

# Climate Change Projections

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# Climate Model Background

- Several Global Climate Models, each try to solve atmospheric dynamics to replicate future climate conditions
  - Very course resolution in space and time
  - Gross assumptions
  - Many unknowns
- Global Models are downscaled using Regional Climate Models to better replicate local climate/topography
- Two types of downscaling
  - Statistical
  - Dynamic

# Climate Model Background

- Each model (global/regional) has issues/unknowns/errors/uncertainty
  - Incorrect replication of atmospheric processes
  - Inability to numerically quantify certain processes
  - Unknown positive/negative feedbacks
  - Inaccurate observational/gridded data
  - Future GHG concentrations
  - Downscaling techniques
  - Natural variability of climate system

# Climate Model Background

- No one climate model produces an ideal simulation
- Each represents one of many possible realizations
  - Utilize an ensemble approach
  - One model-multiple initial conditions
  - One GHG scenario but multiple models
- Range/distribution of ensemble projections are indicative of uncertainty
- Precipitation, especially extreme precip, shows the greatest range of variability
- Do provide useful projections and “what if” scenarios



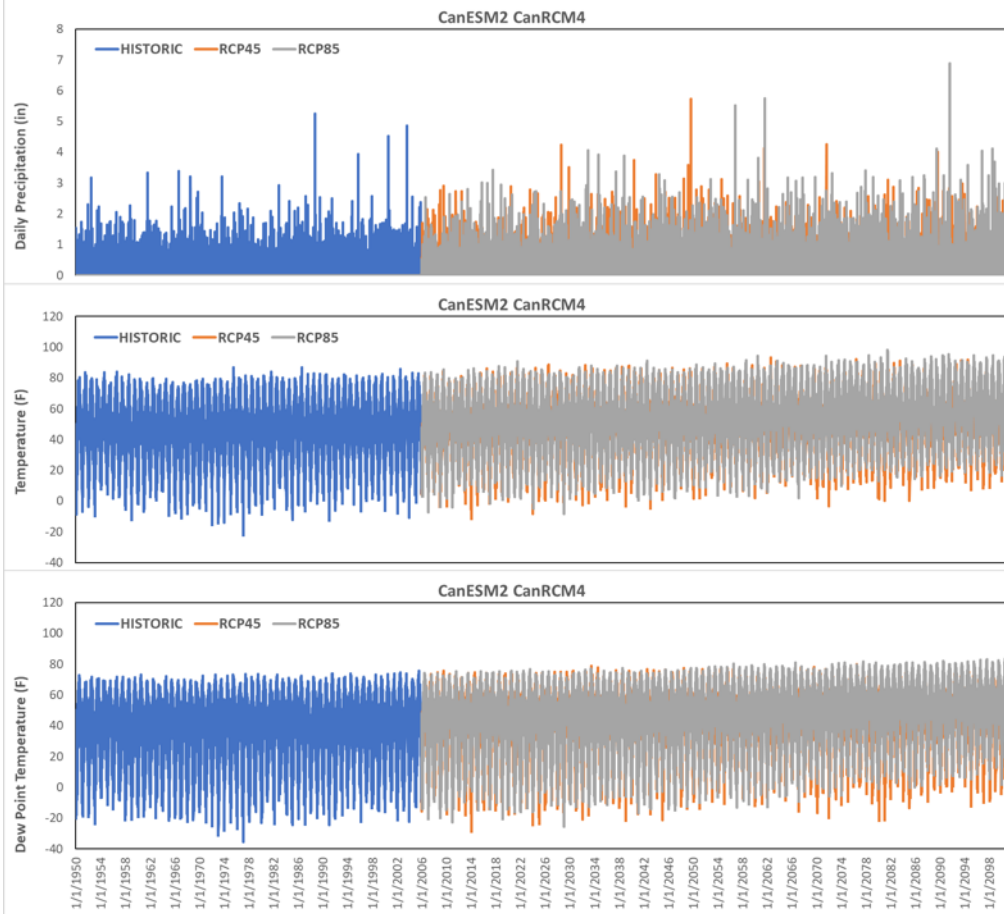
# Climate Model Projections Used

- 1) CanESM2 CanRCM4
  - Canadian Earth System Model (CanESM)
  - Canadian Regional Climate Model (CanRCM)
    - Historic 1950-2005 (Ppt, Ta, SH, Press)
    - RCP45 2006-2100 (Ppt, Ta, SH, Press)
    - RCP85 2006-2100 (Ppt, Ta, SH, Press)
- 2) CanESM2 CRCM5
  - Canadian Earth System Model (CanESM)
  - Canadian Regional Climate Model (CRCM)
    - Historic 1951-2005 (Ppt, Ta, SH, Press)
    - RCP45 2006-2100 (Ppt, Ta, SH, Press)
    - RCP85 2006-2100 (Ppt, Ta, SH, Press)
- 3) MPI ESM LR CRCM5
  - Max-Planck-Institute Earth System Model running on Low Resolution grid (MPI ESM LR)
  - Canadian Regional Climate Model (CRCM)
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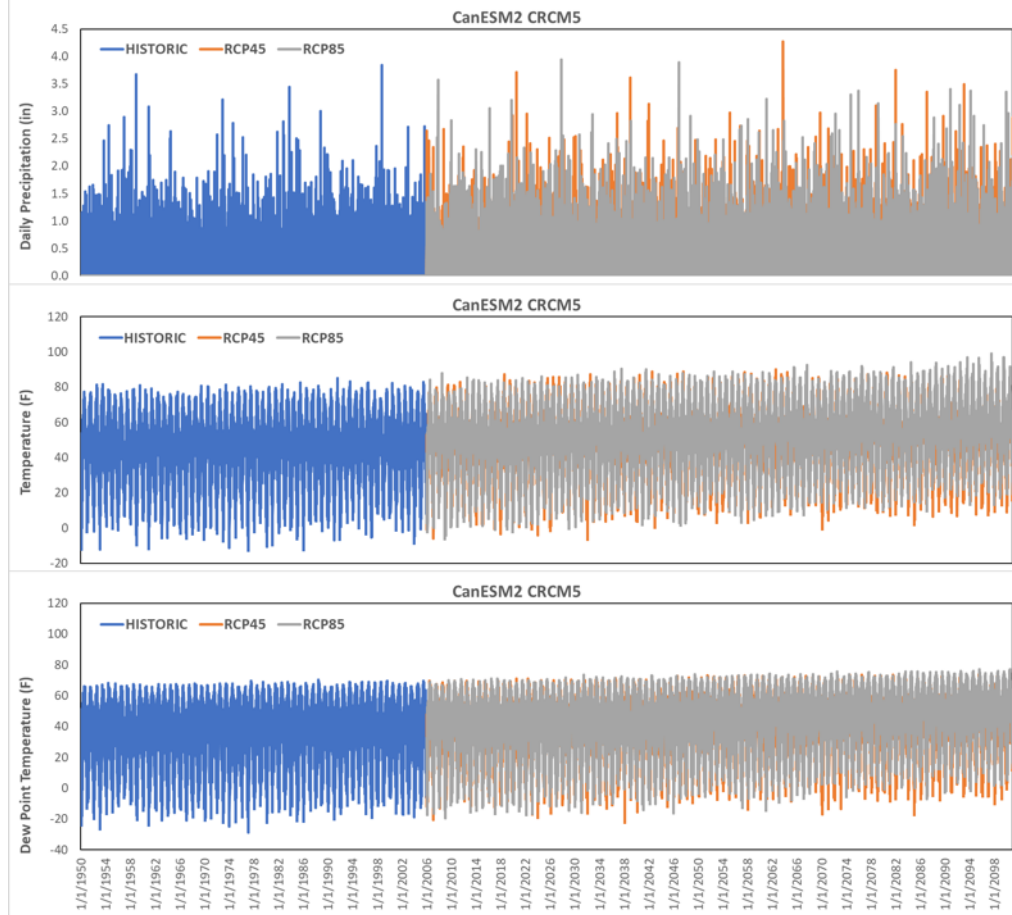


