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**Development of a sequential tool, LMDZ-NEMO-med-V1, to conduct
global-to-regional past climate simulation for the Mediterranean basin:
an Early Holocene case study**

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34 **Text S1: LMDZ-NEMO-med, user manual**

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36 This section is intended as a user manual to explain how to compile and run LMDZ-NEMO-med on a
37 Linux system. It is not, however, a detailed description of the source code. Files relevant to the
38 running of the pre-industrial control simulation presented in the article have been archived and made
39 publicly available for downloading: <https://zenodo.org/record/3258410> (Vadsaria et al., 2019).

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41 1 Atmospheric global model

42 LMDz4, used here in both the global and regional versions, is version 4 of the LMDZ model. It has the
43 same major code structure and practical organization as what is consultable on the web page:
44 https://forge.ipsl.jussieu.fr/igcmg_doc/wiki/DocImodelBlmdz

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46 1.1 Compiling the model

47 The compiling environment is MODIPSL, a convention for code compilation when the code is
48 distributed into different directories. The following directory should be consulted:

49 **“cd vadsaria_et_al_model/LMDZ_and_NEMOMED8_models/modipsl/util”**

50 Edit the **“AA_make.gdef”**: the user should create a new entry to fit its computational architecture.
51 Compiler options have been set up in this file and will be propagated to **“Makefile”** at different places.

52

53 It is recommended that all previous configurations be cleared by typing **“./clr_make”**. A new
54 configuration to match the right computer platform can then be created:

55 **“./ins_make -t NAME_OF_YOUR_ARCHITECTURE_SYSTEM”**

56 Before code compilation, the library netcdf and a Fortran compiler need to be installed. FCM (Flexible
57 Configuration Management: <https://metomi.github.io/fcm/doc/>), a tool developed by the UK Met
58 Office to manage the dependence among different subroutines of a complex code is also required.
59 Compiling options for FCM are stored under **“machine/arch.path”** and **“machine/arch.fcm”**. They need
60 to be coherent with what stored under **“AA_make.gdef”** and **“Makefile”**.

61 To compile the code, the following directory needs to be consulted:

62 **“cd vadsaria_et_al_model/LMDZ_and_NEMOMED8_models/modipsl/config/LMDZ”**

63 Then, with the help of **“Makefile”**, the following can be compiled:

64 **“gmake lmdz96x71global”**

65 where **“lmdz96x71global”** is a keyword defined in the **“AA_make”** script allowing a configuration to
66 be chosen.

67 If the compilation is successful, then the executable codes **“create_etat0_limit.e”**,
68 **“make_relax_times.e”** and **“gcm.e”** are stocked at the following directory:

69 **“cd vadsaria_et_al_model/LMDZ_and_NEMOMED8_models/modipsl/modipsl/bin”**

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71 1.2 Running the model

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73 The first step is the creation of boundary conditions for the global atmospheric model. The supporting
74 files needed for this step can be found in the following directory:

75 **“cd vadsaria_et_al_model/files_and_boundary_conditions_for_LMDZ_global/start_limit”**

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77 A boundary condition file is already provided in this directory: **“limit_picontrol_debiais.nc”**. It is
78 based on a bias-corrected file for SST and SIC data (following the procedure described in the main
79 article) derived from the IPSLCM5 model for the pre-industrial simulation. The procedure to generate
80 this boundary condition file is the following:

81 - Prepare a netcdf file with SST and SIC bias-corrected data, interpolated on a $1^\circ \times 1^\circ$ grid: **“CM5-
82 piControl-pseudo_amip_1x1_tos_sic.3600-3699_climato.after_correction.nc”** (in the sub-
83 directory **“/interpol”**, a code to generate a $1^\circ \times 1^\circ$ **“AMIP”** grid is provided :
84 **“interpol_ipslcm5_amip_tos_sic.F90”**)

85 - Create symbolic links:

86 **“ln -s CM5-piControl-pseudo_amip_1x1_tos_sic.3600-3699_climato.after_correction.nc
87 amipbc_sic_1x1.nc”**

88 **“ln -s CM5-piControl-pseudo_amip_1x1_tos_sic.3600-3699_climato.after_correction.nc
89 amipbc_sst_1x1.nc”**

90 - Move the file obtained from the previous compilation of the model to the current directory and
91 execute:

92 **“./create_etat0_limit.e”**

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94 This execution is based on a few **“.nc”** files containing information on topography, surface albedo, etc.
95 It also takes relevant information from definition files of the model (**gcm.def**, **physic.def** and
96 **orchidee.def**). It should create a **“limit.nc”** file.

97 After creating the initial states and boundary conditions, we are now ready to run the model with an
98 example from the following directory

99 **“cd vadsaria_et_al_model/files_and_boundary_conditions_for_LMDZ_global”**

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101 The bash script **“launch_picontrol_run_global_type”** is an example of how to run the atmospheric
102 global model. The script firstly organizes files for boundary conditions and initial state (all presented
103 in the current directory), and then executes the model **“gcm.e”** to generate outputs. This script was
104 initially created for use in the supercomputing centre TGCC. It contains some TGCC-specific
105 instructions for the management of environmental variables, including the necessary pathways for the
106 model’s preferences and allocation of computing resources. The script is executed with a time step of
107 one month.

