

# Assessing medicane risk using synthetic event sets

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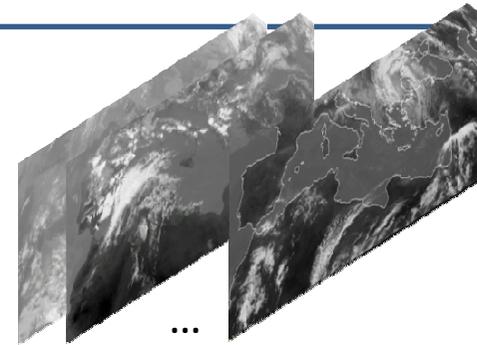
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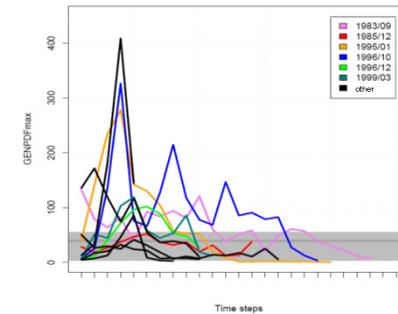
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To create a database of events

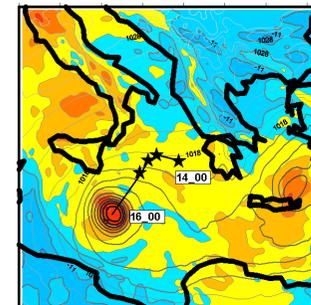
12 events (1982-2003)



To characterize large-scale meteorological environments for medicane development and maintenance



To examine numerical predictability



# Growing the database

## 1.- Natural process:

Past: no measurements

Future: no patient

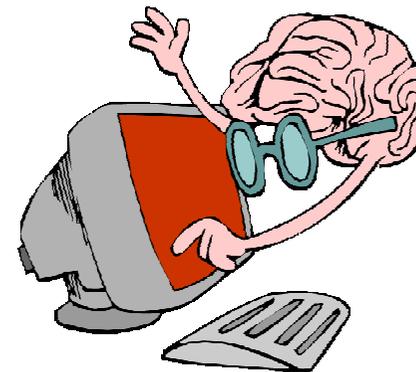
ONE order the magnitude increased:

