

## Climate uncertainties in forest impact modelling chains

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## Forests under climate change

Current 1950-2000 climate NATURE CLIMATE CHANGE DOI:10.1038/NCLIMATE1687 LETTERS NATURE CLIMATE CHANGE DOI: 10.1038/NCLIMATE1687 Other sp Other spp Beec Beech Oak Pine Birch Birch Oak II Oak I Pine II Pinel 1500

## Future 2070-2100 climate



## Finer resolution are required for adaptation strategies



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What is the added value of climate regionalization in the frame of forest impact ? (without biais corrections!!)

- a. Are all RCMs equal to simulate impacts ?
- b. Is there a benefit to increase the spatial resolution with RCM to simulate climate impacts on forests ?



## **Question 1:**

## Are all RCM-Impact model couples equal to simulate forest impact ?



Are all RCM-Impact model chains equal to simulate forest impact?



#### Stefanon et al 2015 *climatic change*

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European Beech



Stefanon et al 2015 climatic change

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## **QUESTION 2 : The higher spatial resolution of climate the better ?**



## Spatial resolution in the modelling chain





Fagus sylvatica



Martin-StPaul et al in prep

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Increasing the resolution improve the prediction of Fagus sylvatica distribution area with climate :

1- From « Analysis » or « Analysis → RCM » climate

Analysis Analysis→RCM

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Conclusions and simple questions regarding modelling choices for forest-impacts?

- Improving the spatial resolution with RCM driven by re-analysis (140km→12KM) helps to impact simulation
- A large part of uncertainities comes from GCM-RCM (« Garbage in Gargbage out » though need to be tested with other GCM)
- Should we use multiple model knowing the large uncertainities





# Thank you for your attention