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109 To start the execution of the model:

110 **./launch_picontrol_run_global_make 1**

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112 “1” being the first month. It will create the **launch_picontrol_run_global_launcher** bash file. The
113 user should then execute this file according to the actual operating system. If the script works, it will
114 automatically generate the next iteration (the next month) until the maximum iteration is reached,
115 denoted as the “**stop**” variable in the “**launch_picontrol_run_global_type**” file, set here at 360
116 months (30 years).

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118 2 Atmospheric regional model

119 2.1 Compiling the model

120 The code of this model is identical to that of the global version, but in “Makefile”, the key word
121 should be changed from “lmdz96x71global” to “lmdz200120_oneway”

122 Go to the following directory:

123 “**cd vadsaria_et_al_model/LMDZ_and_NEMOMED8_models/modipsl/config/LMDZ**”

124 Then compile the code through Makefile:

125 **gmake lmdz200120_oneway**

126 where “**lmdz200120_oneway**” is a keyword defined in the “**AA_make**” script allowing a
127 configuration to be chosen.

128 If the compilation is successful, executable files are stored in the following directory:

129 “**cd vadsaria_et_al_model/LMDZ_and_NEMOMED8_models/modipsl/modipsl/bin**”

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131 2.2 Running the model

132 The first step is to create the boundary conditions for the regional atmospheric model. A boundary
133 condition file, “**limit_picontrol_debiais.nc**”, is already provided in the following directory:

134 “**/vadsaria_et_al_model/files_and_boundary_conditions_for_LMDZ_regional/start_limit**”

135 It is of course different from that of the global model, but it is also obtained from the same bias-
136 corrected SST and SIC data, derived from the IPSLCM5 global coupled model for the pre-industrial
137 simulation. The procedure to generate this boundary condition file is the same as described for the
138 global version.

139 To run the model, an example is given in the following directory

140 “**cd vadsaria_et_al_model/files_and_boundary_conditions_for_LMDZ_regional**”

141 The example bash script “**launch_picontrol_run_regional_type**” shows how to run the atmospheric
142 regional model. Unlike the global model, additional files are needed to nudge the regional model with
143 the global output. “**biline_poids_s.nc**”, “**biline_poids_u.nc**” and “**biline_poids_v.nc**” (presented in
144 the current directory) are interpolation files allowing efficient transformation of global variables for
145 the regional model grid. Nudged forcing, with a 2-hour time step, from the global model is stored in
146 “**sortie_histfrq.nc**.”

147 Since the global and regional models share a common structure, their launch is also very similar,
148 although with different configuration files.

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150 3 Mediterranean oceanic model

151 NEMOMED8 is the Mediterranean regional version of the NEMO ocean modelling platform.

152 Documentation of the model can be found at: <http://forge.ipsl.jussieu.fr/nemo/wiki/Users>

153 3.1 Compiling the model

154 The compilation of NEMOMED8 is managed entirely through MODIPSL, so the generation of
155 Makefile is the same as described earlier for LMDZ. The keyword to be used in the argument of
156 “gmake” is “nemomed8”. The compilation procedure is simply the following:

157 **“cd vadsaria_et_al_model/LMDZ_and_NEMOMED8_models/modipsl/config/NEMOMED8”**

158 **“gmake nemomed8”**

159 **“cd vadsaria_et_al_model/LMDZ_and_NEMOMED8_models/modipsl/modipsl/bin”**

160 If the compilation is successful, then it creates the executable file, “opa”. In our study, NEMOMED8
161 is compiled to run with 121 cores in parallel mode.

162 3.2 Running the model

163 Before running the model, the 3D boundary conditions for salinity and potential temperature over the
164 buffer zone in the Atlantic close to the Gibraltar need to be generated. This operation is conducted in
165 the following directory:

166 **“cd vadsaria_et_al_model/files_and_boundary_conditions_for_NEMOMED8”**

167 These boundary conditions are found in the files

168 **“data_1m_potential_temperature_nomask_picontrol_debiais_climato.nc”** and

169 **“data_1m_salinity_nomask_picontrol_debiais_climato.nc”**, bias-corrected from the IPSLCM5 pre-
170 industrial simulation. The grid of the NEMOMED8 model (**“meshmask_med8.nc”**) is provided
171 allowing the user to interpolate their own boundary conditions from this grid.

172 The second step is to generate the surface fluxes from the atmospheric regional model. For this
173 purpose, an interpolation is used to convert the LMDZ4 air-sea fluxes into the NEMOMED8 grid
174 (bilinear for wind stress and conservative remapping for other fluxes). For NEMOMED8, the water,
175 radiative, latent, sensible fluxes and wind stress are required. In the sub-directory “/lmdz_to_nemo”, a
176 code is provided to generate the bilinear interpolation scheme:

177 **“interpol_between_lmdz_et_nemo.F90”**. During the execution of the executable file, a weight file is
178 required (**“opalmdmo”**, also provided in the sub-directory).

179 **“sst_picontrol_debiais.nc.000101”**,

180 **“flx_picontrol_debiais.nc.000101”**,

181 **“taux_picontrol_debiais.nc.000101”** and

182 **“tauy_picontrol_debiais.nc.000101”**.

