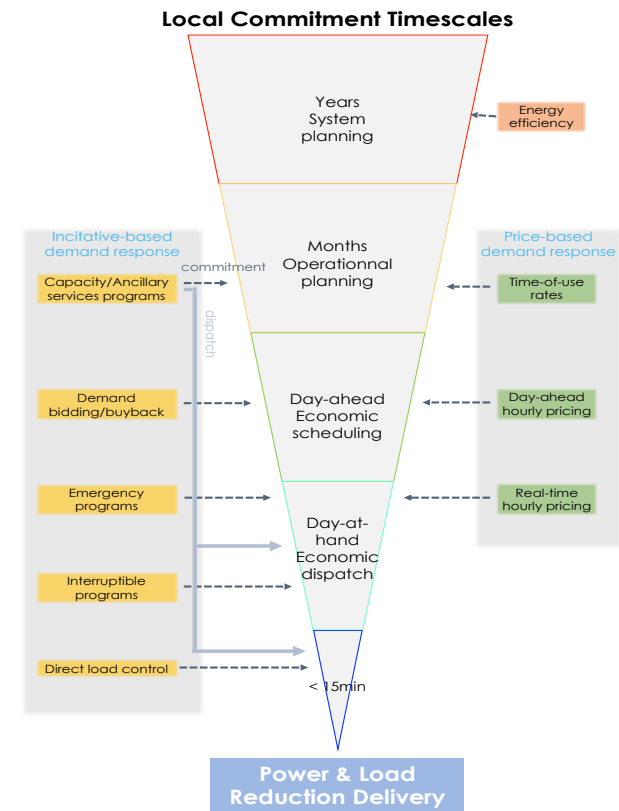
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Scientific Challenge: Characterizing and Predicting **Variability** in VRE Resources

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fig. 3a. **Timescales** of demand response programs



adapted from DREAM-GO Report 2018

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fig. 4. **GHI** @ Moufia (RUN **BSRN** station)

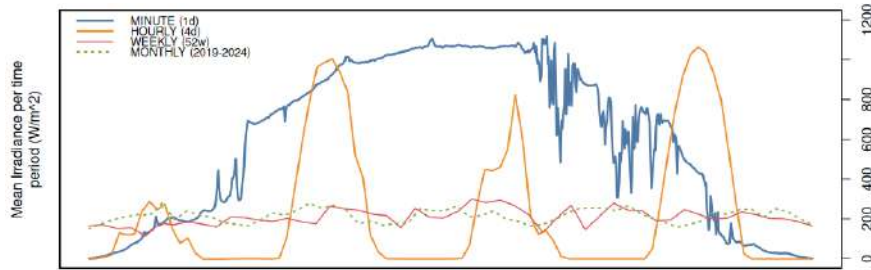


fig. 5. **Wind speed** @ 10 m (left – *Uwajeneza et al. 2023 SASEC*) and @100 m (right – *Global Wind Atlas*) over Reunion

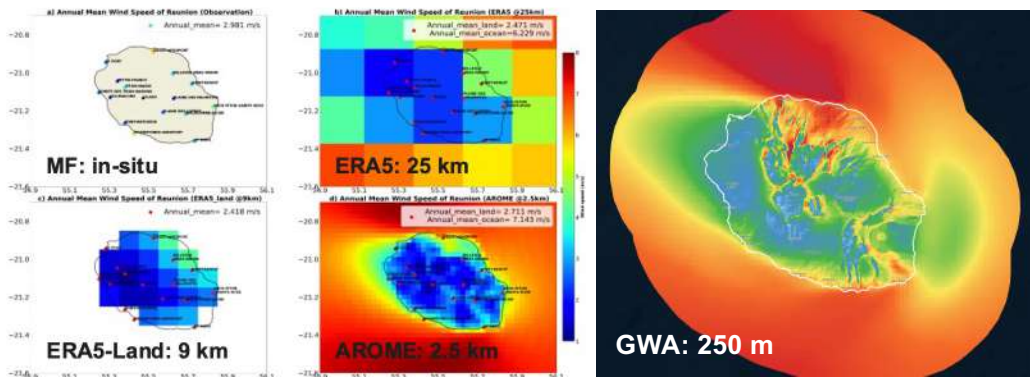
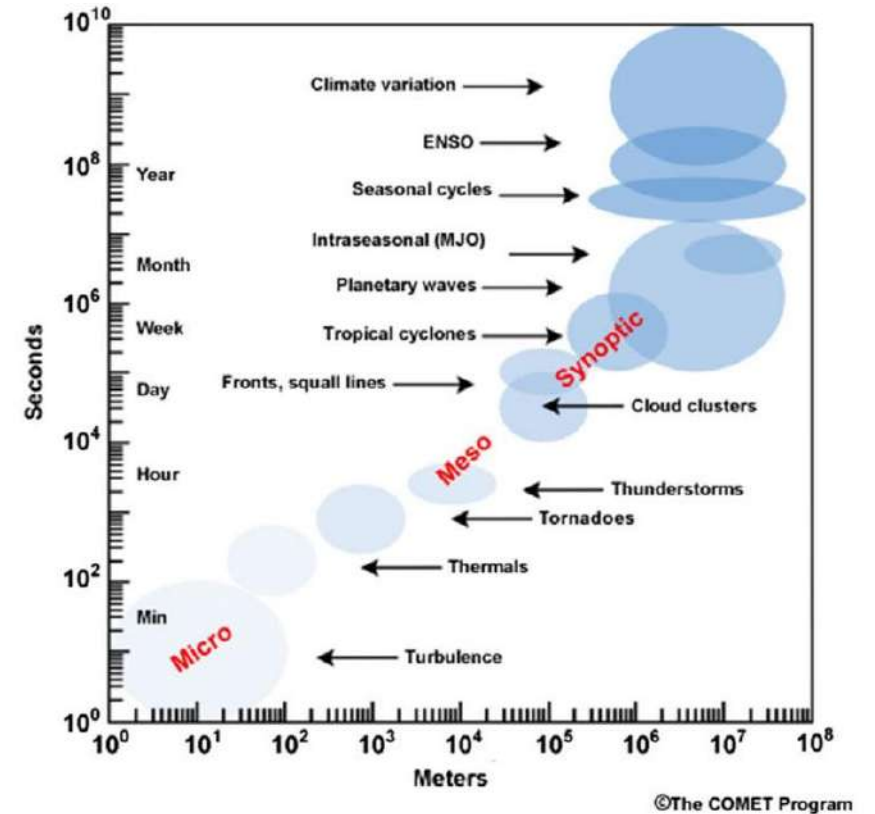