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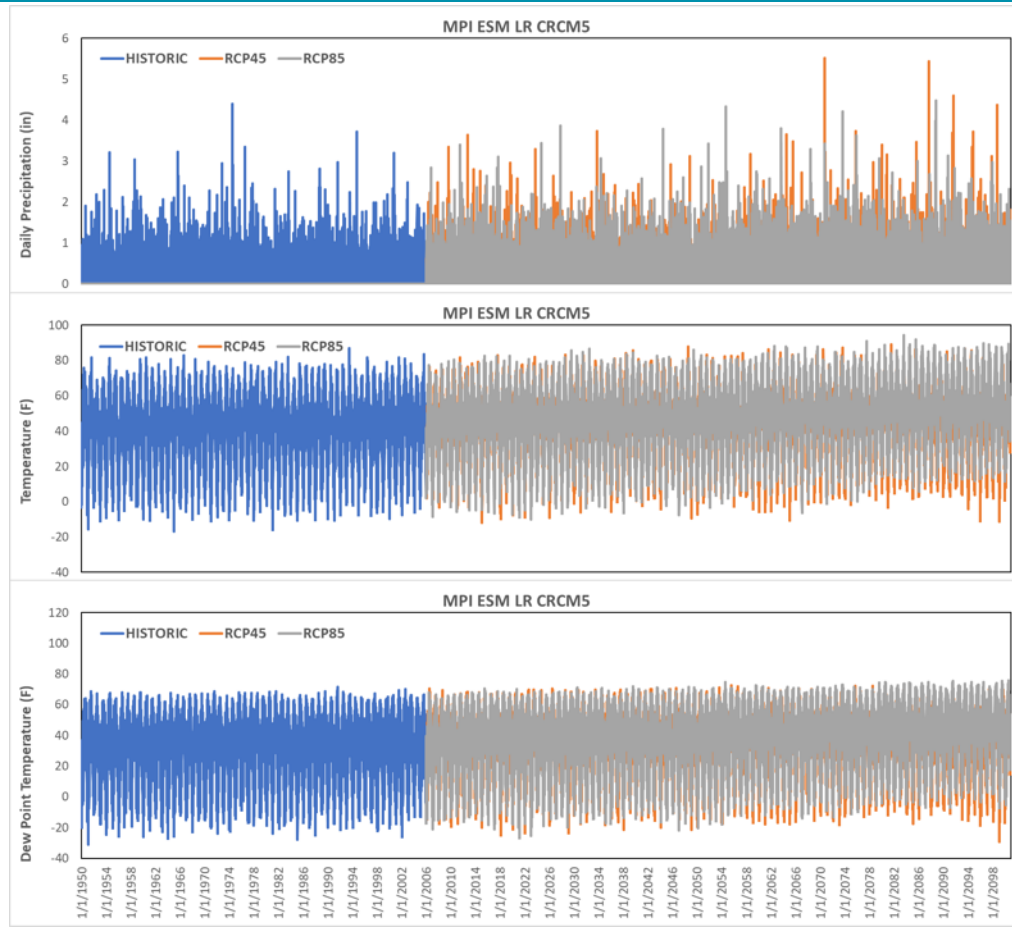
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# Climate Model (CanESM2 CRCM5)



# Climate Model (MPI ESM LR CRCM5)



# Climate Change Analysis Methods

- **1) Trend Analysis** for 1-day, 90-day, and Annual
  - Station Data
  - Model projections (Historic, RCP45, RCP85)
- **2) Precipitation Frequency Analysis** for 1-day (Ppt, Summer, Winter), 90-day, and Annual
  - Model projections (Historic, RCP45, RCP85)
  - Estimate PF for 1-year through 10000-year
  - Quantify changes
- **3) Ppt<sub>max</sub> Analysis** for 1-day and 3-day
  - Derive model projection monthly Td climatologies (Historic, RCP45, RCP85)
  - Perform storm maximization of top 30 Ppt events (Historic, RCP45, RCP85)
  - Estimate Ppt<sub>adj</sub> values through storm maximization process
  - Quantify changes

# 1. Station Trend Analysis (1-day & Annual)

- 1-day AMS Trend Analysis (Mann-Kendall)