183 Finally, the bash script **“launch_picontrol_run_mediterranean_ocean_type”** is an example of the
184 instructions necessary to run the oceanic regional model. The procedure is similar to the global and
185 regional atmospheric model.

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187 **Text S2: Bias correction**

188 The bias correction for our experiments driven by IPSL simulations is illustrated. IPSL-CM5A is a fully
189 coupled climate system model. It operates autonomously for either present-day climate, future climate
190 scenarios, or paleo climate reconstructions, depending on the external forcings or boundary conditions
191 imposed on it. For its historical simulation of modern climate (from 1850 to 2005), we point out a few
192 general biases that need to be corrected before running our regional system for paleo periods (Early
193 Holocene). In the following, the bias-correction method for the oceanic 3-D structures, SST and SIC, as
194 well as the freshwater discharges from rivers, is described.

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196 *SST and SIC global fields*

197 The global fields of SST and SIC are the most important variables in our methodology since they contain
198 the main climate change information to be transferred from global scale to regional scale. They are used
199 to force both the AGCM and the ARCM. SST derived from IPSL-CM5A has a cold bias globally, which
200 would exert strong impacts on the Mediterranean Sea and the nearby Atlantic region. To remove this
201 bias, we simply applied an offset based on the difference between the IPSL-CM5A historical simulation
202 and the ERA-Interim reanalysis (Dee et al., 2011) for the period 1970-1999.

203 IPSL-CM5A, on the other hand, tends to overestimate temperatures at the poles, which leads to an
204 underestimation of the SIC. This bias affects the surface albedo and the global energy budget. It also
205 affects the meridional temperature gradient and consequently the mid-latitude atmospheric eddies. The
206 bias correction used for SIC is the analogue method presented in Beaumet et al. (2019). The basic idea
207 is to adjust the total areas covered by sea ice for each hemisphere and for each month following the
208 geographic and temporal biases. As with the previous corrections for SST, the hemispheric and monthly
209 bias correction for SIC is based on the difference between IPSL simulations and observed SIC
210 (Climatological monthly mean for 1970-1999 from ERA-Interim). Finally, the geographic distribution
211 of SIC is determined by hemisphere and by month following an analogue relationship extracted to match
212 observations from 1970 to 2012.

213 *3D temperatures and salinities in the buffer-zone*

214 The 3-D fields of oceanic temperature and salinity (over the whole water column) in the Atlantic buffer
215 zone has been adjusted in the same way as for SST. We used the World Ocean Atlas (WOA) (Locarnini
216 et al., 2013) as a reference to correct the outputs from the IPSL-CM5A historical simulation.

217 *River runoff to the Mediterranean Sea*

218 Freshwater discharge from rivers around the Mediterranean Sea is an important factor controlling the
219 overturning circulation of the Mediterranean. Due to the high sensitivity of oceanic circulation to this
220 variable, we decided to apply a bias-correction to calibrate the river discharges produced by LMDZ-
221 regional. Actually, the atmospheric model, coupled to the land surface model ORCHIDEE, tends to
222 overestimate the amount of freshwater runoffs compared to present-day observations (Figure S1). The
223 bias-corrected that we applied is based on the observed climatological runoff (Ludwig et al. 2009;
224 Vorosmarty et al., 1998) and the differences between the Early Holocene simulation and present-day
225 simulation. When the difference is relatively not significant, the corrected runoff is set to the
226 climatology, mainly to avoid negative values¹. However, in order to stay consistent with the
227 methodology for SST and SIC bias correction, we chose the absolute difference correction method for
228 the river runoff.

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230 **Text S3: Comparison of model simulation outputs and reconstructed data for the Mediterranean** 231 **basin**

232 *Continental precipitation*

233 The reconstructed data used for comparison with the EHOL simulation is taken from Dormoy et al.
234 (2009) for the Aegean Sea, from Peyron et al. (2011) for the Lake Accesa and Tenaghi Philippon, and
235 Magny et al. (2013) for Lake Pergusa. In these studies, continental precipitation is reconstructed based
236 on pollen sequences to emphasize the changes in precipitation seasonality. Several methods are used to
237 determine these changes. We chose to reconstruct these changes using the Modern Analogue Technique
238 (MAT, Guiot, 1990), because, in their study, Magny et al. (2013) compared their data to Peyron et al.
239 (2011). We extracted data values framing a few hundred years around 9.5 ka cal BP, consistent with
240 the orbital parameters of our atmospheric simulations (both global and regional). For the Northern
241 Sahara, data are based on $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ from Bar-Matthews et al. (2003).

242 Comparison between model outputs and reconstruction data in terms of annual and seasonality changes
243 can be conducted and anomalies against modern values can be shown. In winter, the model shows
244 positive precipitation anomalies for the four sites (Lake Accesa, model: 20-36 mm, data: 20-40mm,
245 Tenaghi Philippon, model: 30-45 mm, data: 10-35 mm, Aegean, model: 29-45 mm, data: 10-80mm,
246 Lake Pergusa, model: 7-26 mm, data: 35-60mm, Table S1). In summer, the model shows a more
247 contrasted response, with negative anomalies in summer temperatures (Table S1) due to the homogenous
248 drought (Fig 10d in the main article). However, this comparison cannot reflect the precipitation changes
249 for the entire continent. Indeed, in north of Lake Accesa we see positive summer anomalies (Fig 10d in
250 the main article).