fig. 3b. **Timescales** of climate variability



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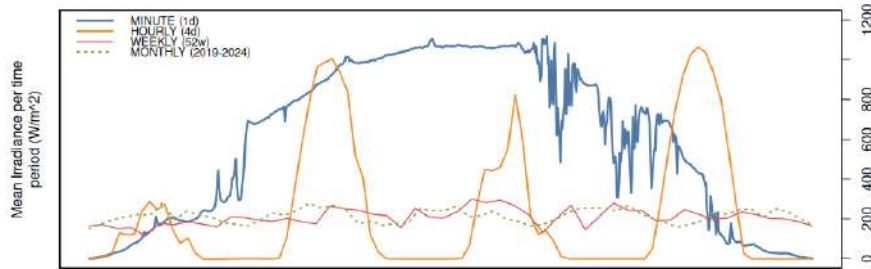
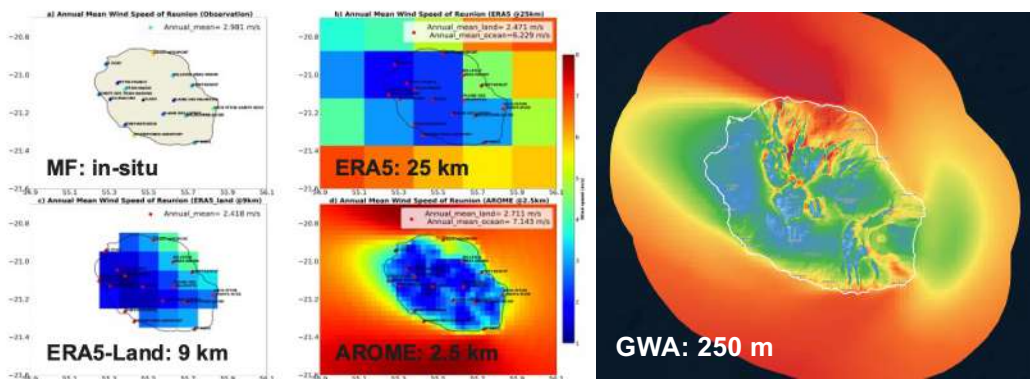


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SCIENTIFIC QUESTION



How can we accurately characterize and predict spatial and temporal variability in VRE resources at fine resolutions to optimize their integration into energy systems?

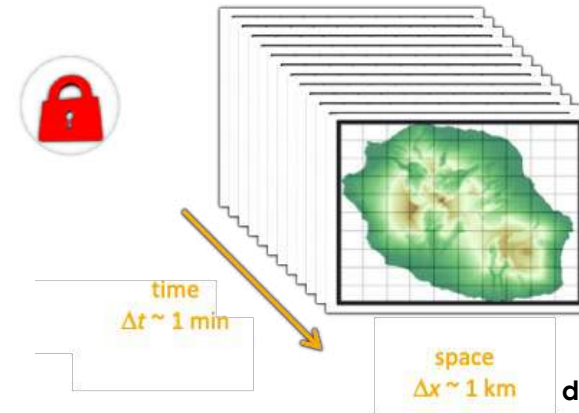
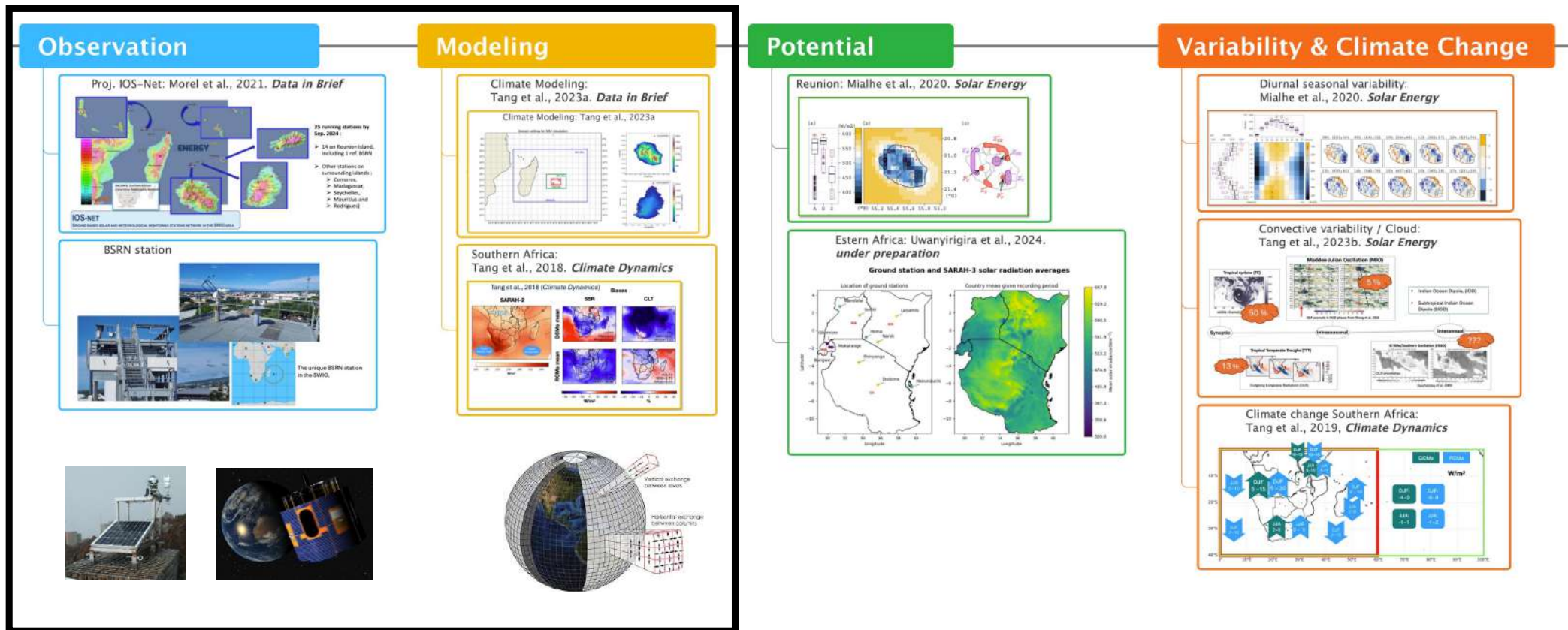