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102	USC00190190	ASHBURNHAM, MA	42.6178	-71.9159	1108	78	None
104	USC00270690	BERLIN, NH	44.4535	-71.1855	920	102	None
105	USC00272999	FIRST CONNECTICUT LAKE, NH	45.0899	-71.2906	1650	90	None
108	USC00274399	KEENE, NH	42.9390	-72.3247	511	120	None
109	USC00274556	LANCASTER, NH	44.4958	-71.5767	860	72	Increase
111	USC00431243	CAVENDISH, VT	43.3847	-72.5988	842	111	None
112	USC00431360	CHELSEA, VT	43.9833	-72.4500	800	100	None
113	USC00431433	CHITTENDEN, VT	43.7063	-72.9618	1163	71	Increase
114	USC00431580	CORNWALL, VT	43.9573	-73.2106	345	119	Increase
116	USC00437054	SAINT JOHNSBURY, VT	44.4200	-72.0194	700	120	None
118	USC00193549	HEATH, MA	42.6667	-72.8167	1590	77	None

- Annual AMS Trend Analysis (Mann-Kendall)

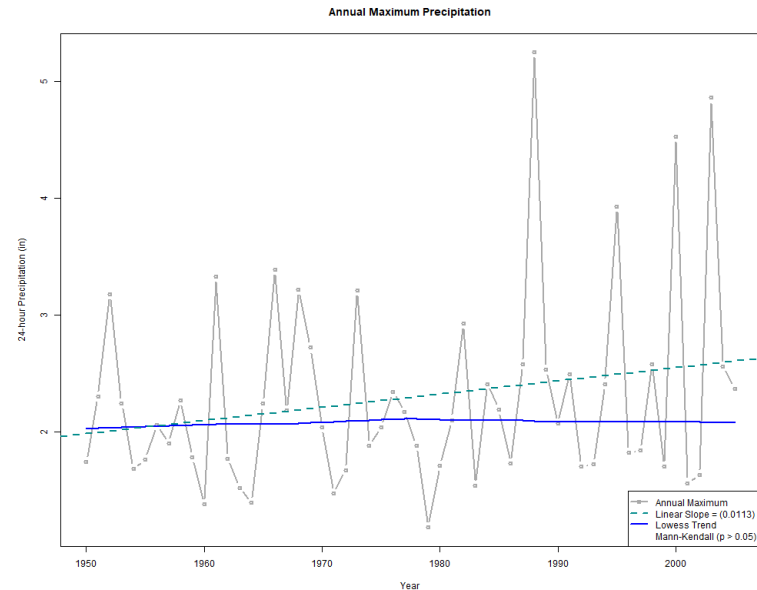
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# 1. Trend Analysis (1-day)

- 1-day AMS Trend Analysis (Mann-Kendall)
  - Stations ~ No Trend

- 1) CanESM2 CanRCM4 1-day AMS
  - trend depends on period investigated
    - Historical: **no trend**
    - RCP45: **no trend**
    - RCP85: **increasing trend**

- 2) CanESM2 CRCM5 1-day AMS
  - trend depends on period investigated
    - Historical: **no trend**
    - RCP45: **no trend**
    - RCP85: **no trend**



- 3) MPI ESM LR CRCM5 1-day AMS
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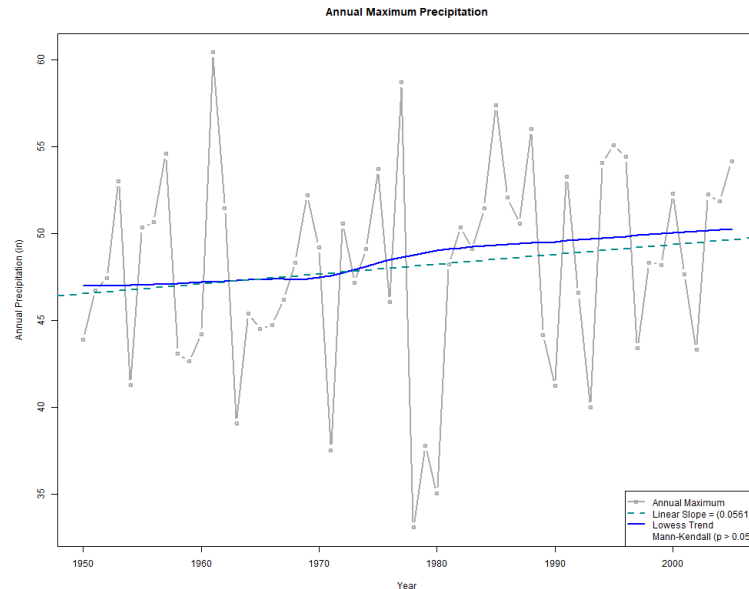
# 1. Trend Analysis (365-day)

- 365-day AMS Trend Analysis (Mann-Kendall)
  - Stations ~ 50/50 mix of No Trend and Increase Trend