# Events	# Years
~10	20
~100	200

## 2.- Created by ourselves:



Machines or dancing



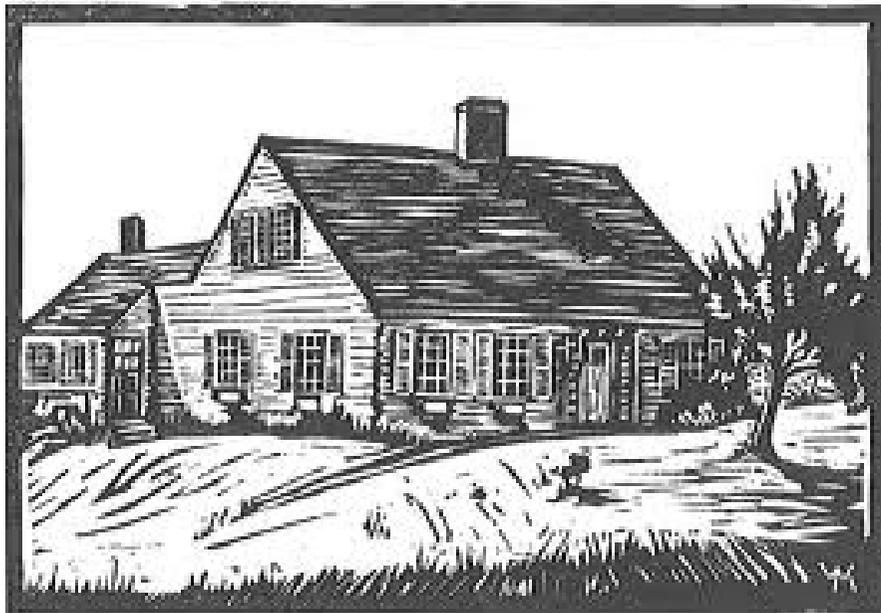
Other machines (computers) + brains

# ...using the CHIPS model

Coupled Hurricane Intensity Prediction System

## 1.- Traditional:

Tracks are initiated, based on historical cyclone data



## 2.- New:

Genesis by random seeding



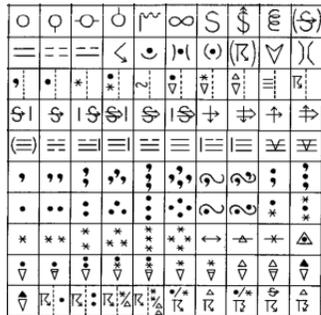
# Genesis by random seeding

## 1.- Sowing the seeds



Initial track points are randomly distributed:  
These “seeds” are planted everywhere and at all times, SST, season or other factors.

## 2.- Looking the weather



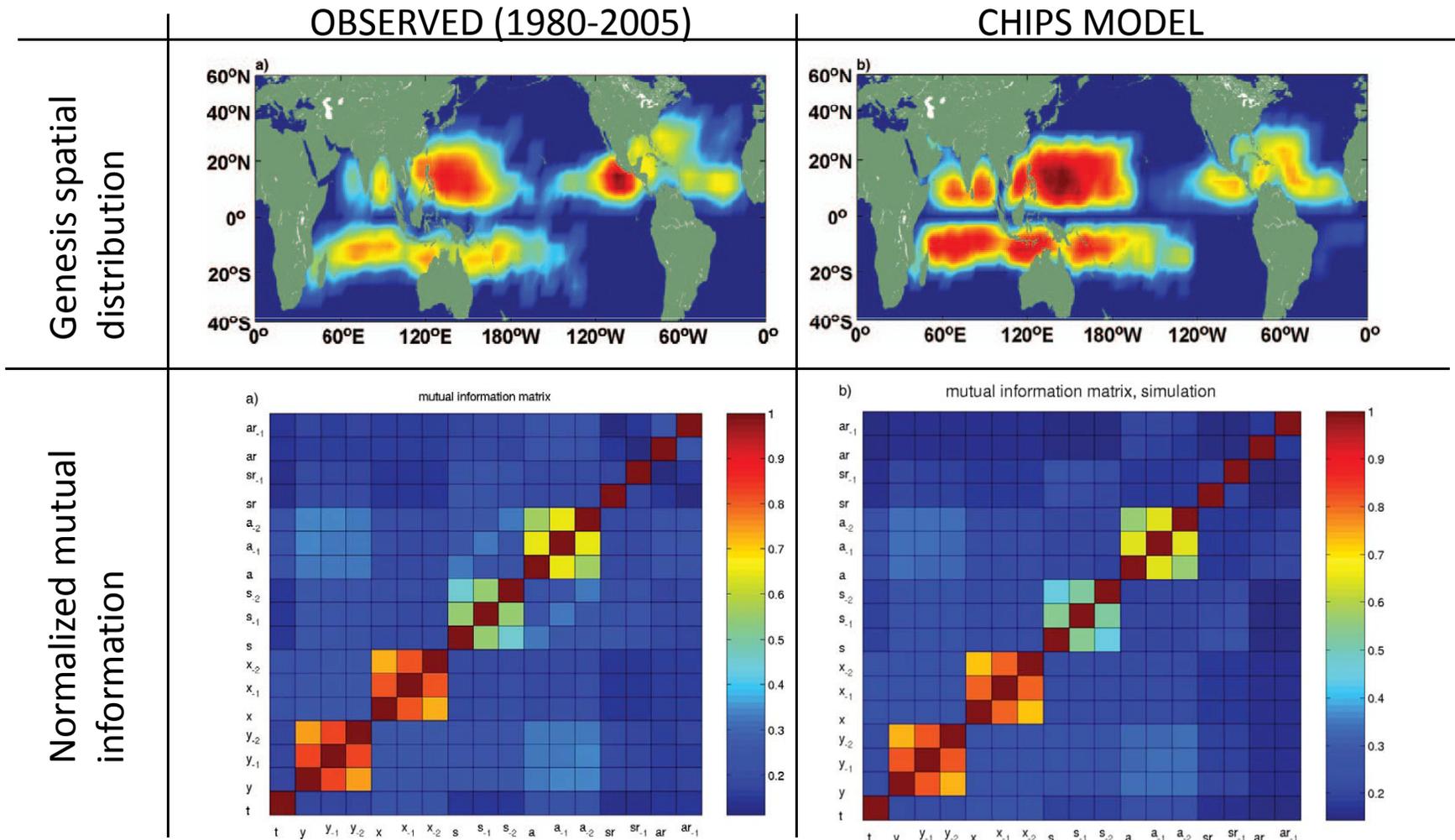
The ambient flow varies randomly in time, but it is constructed so that its mean, variance, and covariances conform to the climatology.