fig. 6. Needs in **HR data** to characterize spatial and temporal variability

VRE assessment at ENERGY-Lab

Spatial and Temporal Variability of VRE
Solar

fig. 7. **Framework** for solar resource assessment at ENERGY-Lab



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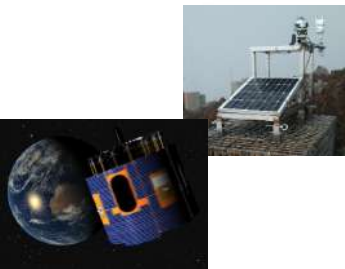
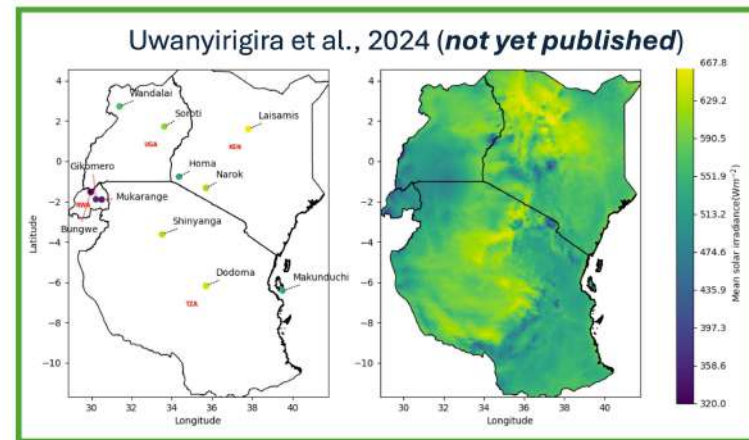
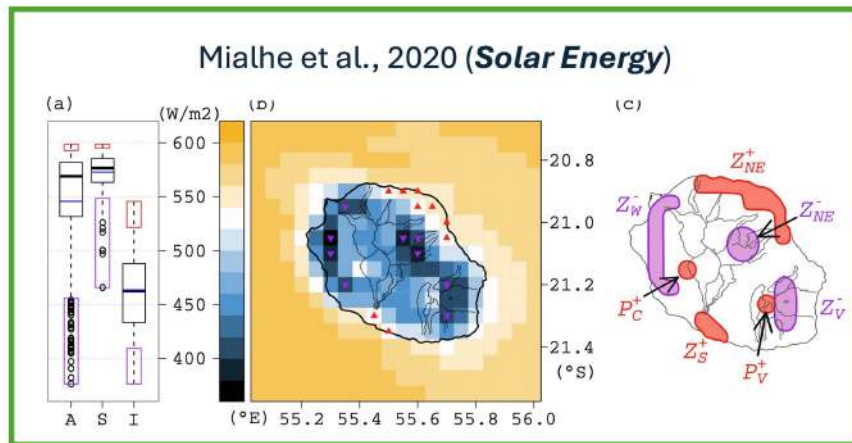
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Observation

Modeling

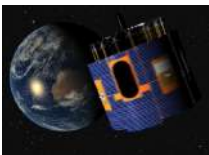
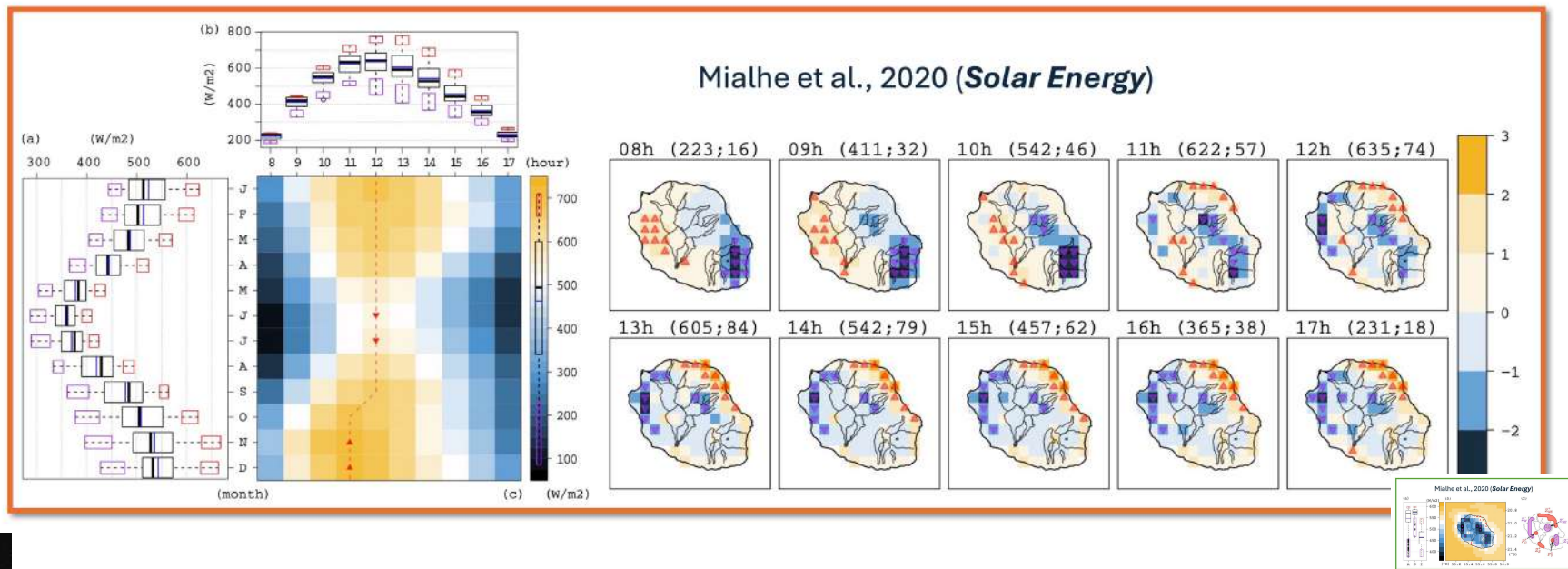
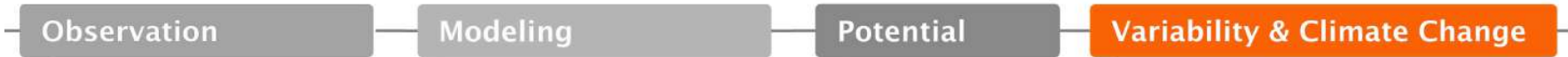
Potential