- 1) CanESM2 CanRCM4 365-day AMS
  - trend depends on period investigated

- Historical: **no trend**
- RCP45: **no trend**
- RCP85: **increasing trend**

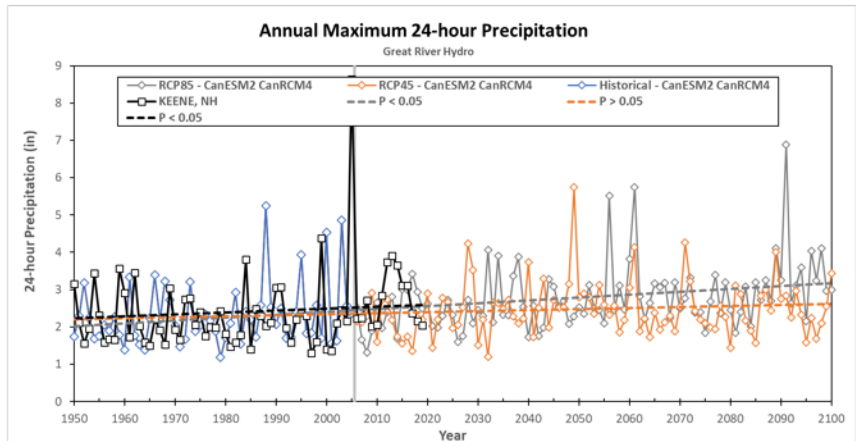
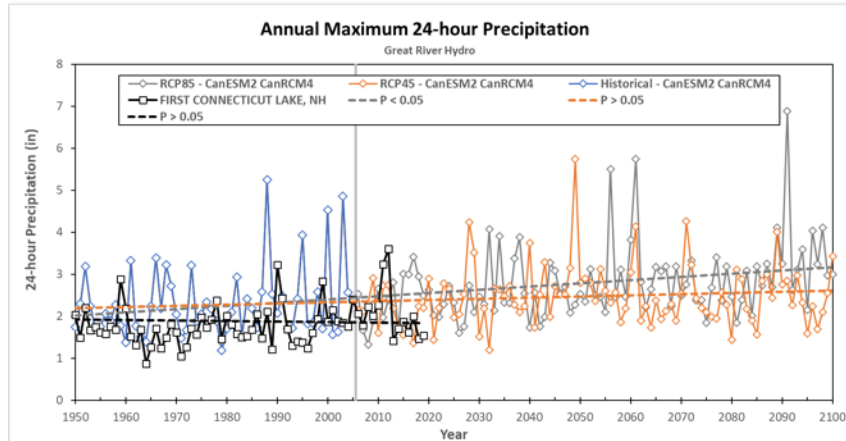
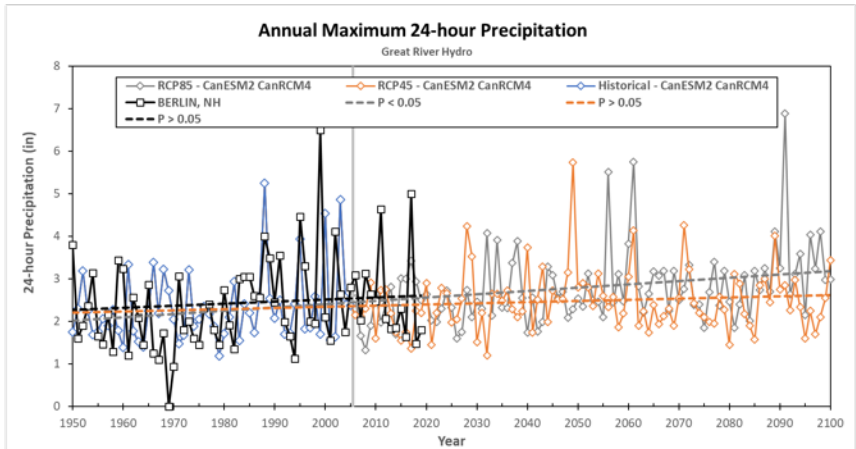
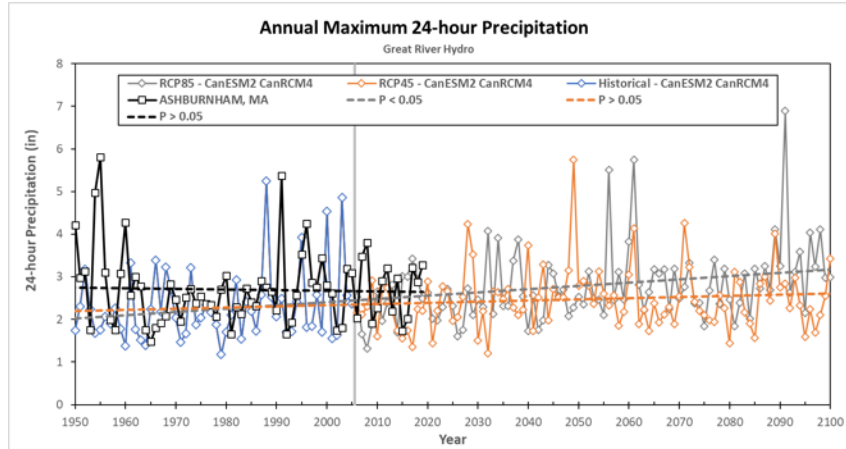
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# 1. Station/Projection Trend (1-day) – Model 1



## 2. Frequency Analysis (L-moments)

- 1-day, 90-day, 365-day L-moment Frequency Analysis (Historic, RCP45, RCP85)
  - Identification of Probability Distribution
  - Goodness-of-fit measures
  - L-moment Ratio Diagram
    - The regional weighted average L-Skewness and L-Kurtosis tend to be near the GEV distribution
  - Derivation of Uncertainty bounds
    - Monte-Carlo simulation
  - Point Value Annual Exceedance Estimates
  - Compare 10-, 50-, 100-, 1000-, and 10000-year AEPs

# 2. Frequency Analysis (CanESM2 CanRCM4)

- 1-day, 90-day, 365-day L-moment Frequency Analysis
  - Identification of Probability Distribution
  - Goodness-of-fit measures
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## \*\*\* 1-Day

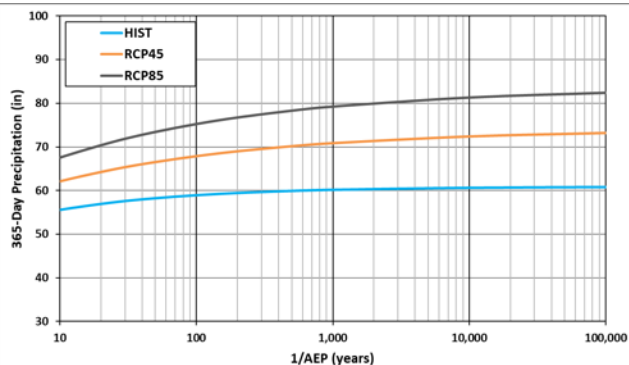
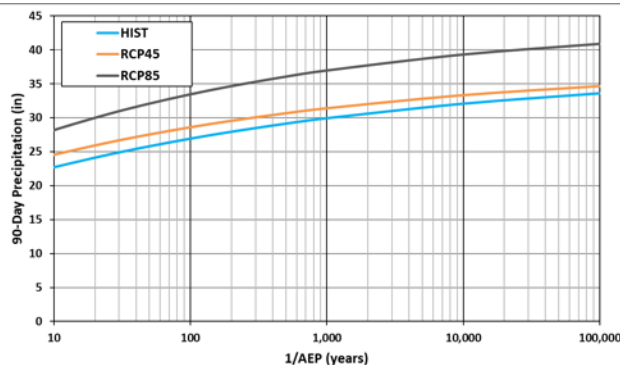
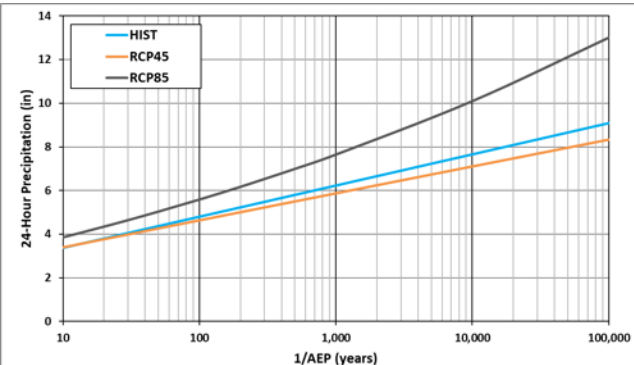
	10yr	50yr	100yr	1000yr	10000yr	Pct Change					Average
Historical	3.3	4.4	4.8	6.2	7.7	-	-	-	-	-	-
RCP-45	3.4	4.3	4.6	5.9	7.6	101%	98%	97%	94%	100%	98%
RCP-85	3.8	5.0	5.6	7.6	10.1	114%	115%	116%	123%	132%	120%

