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The main goal of the project is to simulate the biogeophysical impacts of cover crops on extreme weather events, especially drought, heat, and extreme precipitation. For this purpose, I use the coupled ICON-JSBACH model framework. The following steps are necessary for the successful completion of the project:

1. developing and implementing a cover crops (CC) scheme into the land component JSBACH

- 2. test the CC scheme
- 3. perform the global AMIP experiments for which computation time was requested
- 4. perform nested high-resolution simulations over Europe

The Cover Crop scheme is implemented and tested. In the January, I performed two more ensemble simulations, one for the CTRL and one for the CC experiment, respectively. I processed the model output for analysis and archived some data to free space.

Very preliminary results hint towards a strong seasonal dependence of atmospheric variables (e.g. Maximum daily temperature TXx) on cover crops. Fig. 1 for example shows, that, in the mean over the 21 simulated years, mean surface temperature and 2m-temperature increases (first two panels) over Spain and central Europe, while Txx decreases (third panel). The opposite pattern is found over eastern Europe.

This, and the the influence of large scale circulations patterns on European climate, described in the previous report, need further investigations and will be explored in the coming months.

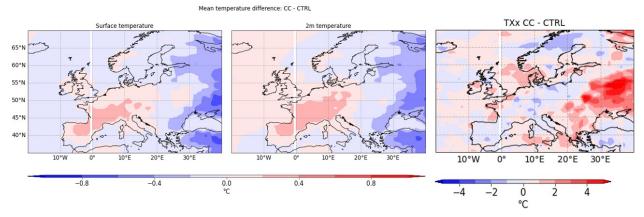


Fig 1: Difference in surface temperature, 2m-temperature and, maximum daily temperature (Txx) between the CC and the CTRL experiment over Europe. Analysis has been performed for one simulation period from 1994 to 2015.

Reasons for expired resources and deviations from the project plan

Unfortunately I could not advance the project substantially in the past year, because I went into maternity leave from beginning of February until the end of September and only start with 10h/week part time the rest of the year. Therefore, many of my requested resources expired.