¹ Namely, when the difference does not exceed 25%, of the annually average annual difference for the Nile river runoff (due to the simulated amplitude, cf section 4.4) and 5% for the rest of the rivers.

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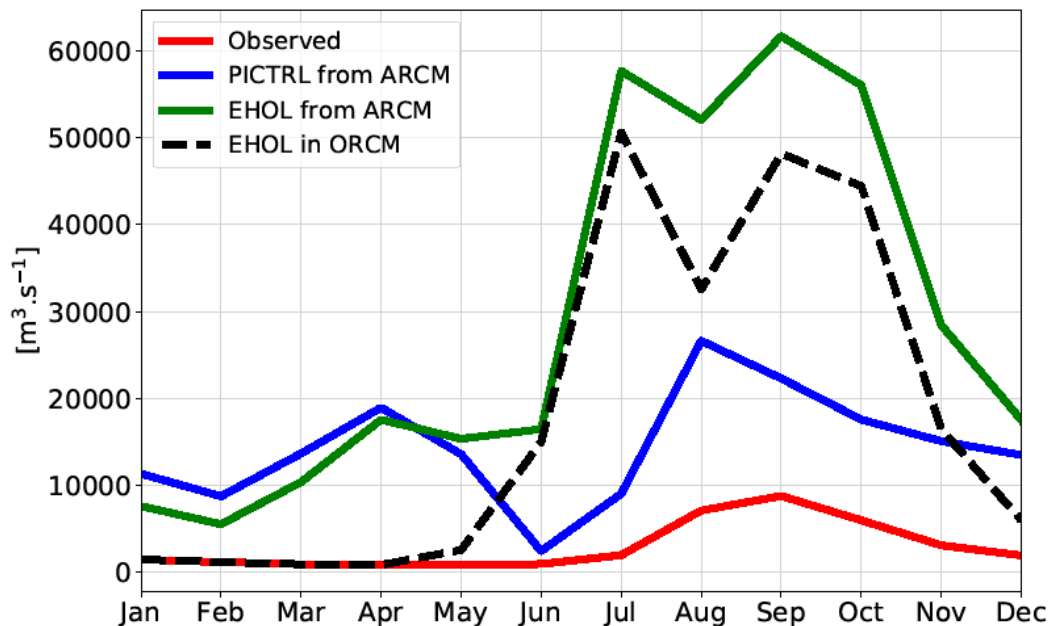
252 *Sea Surface Temperatures*

253 We conducted a comparison of model output and data for SST as Adloff et al., (2011) did with the
254 reconstruction of Kucera et al., (2011) (unpublished work). This reconstruction is based on census
255 counts of foraminiferal species, and on the artificial neural network for the transfer function. The data
256 used span the Holocene Insolation maximum interval (8.5 - 9.5 ka BP). Winter SST values (January to
257 March, Figure S2, f) are a bit lower than the reconstruction especially for the Eastern basin (-1 to -2 °C).
258 The simulated summer SSTs (July to September, Figure S3, j) are higher between the Tyrrhenian Sea
259 and the Levantine Sea (+1 to +4 °C). This enhanced contrast between winter and summer values for
260 simulated SST produced an annual signal in good agreement with the reconstructed values (Figure S3,
261 c). Our results depict the same signal pattern as the simulations of Adloff et al. (2011) do, with some
262 differences in the enhanced seasonal contrast. In Figure S3 are also depicted the same climatology for
263 the bias Early Holocene SST and the bias corrected Early Holocene SST boundary conditions used in
264 the model architecture. This figure shows how the SST signal have been improved, from the bias
265 correction to the ORCM simulation, in order to range the reconstruction with the use of the regional
266 models.

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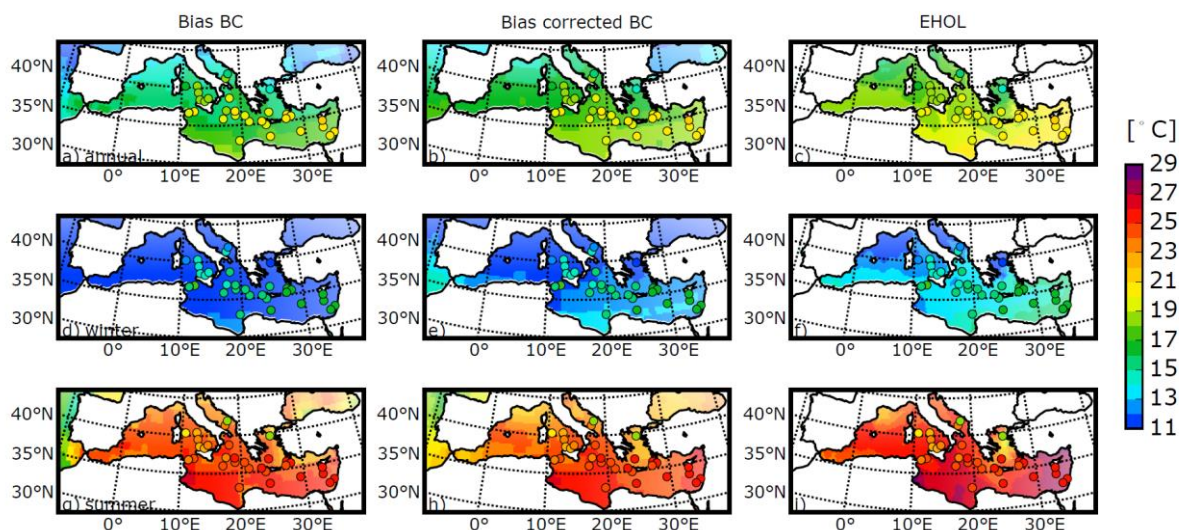
268 *Sea Surface Salinities*