## \*\*\* 90-Day

	10yr	50yr	100yr	1000yr	10000yr	Pct Change					Average
Historical	23	26	27	30	32	-	-	-	-	-	-
RCP-45	24	28	29	31	33	108%	107%	106%	105%	104%	106%
RCP-85	28	32	33	37	39	124%	124%	124%	123%	123%	124%

## \*\*\* 365-Day

	10yr	50yr	100yr	1000yr	10000yr	Pct Change					Average
Historical	55	58	59	60	61	-	-	-	-	-	-
RCP-45	62	67	68	71	72	112%	114%	115%	118%	119%	116%
RCP-85	67	73	75	79	81	121%	126%	128%	132%	134%	128%



24-hour Basin Avg 100-yr = XX mm

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# 2. Frequency Analysis (CanESM2 CRCM5)

- 1-day, 90-day, 365-day L-moment Frequency Analysis
  - Identification of Probability Distribution
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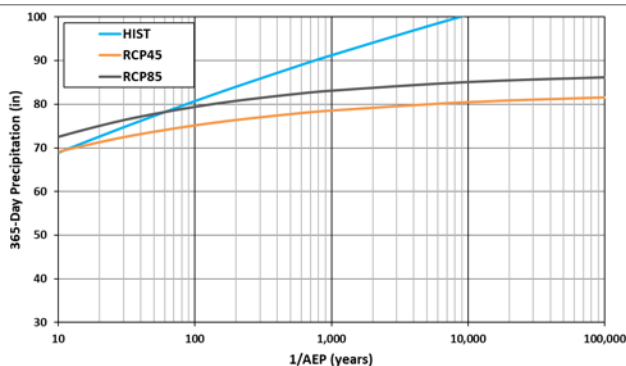
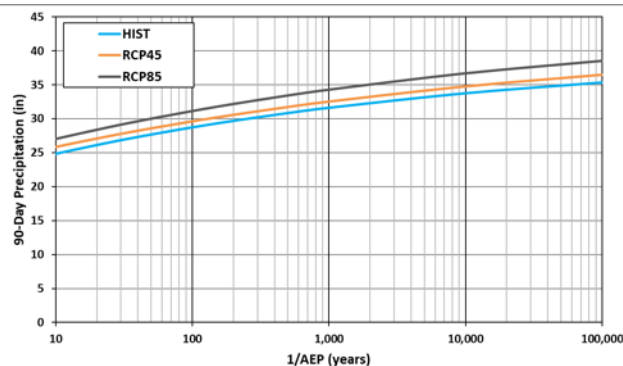
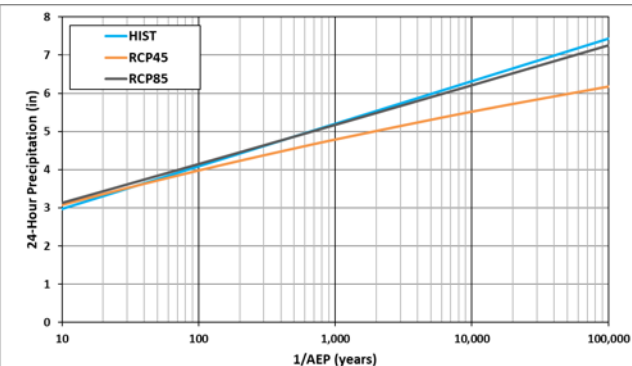
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RCP-45	3.1	3.7	4.0	4.8	5.2	103%	99%	97%	92%	82%	95%
RCP-85	3.1	3.8	4.1	5.2	6.2	105%	102%	101%	99%	98%	101%

## \*\*\* 90-Day

	10yr	50yr	100yr	1000yr	10000yr	Pct Change					Average
Historical	25	28	29	32	34	-	-	-	-	-	-
RCP-45	26	29	30	33	35	104%	103%	103%	103%	103%	103%
RCP-85	27	30	31	34	37	109%	108%	108%	108%	109%	109%

## \*\*\* 365-Day

	10yr	50yr	100yr	1000yr	10000yr	Pct Change					Average
Historical	69	77	81	91	101	-	-	-	-	-	-
RCP-45	69	74	75	79	80	100%	95%	93%	86%	80%	91%
RCP-85	72	78	79	83	85	105%	101%	98%	91%	85%	96%