Variability & Climate Change



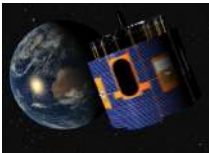
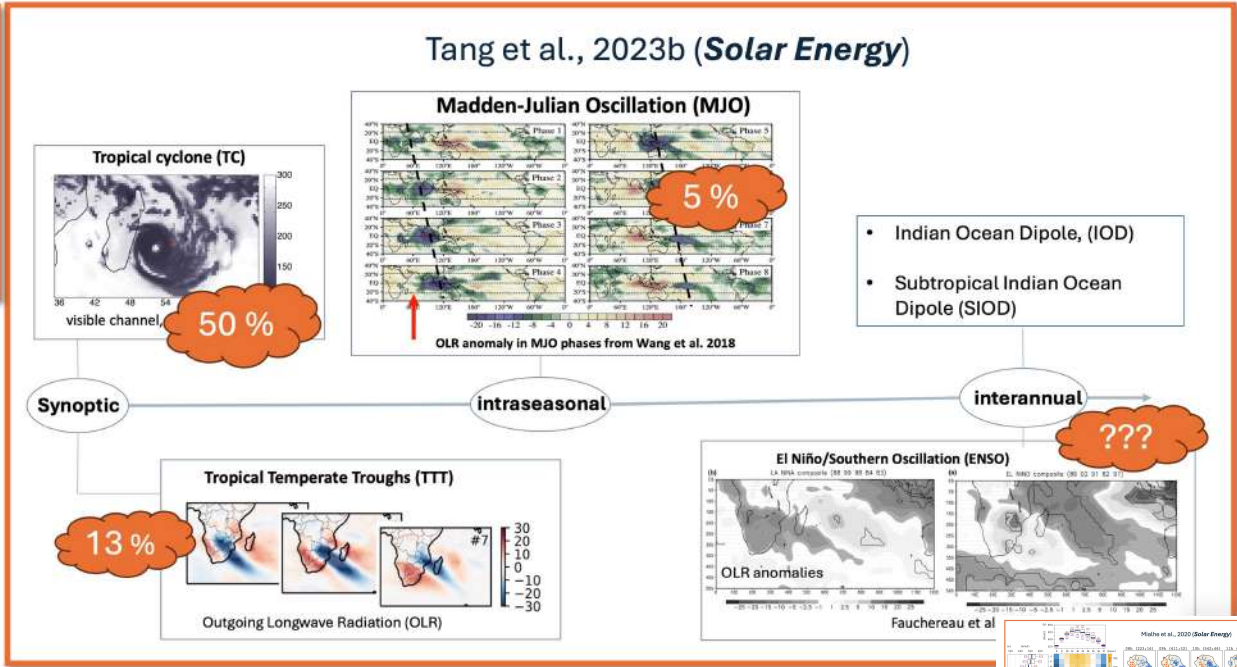
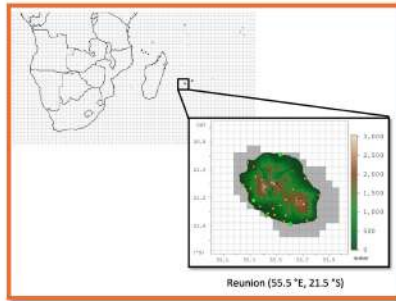
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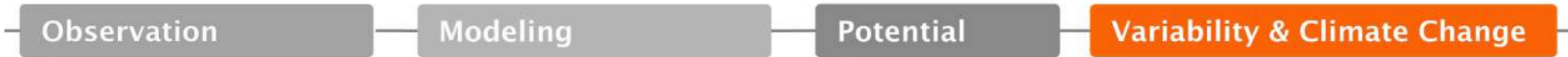
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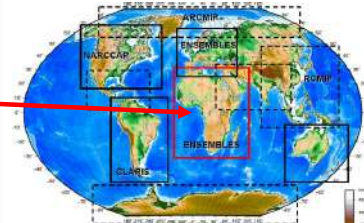
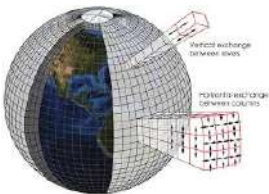
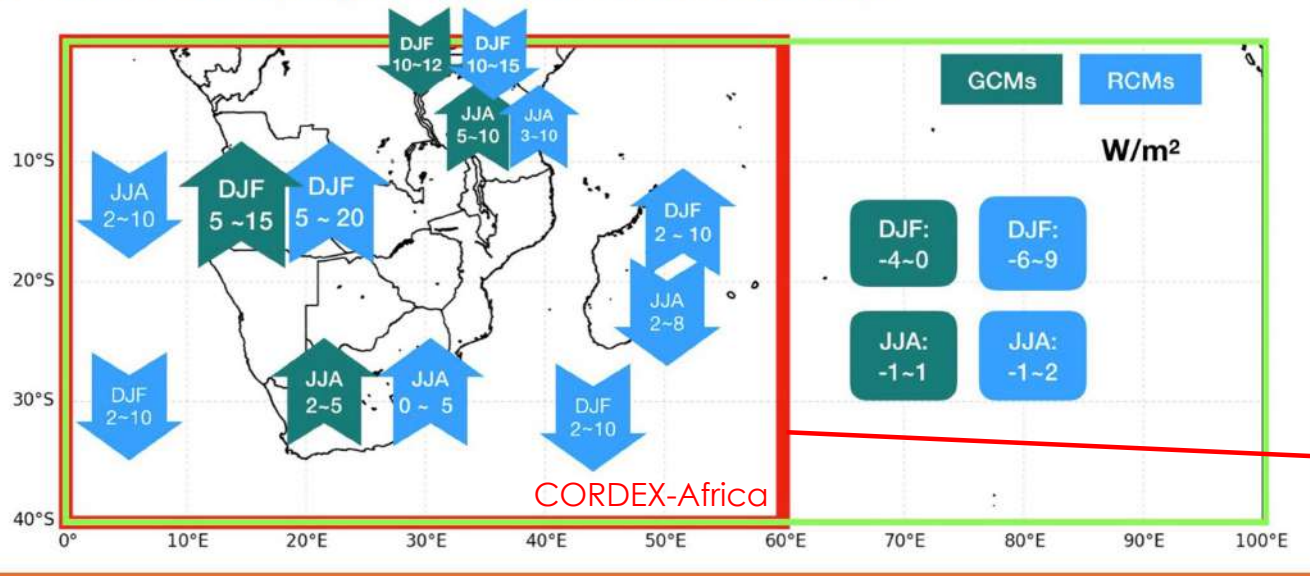
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Spatial and Temporal Variability of VRE
Solar



Tang et al., 2019 (*Climate Dynamics*)

- Will SSR change significantly at the end of 21st century ?