## 3.- Analyzing the benefits



Genesis is defined for the synthetic events as the first point at which the maximum winds exceeded 15 m/s .

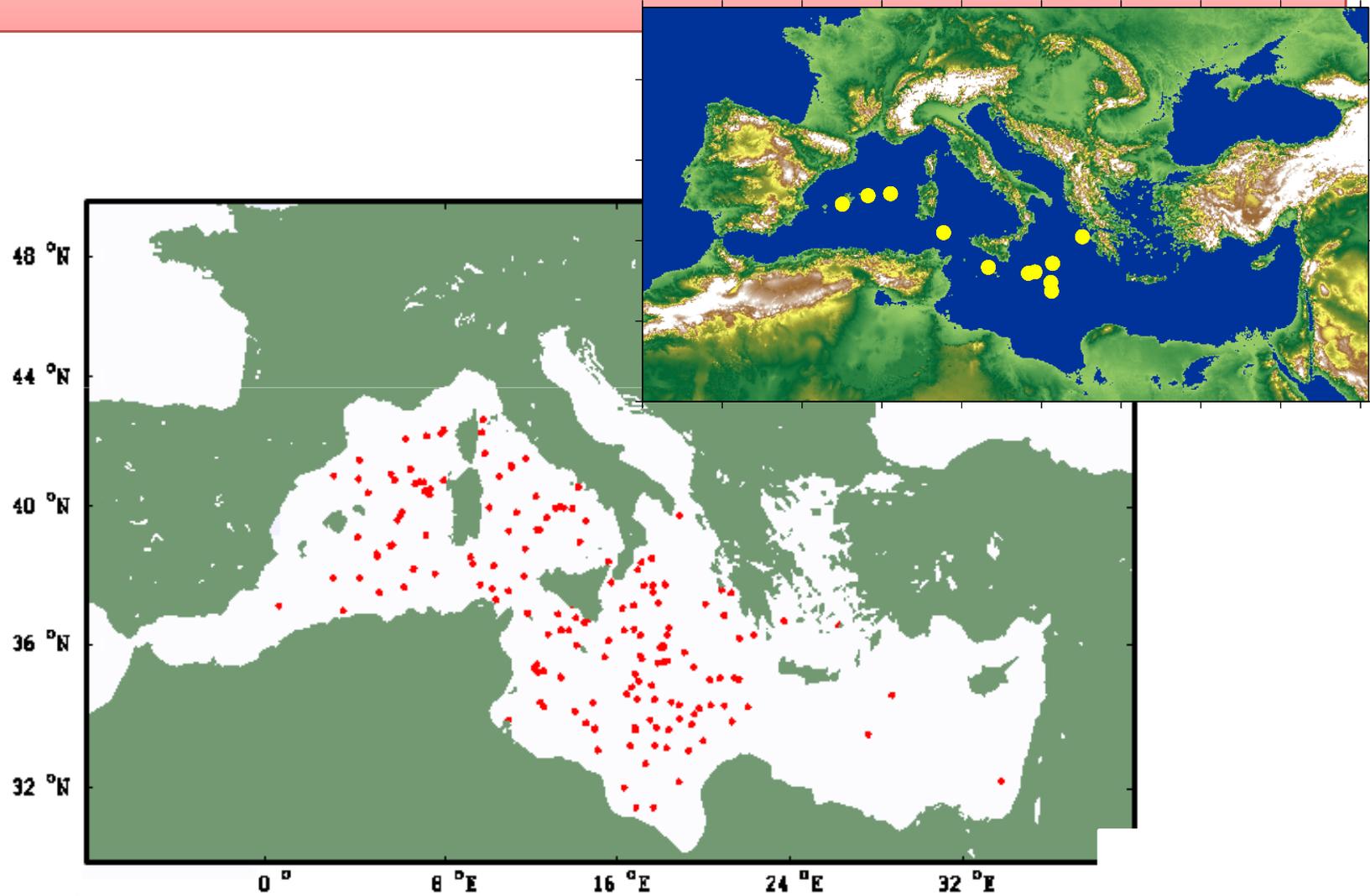