269 The comparison of SSS over the Mediterranean Sea provides an appropriate indicator of freshwater
270 perturbation induced by enhanced river fluxes. As a reference for comparison, we use a synthesis of SSS
271 sampled from the S1 deposition, and provided by Kallel et al. (1997). Our EHOL simulation takes the
272 Nile river enhancement into account, that is an annual river discharge of $13000 \text{ m}^3 \cdot \text{s}^{-1}$, against $2930 \text{ m}^3 \cdot \text{s}^{-1}$
273 ¹ for the pre-industrial value). The North-East rivers (Buyukmenderes, Vardar, Acheloos, Vjosa,
274 Semanit, Shkumbin, Durres, Mat and Drini) have their annual fresh water discharges increasing from
275 $1082 \text{ m}^3 \cdot \text{s}^{-1}$ at pre-industrial level to $1622 \text{ m}^3 \cdot \text{s}^{-1}$. The fresh water discharge from February to May
276 increases even more, from $1619 \text{ m}^3 \cdot \text{s}^{-1}$ at pre-industrial level to $3228 \text{ m}^3 \cdot \text{s}^{-1}$ for EHOL. Our EHOL
277 simulation, even with a significant increase of freshwater inputs, still cannot reproduce a sufficient
278 decrease of SSS to match the reconstructed values, as shown in Figure S3. . Rohling (1999, 2000)
279 pointed out that this mismatch can be partly attributed to uncertainties in salinity reconstruction. It is not
280 always straightforward to interpret the isotopic composition of oxygen in terms of salinity. Finally, it is
281 likely that an additional non-negligible fresh water source is missing. To explain the substantial SSS
282 decrease, an additional source of freshwater associated with an amplification of the flux of the North
283 African rivers could potentially be superimposed on the Nile. Indeed, changes of this type in the
284 hydrology are clearly indicated by the data but are not reproduced in most of the Early and Mid-
285 Holocene simulations.



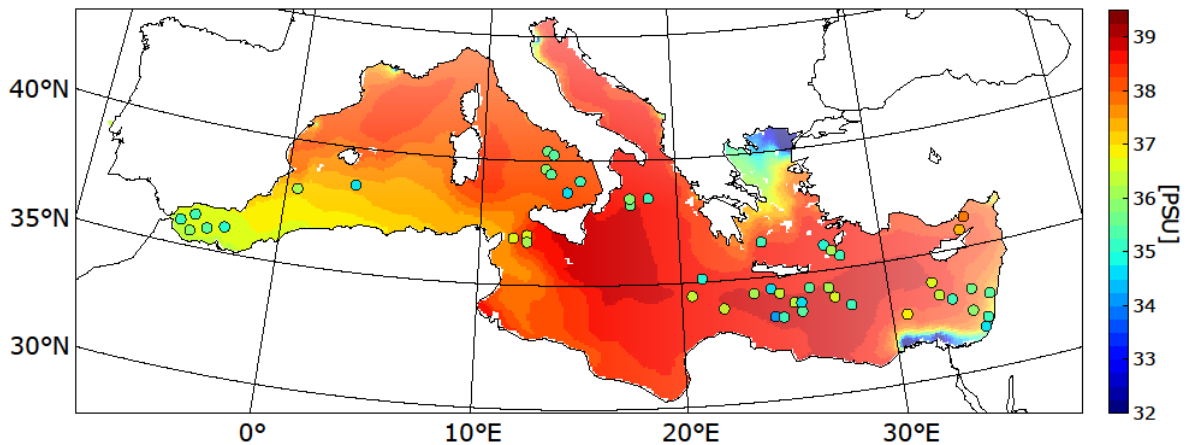
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 288 **Figure S1: climatological runoff of the Nile River, observed pre-damming values (red), runoff as**
 289 **simulated by the ARCM, PICTRL (blue) and EHOL (green), and corrected runoff used in the**
 290 **ORCM.**