VRE assessment at ENERGY-Lab

Spatial and Temporal Variability of VRE
Solar & Wind

tab. 2. **Comparison** of data sources: advantages and limitations

Data source	Weather station	Satellite	Climate model Climate reanalysis
Advantage(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Very precise data for specific locations • Fine temporal resolution (e.g., minute, hourly) • Captures local effects such as terrain roughness or natural barriers • Allows validation of gridded data (e.g., climate models, satellite products) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good spatial coverage, including remote or maritime zones • Available over long periods and globally consistent • Provides large-scale climate trends and enables validation of climate models 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Global models provide large-scale climate trends • Regional models enable downscaling to fine resolutions (1-10 km), critical for complex areas • Reanalyses offer consistent time series over several decades with hourly data
Limitation(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Limited spatial coverage, especially in remote areas • High costs for installing and maintaining additional stations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Limited spatial resolution (typically 10-30 km) • Less precise in complex areas like islands or mountainous regions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional models require significant computational resources for downscaling • Potential biases transmitted from global to regional models

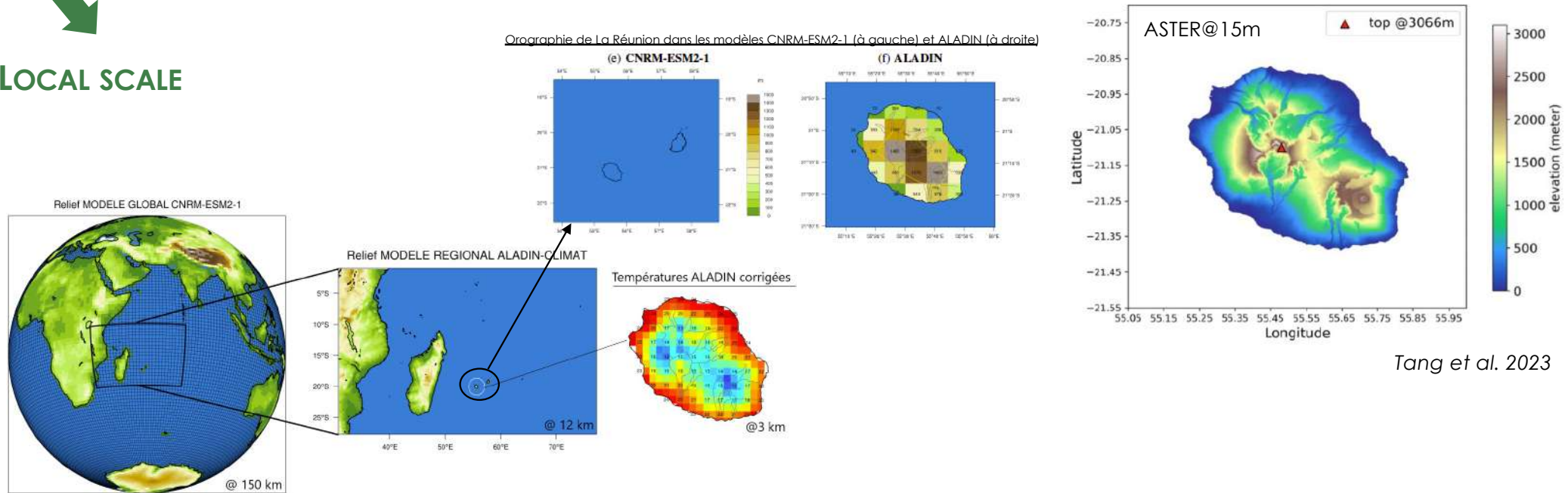
Why and how we downscale

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Downscaling: a technique that facilitates **regionalizing** weather/climate information to a **local scale** by utilizing data from a broader, **large-scale** context

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Tang et al. 2023

fig. 8. **Steps** of the downscaling procedure in the BRIO project
Leroux et al. 2024

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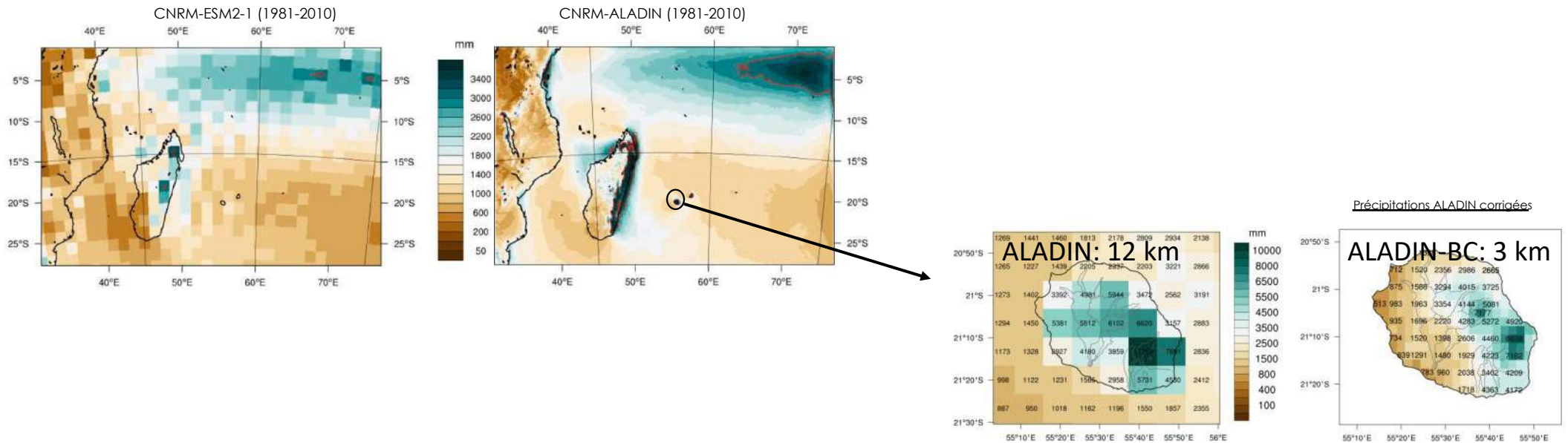
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E.g., Regionalization of precipitations



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Why?