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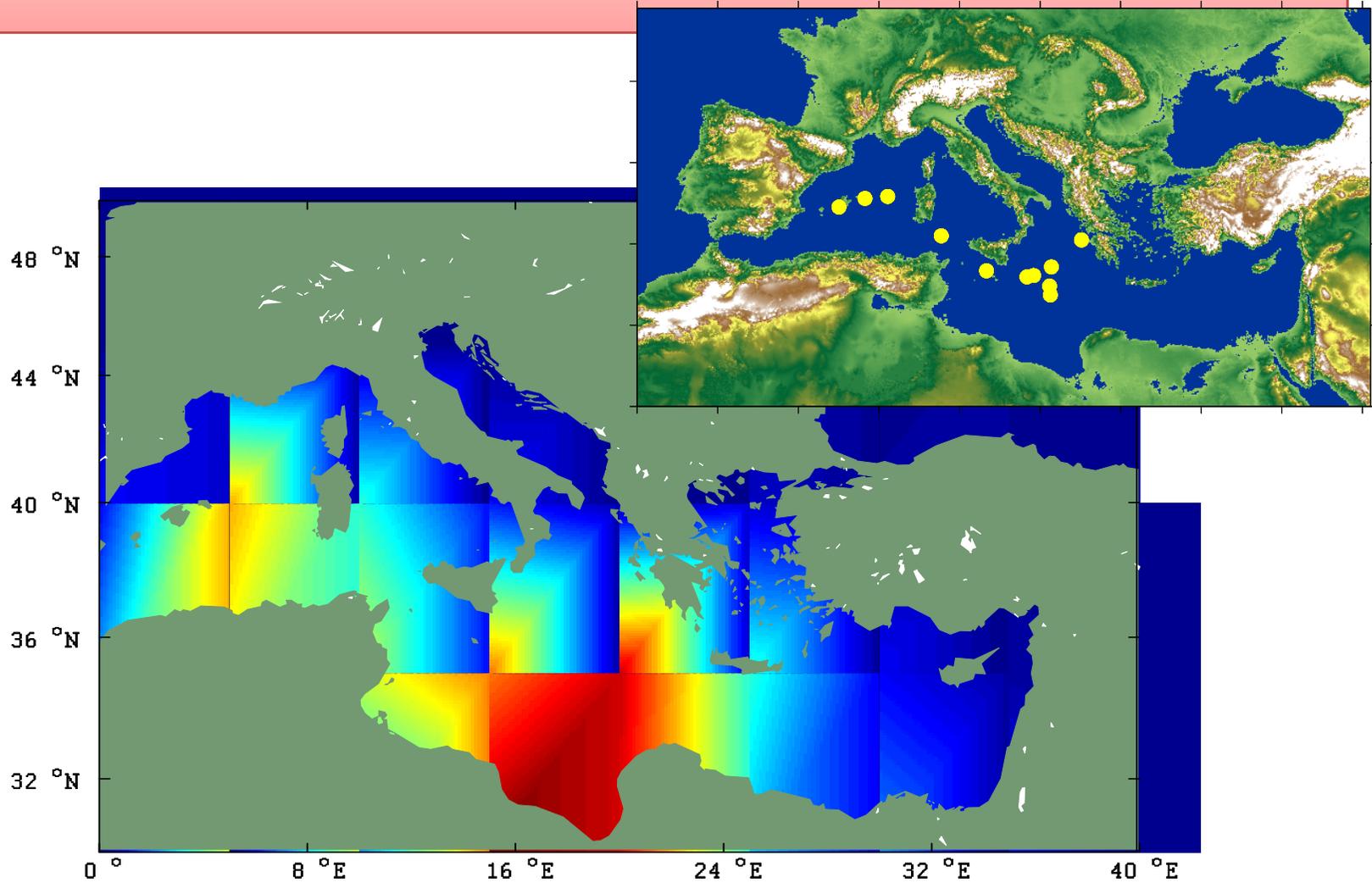
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# Some results for MEDICANES