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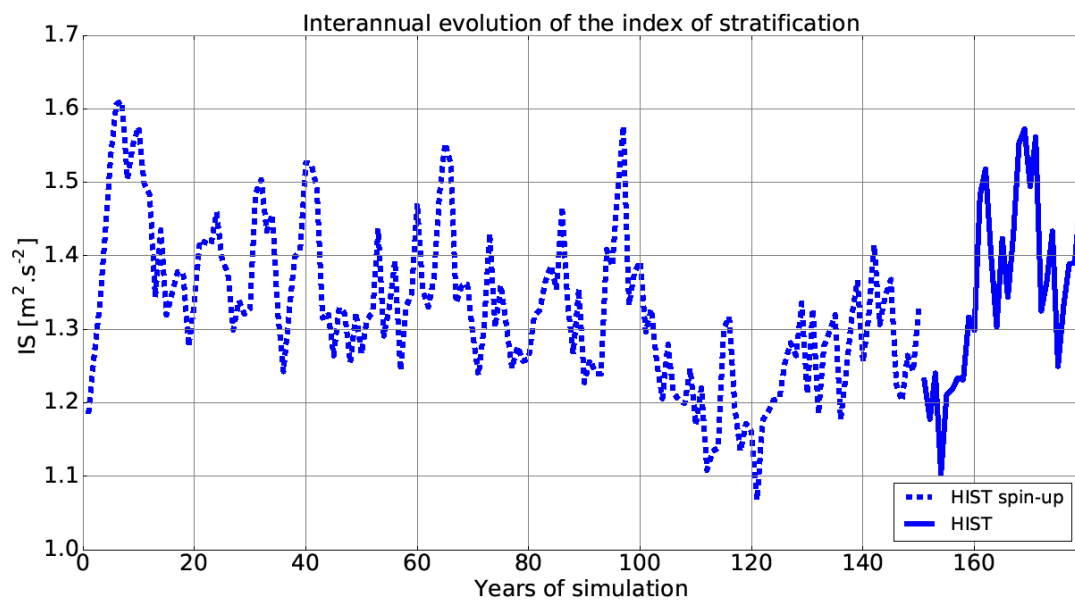


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 295 **Figure S2: Model-data comparison for SST, adapted from Adloff (2011). Dots represent the**
 296 **unpublished synthesis of Kucera et al. (2011), published in Adloff (2011). The background colour**
 297 **represents, in the first column, the bias SST boundary conditions (BC) derived from the Early**

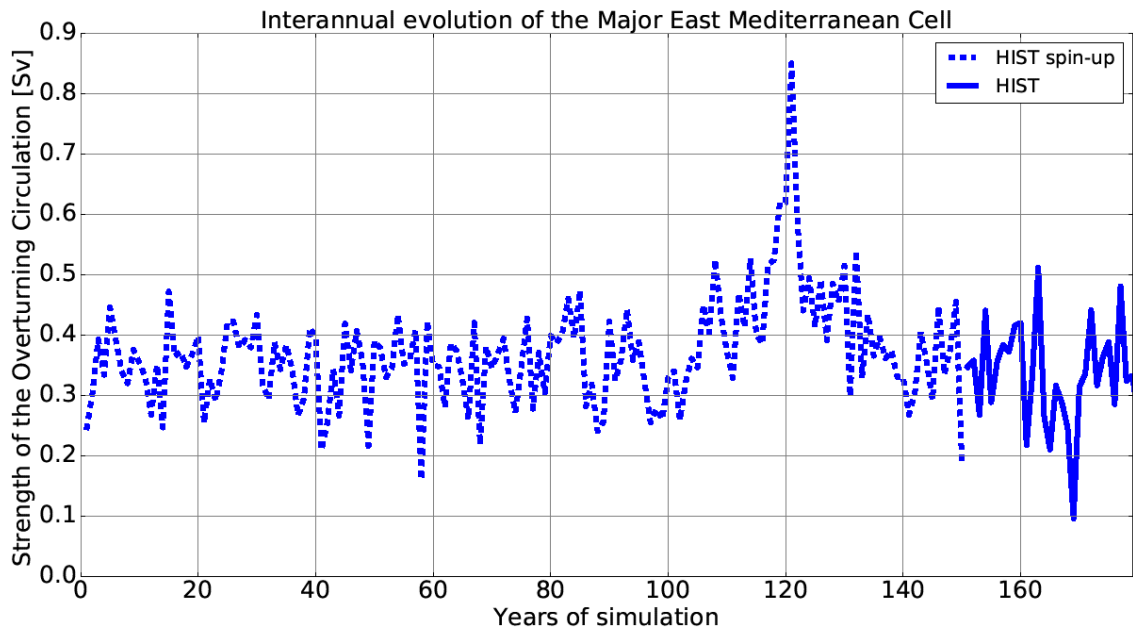
298 **Holocene IPSL-CM5 simulation (AMIP resolution), in the second column, the bias corrected SST**
 299 **BC as it has been used to drive the AGCM and the AGCM both (AMIP resolution), and, in the**
 300 **third column, SST in the EHOL experiment realized with the ORCM (1/8°, averaged over the last**
 301 **30 years of simulation).**
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 304 **Figure S3: Model-data comparison for SSS. Dots represent the synthesis of Kallel et al. (1997a).**
 305 **The background colour represents the EHOL simulation.**
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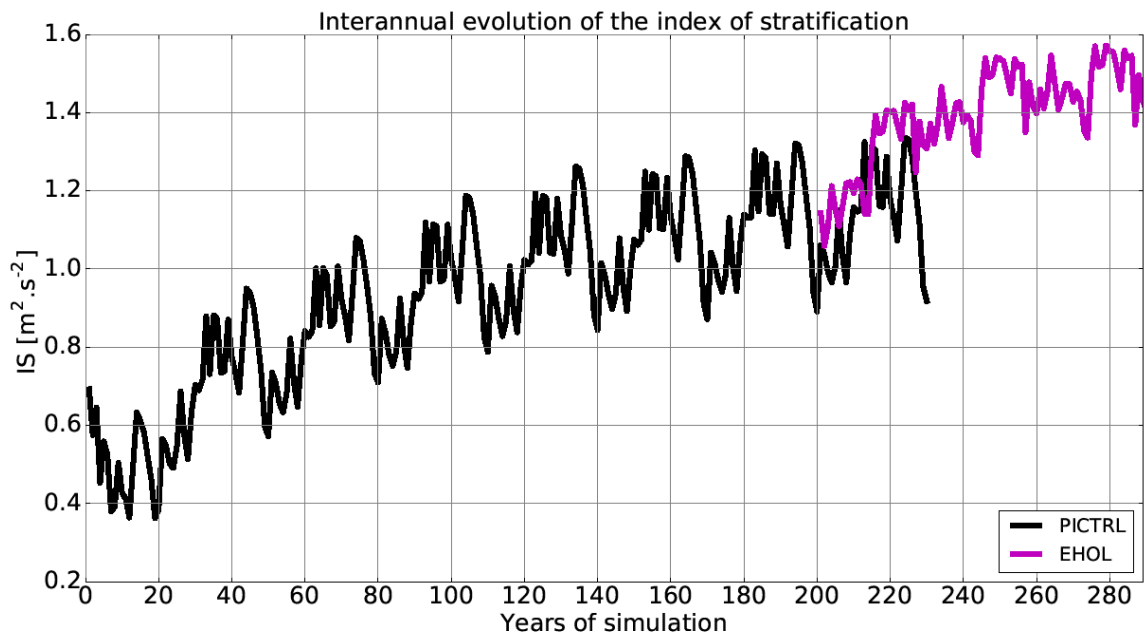