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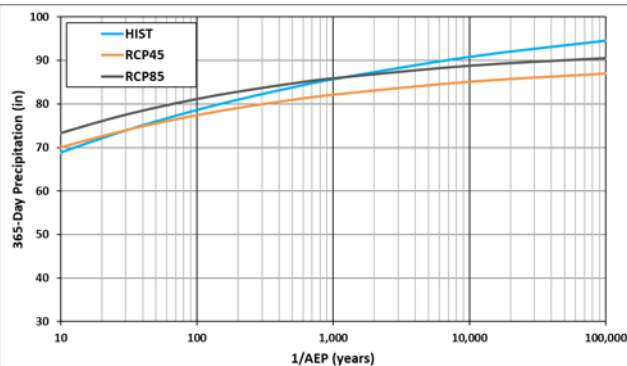
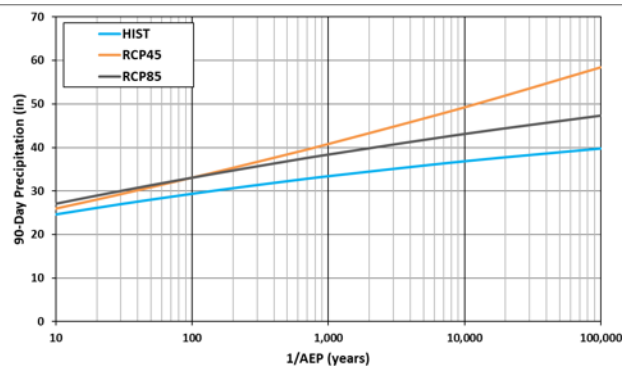
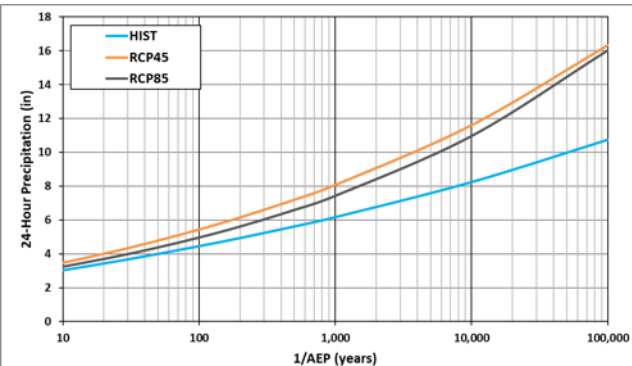
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Historical	3.0	4.0	4.5	6.2	8.2	-	-	-	-	-	-
RCP-45	3.4	4.8	5.4	8.1	7.4	114%	120%	122%	131%	90%	115%
RCP-85	3.2	4.4	5.0	7.4	11.0	107%	110%	112%	120%	133%	116%

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Historical	25	28	29	33	37	-	-	-	-	-	-
RCP-45	26	31	33	41	49	105%	110%	113%	122%	133%	117%
RCP-85	27	31	33	38	43	110%	112%	112%	115%	117%	113%

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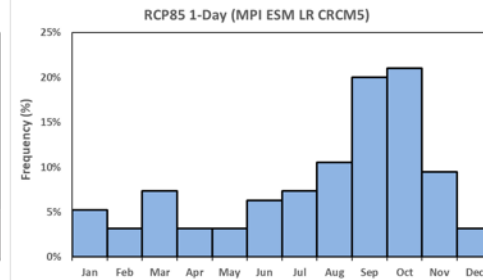
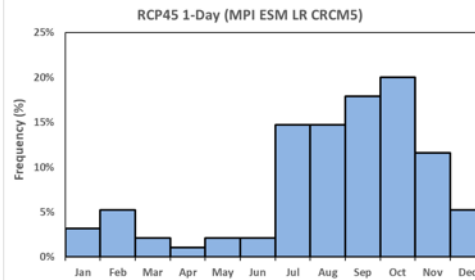
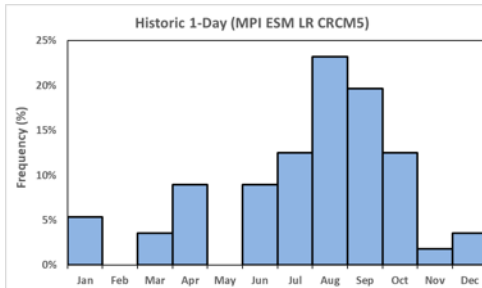
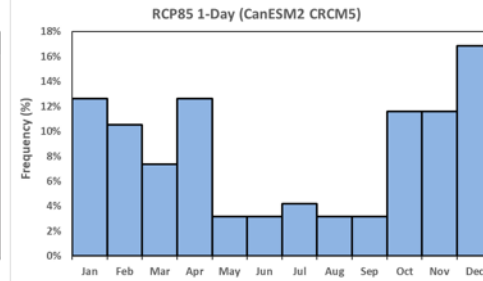
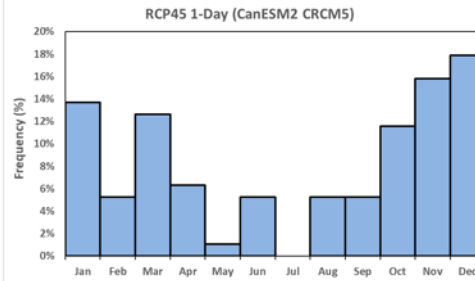
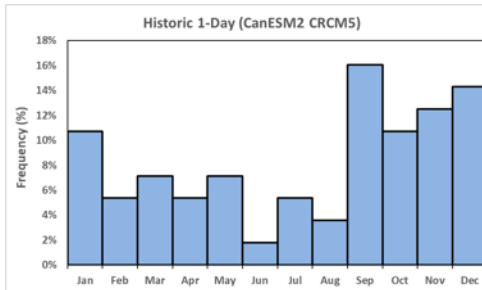
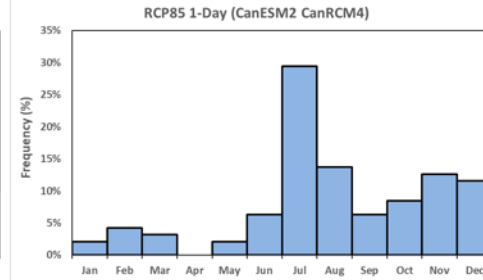
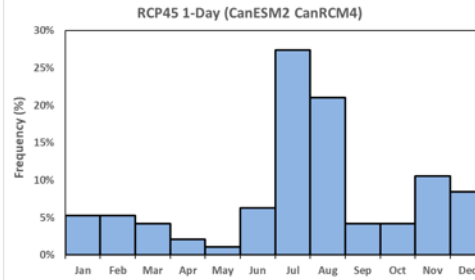
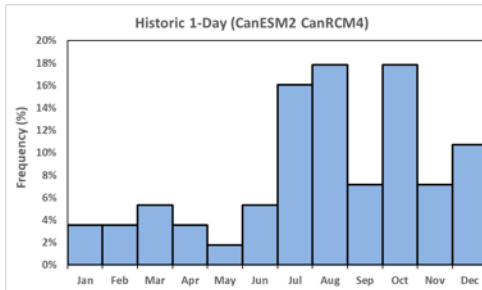
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Historical	69	76	79	86	91	-	-	-	-	-	-
RCP-45	70	76	77	82	85	102%	99%	98%	96%	94%	98%
RCP-85	73	79	81	86	89	107%	104%	103%	100%	98%	102%