- To **enhance the representation of climate variability**, including extreme events such as heatwaves, heavy rainfall, and droughts
- To **support impact assessments of climate change** on various socio-economic sectors like hydrology, ecosystems, public health, and **energy**

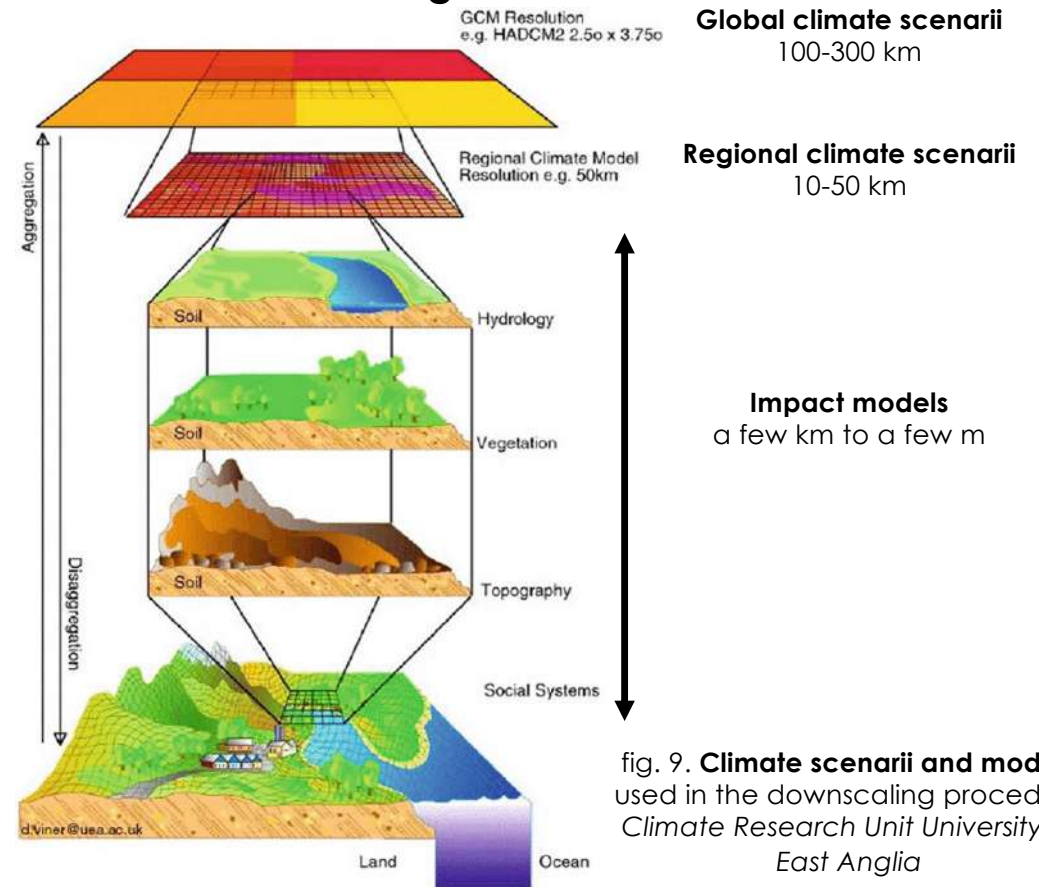


fig. 9. **Climate scenarios and models** used in the downscaling procedure
Climate Research Unit University of East Anglia

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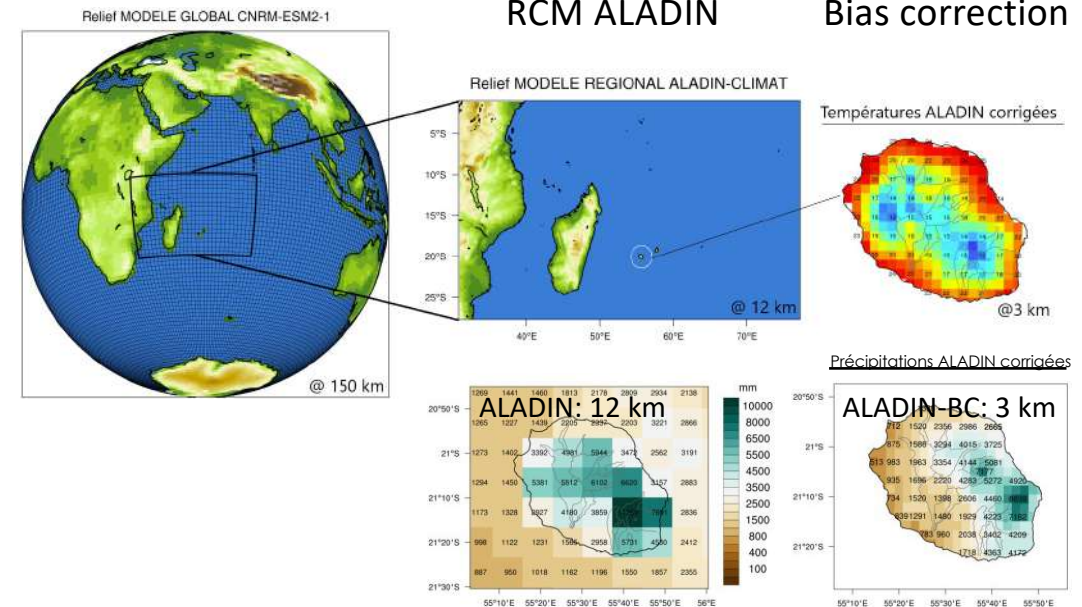
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- **dynamical** downscaling (DD)
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 - Establishes statistical relationships between large-scale predictors and fine-resolution predictands
 - Requires training and is constrained by observational data

DD

SD



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tab. 3. **Comparison** of methods: advantages and disadvantages

Method	Advantages	Disadvantages
Dynamical downscaling (DD)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Physically based, account, for complex processes • Suitable for regions with limited observational data • Provides comprehensive spatio-temporal detail 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Computationally intensive and time-consuming • Requires high-quality input from GCMs • May still have biases inherited from GCMs
Statistical downscaling (SD)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Computationally efficient and faster to implement • Captures site-specific relationships effectively • Easier to customize for specific variables or applications 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Depends heavily on the availability and quality of observational data • Assumes stationarity in statistical relationships, which may not hold under changing climates • May oversimplify complex physical processes