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 308 **Figure S4: Interannual evolution of the index of stratification (IS) for the Mediterranean Sea for**
 309 **the HIST simulation (including the spin-up phase).**



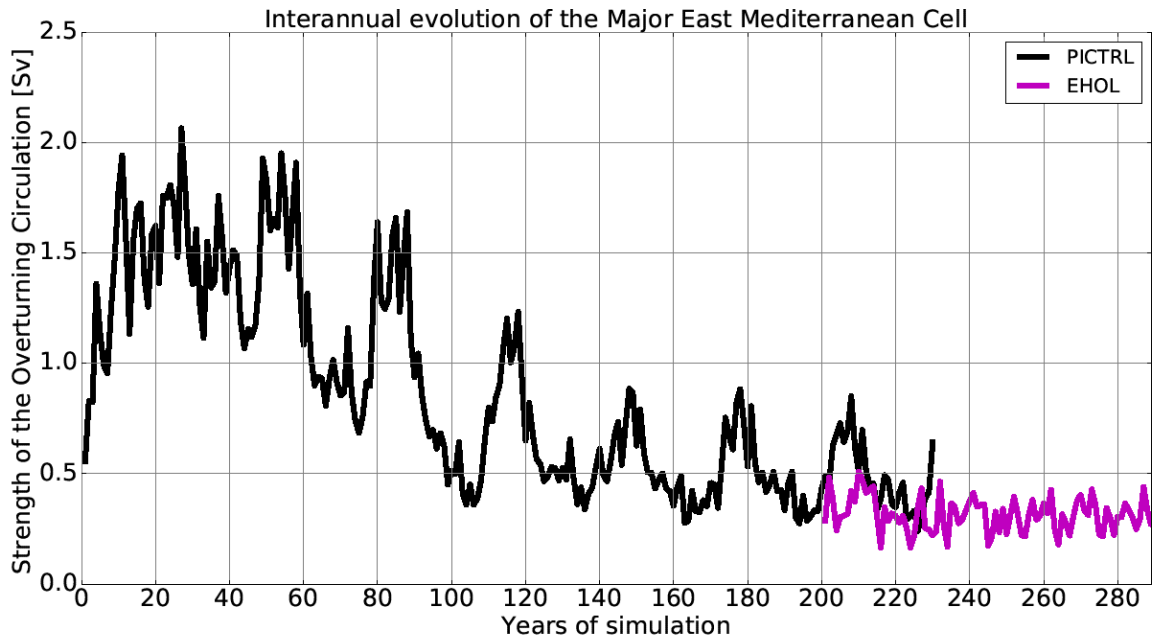
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311 **Figure S5: Interannual evolution of the Zonal overturning Stream Function (ZOF) in the eastern**
 312 **Mediterranean Sea for the HIST simulation (including the spin-up phase).**