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## 2. Frequency Analysis (1-day AMS Seasonality)



# 2. Frequency Analysis (CanESM2 CanRCM4)

- 1-day L-moment Frequency Analysis (**Precip, Summer, Winter**)

- Identification of Probability Distribution
- Goodness-of-fit measures
- L-moment Ratio Diagram
  - The regional weighted average L-Skewness and L-Kurtosis tend to be near the GEV distribution
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## \*\*\* 1-Day Precipitation

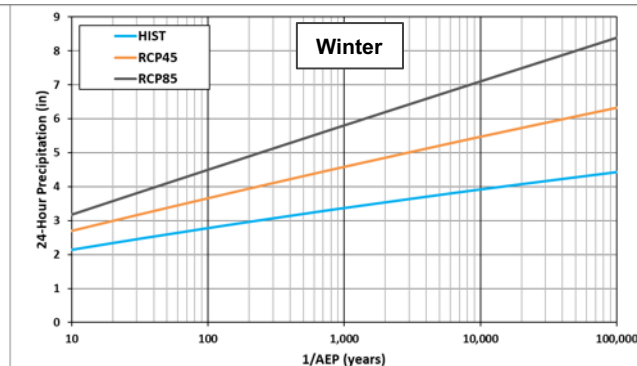
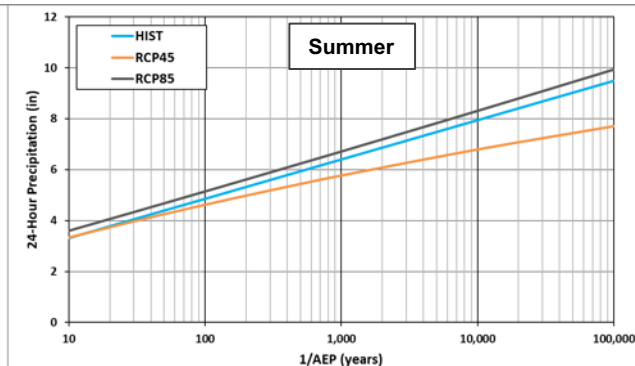
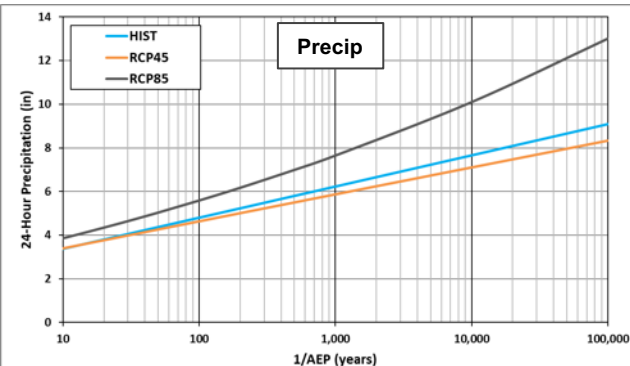
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Historical	3.3	4.4	4.8	6.2	7.7	-	-	-	-	-	-
RCP-45	3.4	4.3	4.6	5.9	7.6	101%	98%	97%	94%	100%	98%
RCP-85	3.8	5.0	5.6	7.6	10.1	114%	115%	116%	123%	132%	120%

## \*\*\* 1-Day Summer

	10yr	50yr	100yr	1000yr	10000yr	Pct Change					Average
Historical	3.3	4.4	4.9	6.4	7.9	-	-	-	-	-	-
RCP-45	3.3	4.2	4.6	5.8	6.8	101%	97%	95%	90%	86%	94%
RCP-85	3.6	4.7	5.1	6.7	8.3	109%	106%	106%	105%	105%	106%

## \*\*\* 1-Day Winter

	10yr	50yr	100yr	1000yr	10000yr	Pct Change					Average
Historical	2.1	2.6	2.8	3.4	3.9	-	-	-	-	-	-
RCP-45	2.7	3.4	3.7	4.6	5.5	126%	130%	132%	136%	140%	133%
RCP-85	3.1	4.1	4.5	5.8	7.1	148%	158%	162%	172%	181%	164%



# 2. Frequency Analysis (CanESM2 CRCM5)

- 1-day L-moment Frequency Analysis (**Precip, Summer, Winter**)

- Identification of Probability Distribution
- Goodness-of-fit measures
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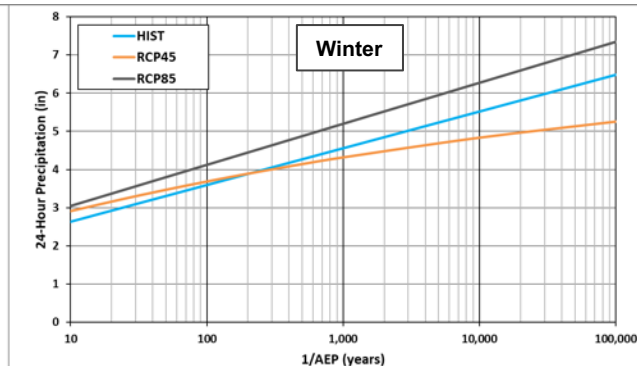
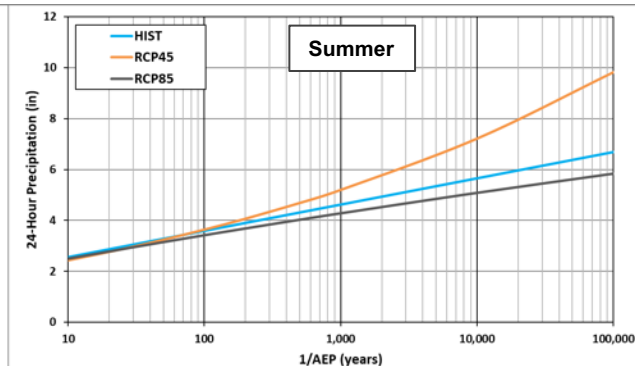
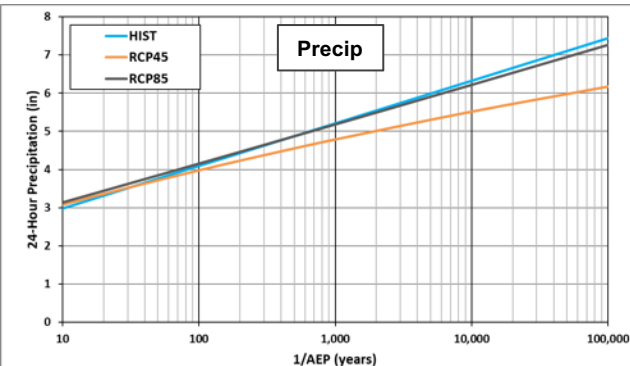
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RCP-85	3.1	3.8	4.1	5.2	6.2	105%	102%	101%	99%	98%	101%