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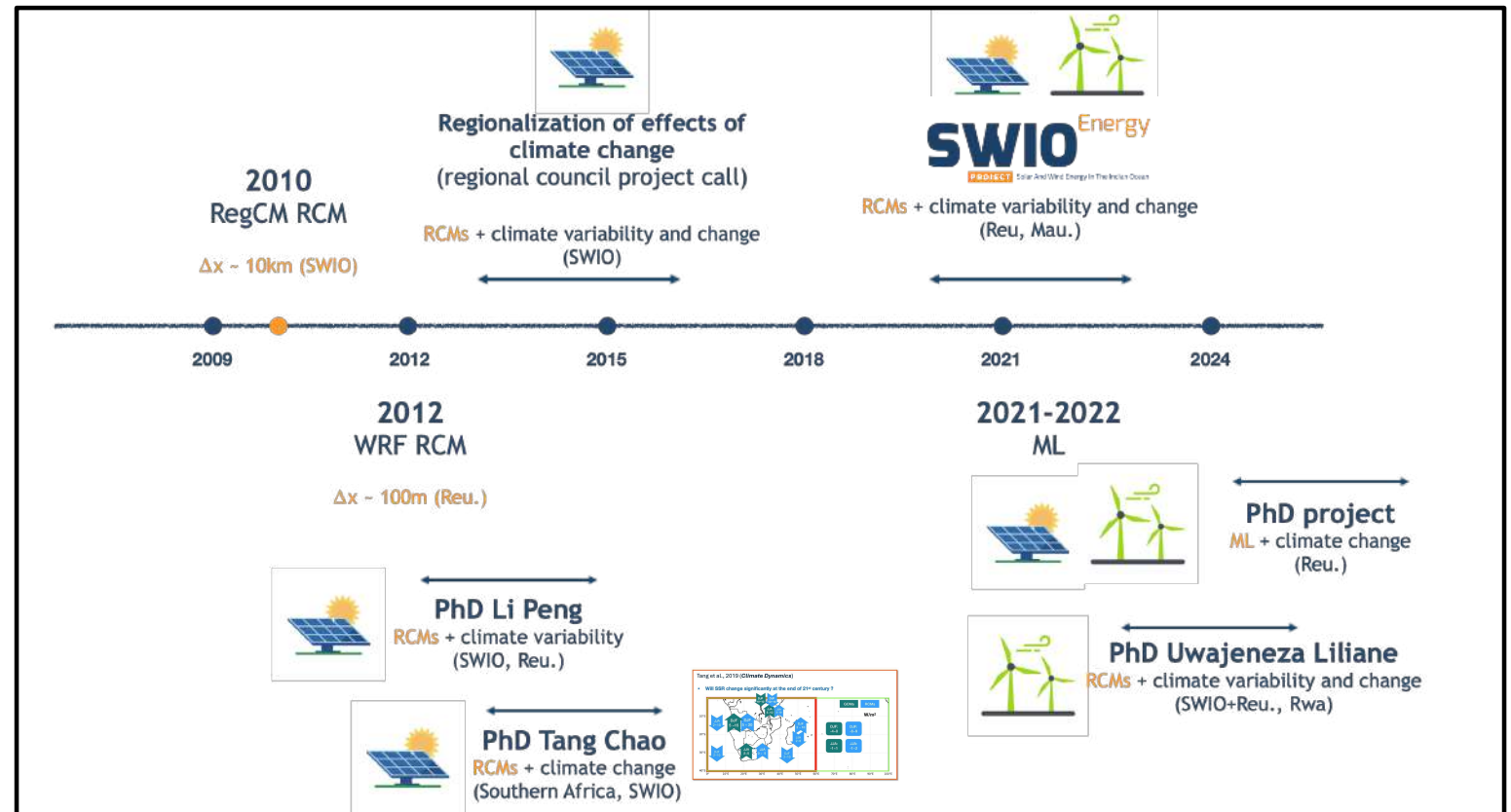


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Downscaling at
ENERGY-Lab?

A bit of history!




Application

BRIO project (2018-2020)