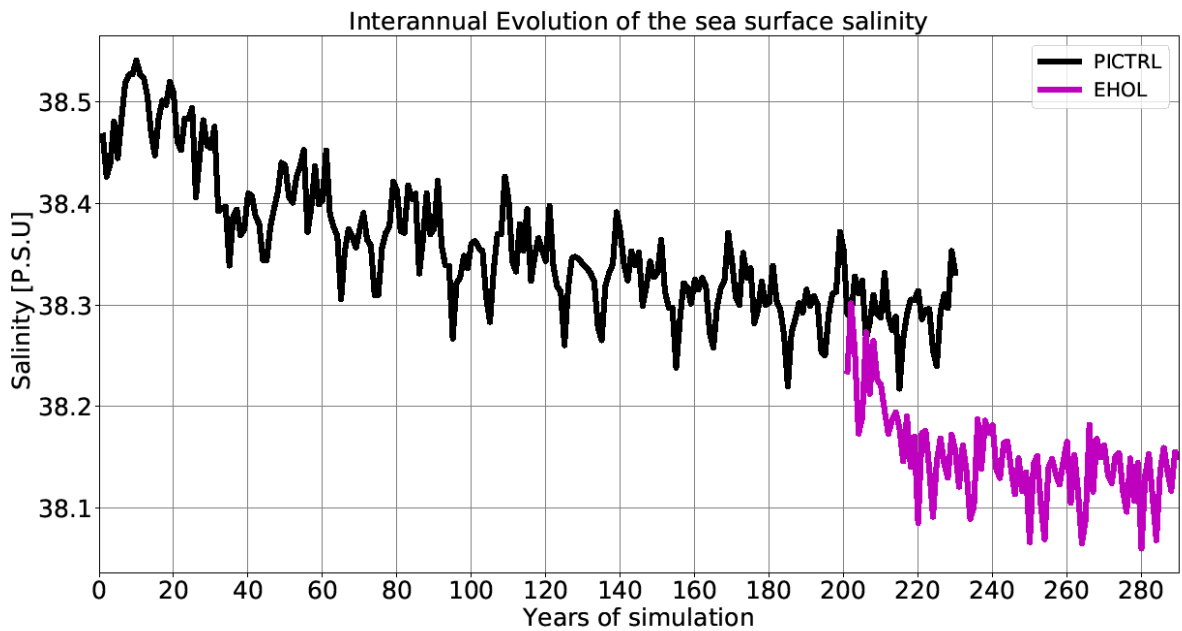
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314 **Figure S6: Interannual evolution of the index of stratification (IS) for the Mediterranean Sea for**
 315 **the PICTRL and EHOL simulations (including the PICTRL spin-up phase).**



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317 **Figure S7: Interannual evolution of the Zonal overturning Stream Function (ZOF) in the eastern**
 318 **Mediterranean Sea for the PICTRL and EHOL simulations (including the PICTRL spin-up**
 319 **phase).**



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321 **Figure S8: Interannual evolution of the sea surface salinity (SSS) for the Mediterranean Sea for**
 322 **the PICTRL and EHOL simulations (including the PICTRL spin-up phase).**

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Precipitation (mm)	Winter			Summer			Annual		
	MODERN	Δ OBS	Δ EHOL	MODERN	Δ OBS	Δ EHOL	MODERN	Δ OBS	Δ EHOL
Lake ACESSA	240	20-40	20-36	80	0-30	(-26)-(-8)	750	10-70	8-60
Tenaghi Philippon	225	10-35	30-45	80	20-50	(-13)-5	600	130-225	17-49
Lake Pergusa	225	35-60	7-26	80	30-50	(-17)-(-3)			
Aegean Sea	200	10-80	29-45	40	0-40	(-19)-0			
Northern Sahara							<200	700-800	(-20)-15

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326 **Table S1: Model-data comparison for continental. First row: Lake ACESSA (Northern Italy)**
327 **(Peyron et al., 2011), Second row: Tenaghi Philippon, (Greece) (Peyron et al., 2011), Third row:**
328 **Lake Pergusa (Sicily), (Magny et al., 2013), Fourth row: Aegean Sea, (Dormoy et al., 2009), Fifth**
329 **row: Northern Sahara (Bar-Matthews et al., 2003). “MODERN” refers to the present values of**
330 **precipitation, “OBS” to the data (around 9.5 ka cal BP), and “EHOL” for the Early Holocene**
331 **simulation described in the article.**

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	HIST	PICTRL	EHOL
Orbital parameters	$e = 0.01672$ $\varepsilon = 23.44$ $\omega -180 = 102.7$	Same as in HIST	$e = 0.01935$ $\varepsilon = 24.231$ $\omega -180 = 303.3$
Atmospheric CO ₂	Annual observed global mean (1970-1999)	284 ppm	284 ppm
SST forcing	Era-Interim monthly forcing (1970-1999)	IPSL-CM5A picontrol + SST correction	IPSL-CM5A early Holocene + SST correction
SIC forcing	Era-Interim monthly forcing (1970-1999)	IPSL-CM5A picontrol + SIC correction	IPSL-CM5A Early Holocene + SIC correction

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335 **Table S2: Forcings and parameters used in both AGCM and ARCM. ε is the elliptic orbit**
336 **obliquity, e , the eccentricity and ω , the longitude of the perihelion. The reader can notice that the**

337 **pCO₂ should be 260 ppm as suggested by the PMIP protocol for mid-Holocene. The goal in this**
 338 **paper was mainly to have a sensitivity to orbital parameters.**

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	HIST	PICTRL	EHOL
Buffer-zone T3D & S3D	WOA monthly forcing (1970-1999 mean)	IPSL-CM5A picontrol + T3D/S3D correction	IPSL-CM5A early Holocene + T3D/S3D correction
River runoff	Ludwig et al 2009, Rivdis database	Ludwig et al 2009, Rivdis database (But Pre-damming Nile)	Anomalies inferred from EHOL – PICTRL atmospheric simulations (NILE + East-North margin)

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342 **Table S3: Forcings used in the ORCM.**

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