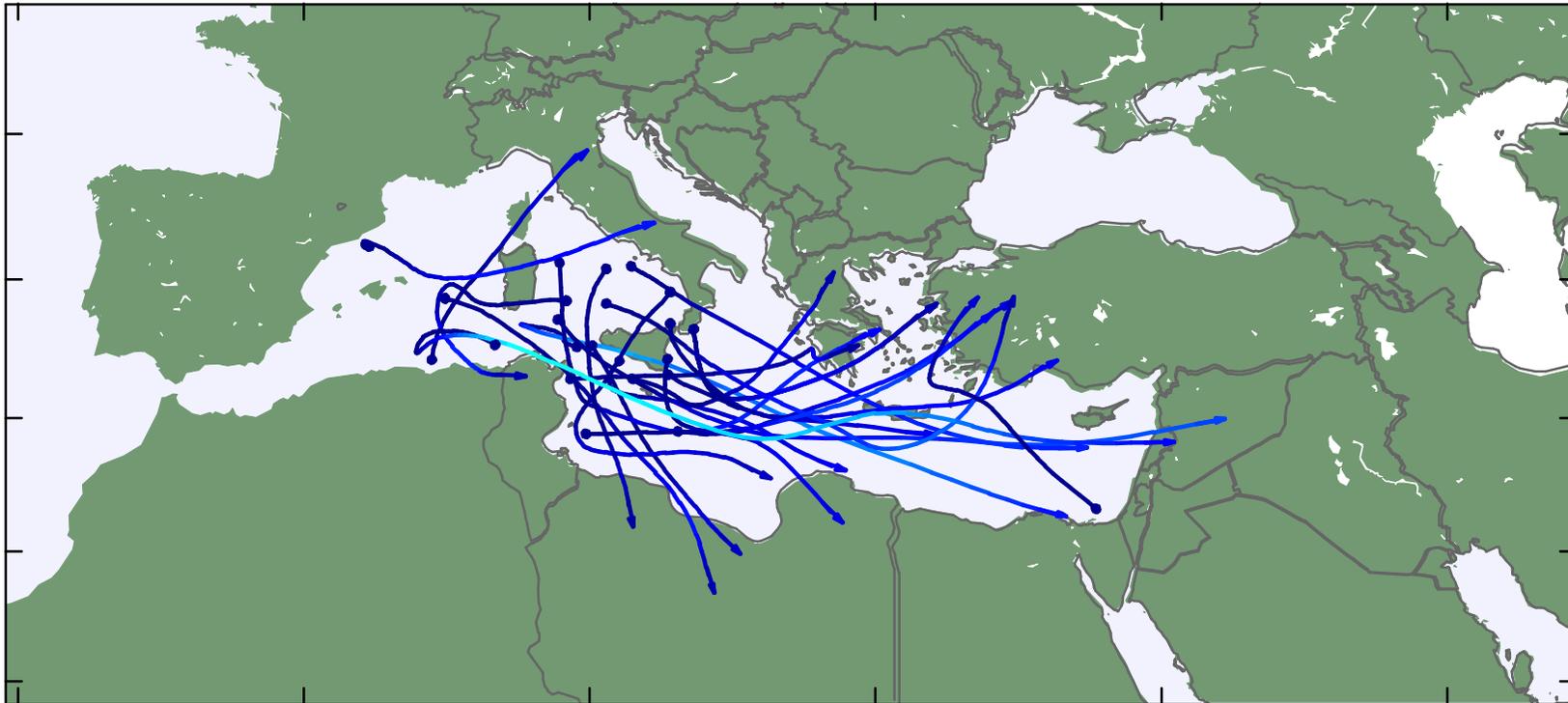


# Some results for MEDICANES



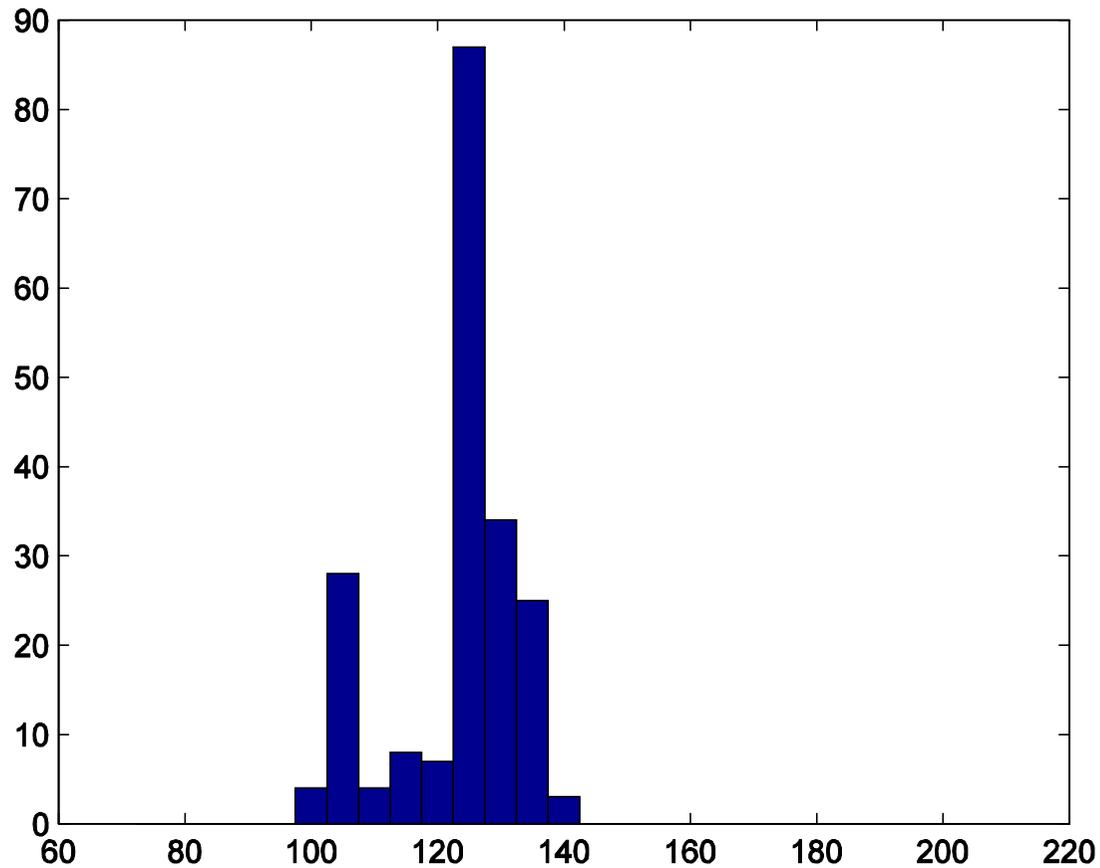
# Some results for MEDICANES

Track of 25 random synthetic medicane tracks



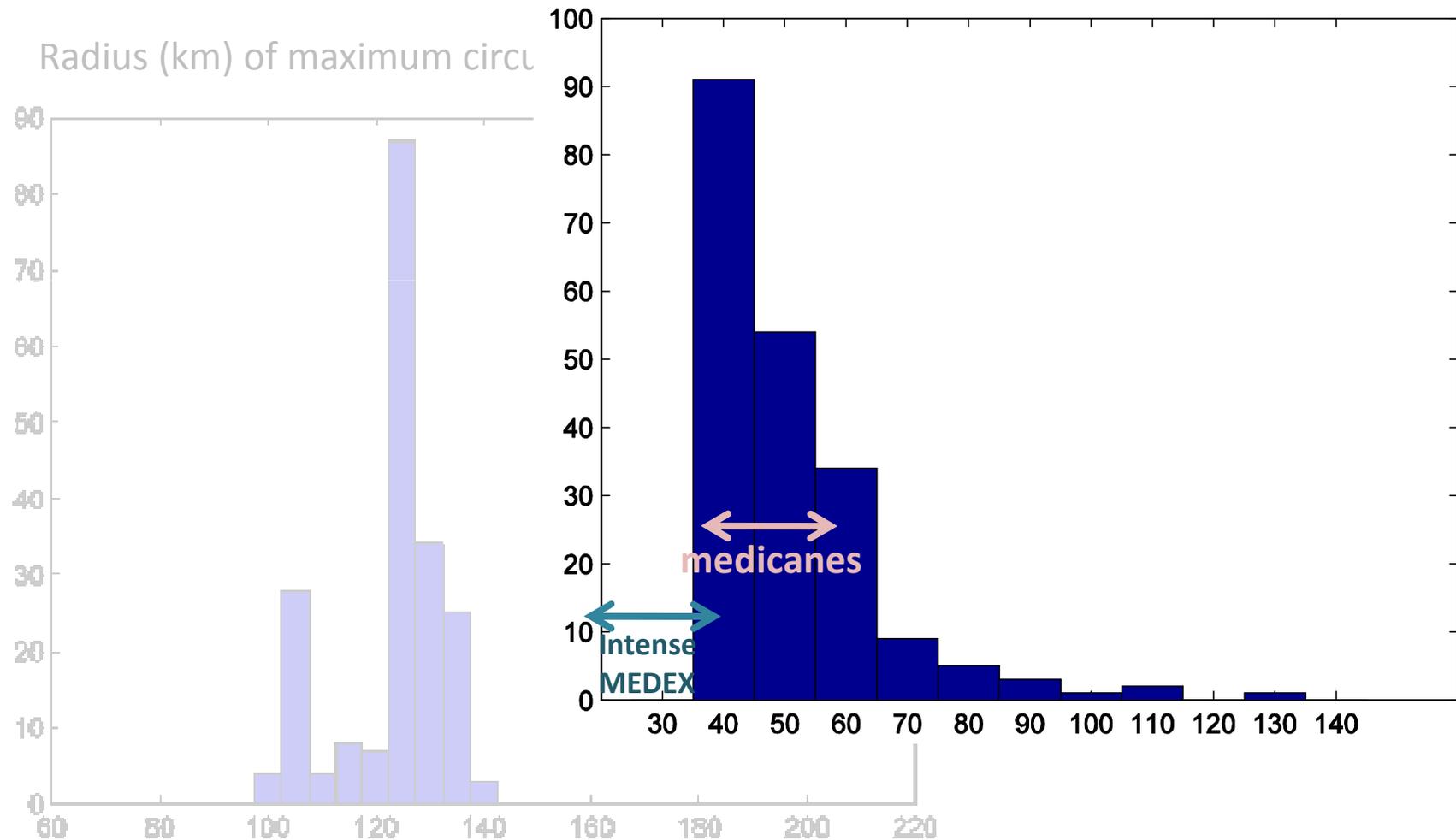
# Some results for MEDICANES

Radius (km) of maximum circular wind in each event



# Some results for MEDICANES

The maximum surface wind speed (m/s) in each event



# Conclusions & Further work

## Conclusions:

- Using this model, we are able to create a lot of synthetic medicanes to improve the statistical study of these events.
- Statistical results are approaching to observations.

## Further work:

- To improve the fit of the parameter values in the CHIPS model.
- To use the climatologies from future scenario data.