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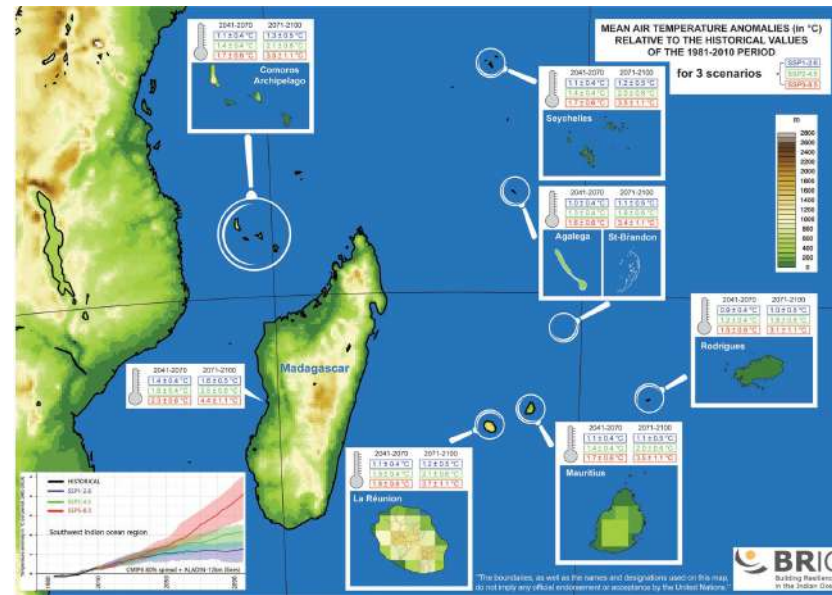
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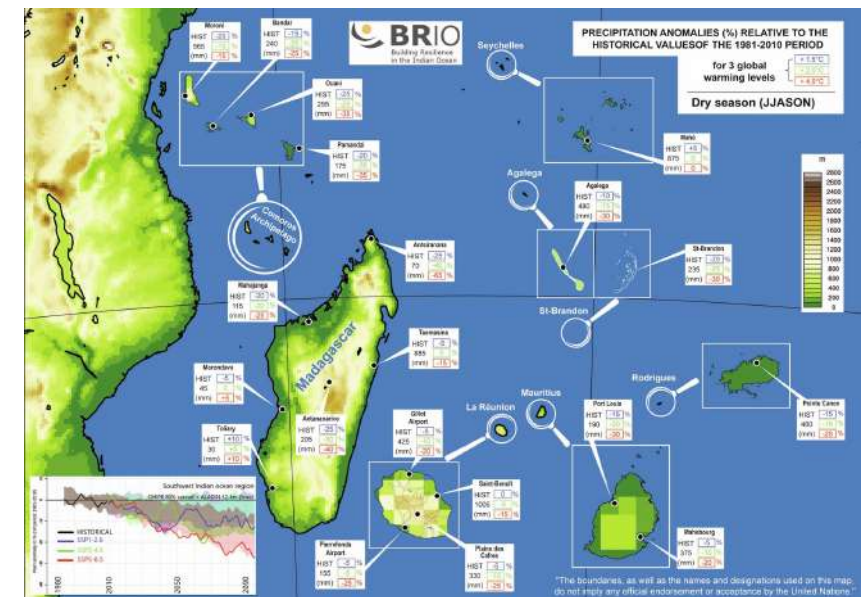
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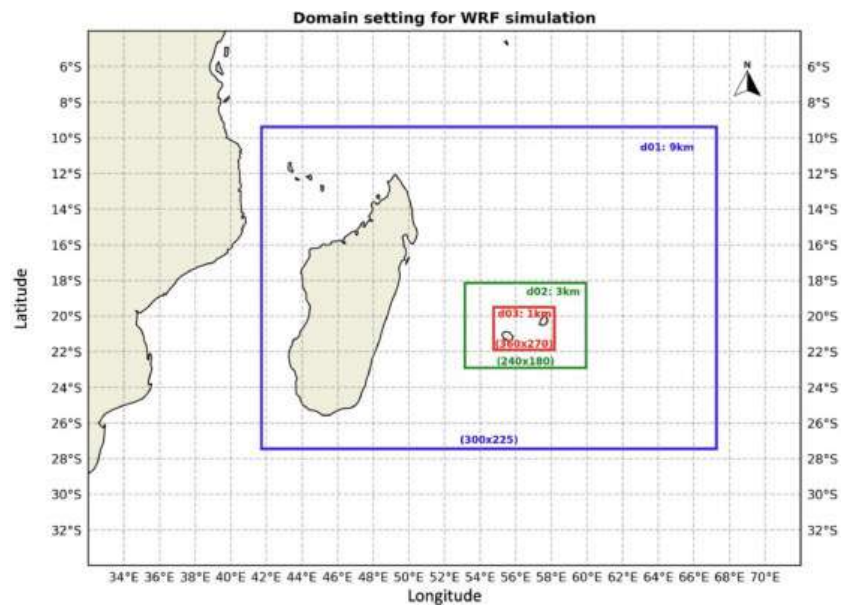
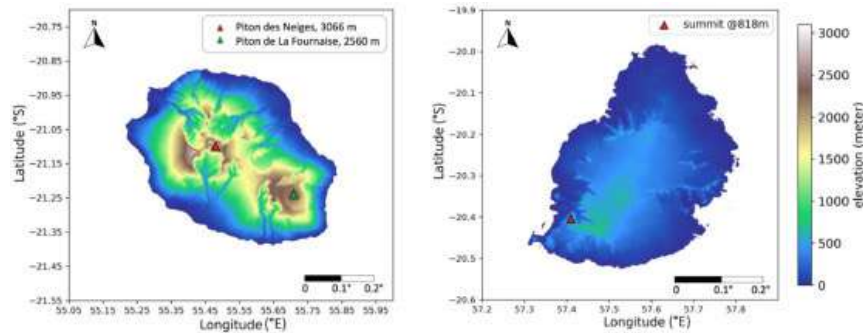
What are the impacts on **energy** in Reunion and the SWIO region?



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SWIO-Energy project (2020-2023)

Impact of Climate Change on Solar and Wind energy in the SWIO (Reunion, Mauritius)



Simulation features



forcing data

ERA5

@25 km spatial resolution and every 6 hr
on pressure levels

spatial resolution

9 km -> 3 km -> 1 km

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The **physical configuration** of the WRF simulation was decided based on **previous simulations** and **sensitivity tests**, where hourly surface air *temperature*, surface solar *radiation*, and 10-meter *wind speed* and direction for **2017** were compared with ground-based measurements from Météo-France in Reunion and from IOS-net in Mauritius.

Planetary Boundary Layer	Cumulus	Microphysics	Community Model	Land	Assigned name
Yonsei University scheme (YSU)	Kain-Fritsch (KF)	WRF Single-Moment 6-class (WSM6)	Noah		WRF1
Mellor-Yamada-Janjic scheme (MYJ)	Kain-Fritsch (KF)	WRF Single-Moment 6-class (WSM6)	Noah		WRF2
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Mellor-Yamada-Janjic scheme (MYJ)	Kain-Fritsch (KF)	Morrison 2-moment (MDM)	Noah		WRF4
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Yonsei University scheme (YSU)	Grell-Devenyi (GD)	Morrison 2-moment (MDM)	Noah		WRF7
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Simulation features	
forcing data	ERA5 @25 km spatial resolution and every 6 hr on pressure levels
spatial resolution	9 km -> 3 km -> 1 km
temporal coverage	30 years from 1990 (already avail. 1990-2016)
output frequency	30 min, 1 hr, 3 hr, 6 hr, 1 dy
output variable	64 variables: radiation/energy fluxes, meteorological data, e.g., temp, pr, RH, pressure... at the surface and on pressure levels
total output size	40 Tb
data access	open data https://galilee.univ-reunion.fr/
calculation time	432 x 720 CPU hours / simu-year (3% waiting time) (~ 1 month to simulate a year) Simulation started in Sep. 2022!

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Value of the data

- **Weather forecasting:** Provides detailed insights into local and regional climate trends for improved forecasting accuracy
- **Climate change detection:** Enables the identification of past impacts, essential for developing adaptation and mitigation strategies.
- **Intermittent climate-related energy resources analysis:** Assesses spatiotemporal variability of solar, wind, and hydro resources, supporting the energy transition.
- **Data validation:** Enables comparison with ground-based, satellite, and other model datasets for evaluation purposes.
- **Study of physical processes:** Facilitates fine-scale analysis of climate dynamics for a better understanding of local impacts.
- **Study of topography effects:** Allows the study of topographic influences on climate by comparing two isolated islands with contrasting landscapes.

Conclusion

What's Coming Next?
 Role of hydrogen in the islands...