## \*\*\* 1-Day Summer

	10yr	50yr	100yr	1000yr	10000yr	Pct Change					Average
Historical	2.5	3.3	3.6	4.6	5.7	-	-	-	-	-	-
RCP-45	2.4	3.2	3.6	5.2	7.2	95%	99%	102%	113%	128%	107%
RCP-85	2.5	3.1	3.4	4.3	5.1	98%	96%	95%	93%	90%	94%

## \*\*\* 1-Day Winter

	10yr	50yr	100yr	1000yr	10000yr	Pct Change					Average
Historical	2.6	3.3	3.6	4.6	5.5	-	-	-	-	-	-
RCP-45	2.9	3.5	3.7	4.3	4.8	111%	105%	103%	95%	88%	100%
RCP-85	3.0	3.8	4.1	5.2	6.3	116%	115%	115%	114%	114%	115%





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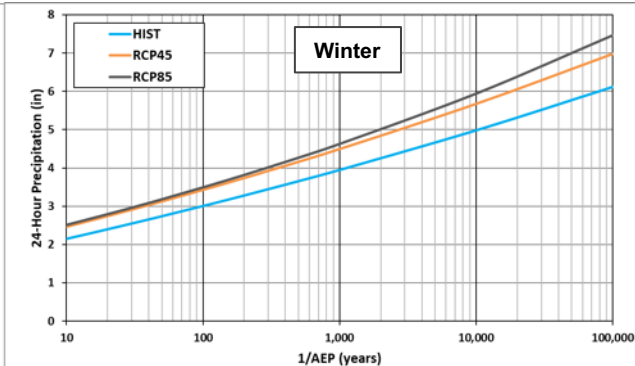
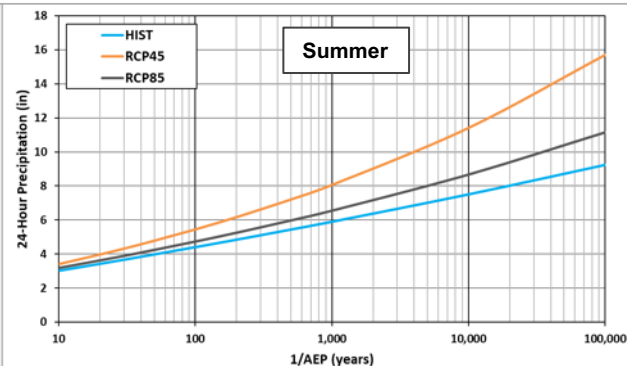
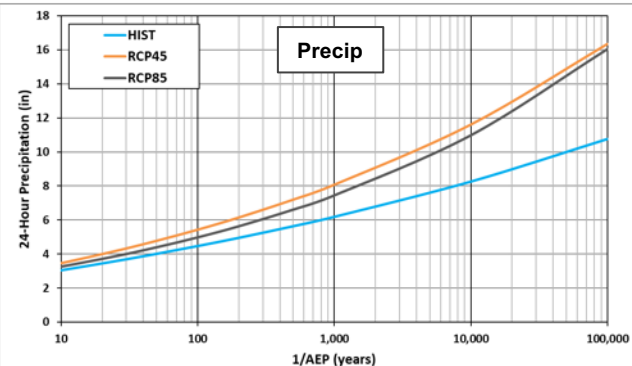
	10yr	50yr	100yr	1000yr	10000yr	Pct Change					Average
Historical	3.0	4.0	4.5	6.2	8.2	-	-	-	-	-	-
RCP-45	3.4	4.8	5.4	8.1	7.4	114%	120%	122%	131%	90%	115%
RCP-85	3.2	4.4	5.0	7.4	11.0	107%	110%	112%	120%	133%	116%

## \*\*\* 1-Day Summer

	10yr	50yr	100yr	1000yr	10000yr	Pct Change					Average
Historical	3.0	4.0	4.4	5.9	7.5	-	-	-	-	-	-
RCP-45	3.4	4.8	5.5	8.1	11.4	113%	120%	124%	137%	152%	129%
RCP-85	3.2	4.2	4.7	6.6	8.7	106%	107%	108%	111%	115%	109%

## \*\*\* 1-Day Winter

	10yr	50yr	100yr	1000yr	10000yr	Pct Change					Average
Historical	2.1	2.7	3.0	4.0	5.0	-	-	-	-	-	-
RCP-45	2.4	3.1	3.4	4.5	5.7	115%	114%	114%	114%	114%	114%
RCP-85	2.5	3.2	3.5	4.6	5.9	117%	116%	116%	117%	119%	117%



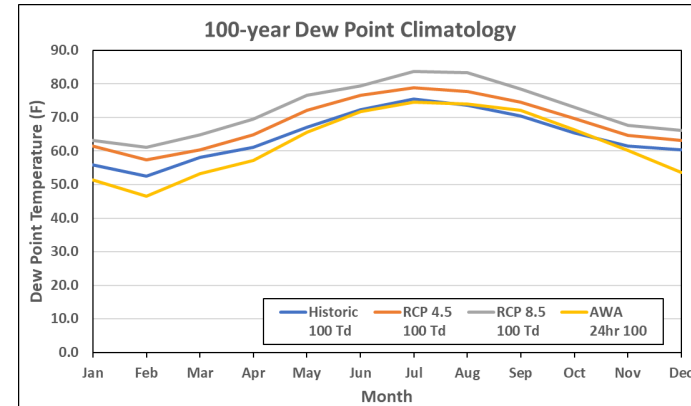
### 3. PMP Ratio Analysis

- Estimate 1-day and 3-day **Ppt<sub>adj</sub>** for top 30 1-day and 3-day precipitation events
  - Extracted top 30 precipitation events (**P**) and associated meteorological data
  - Derive monthly dew point (td) climatologies (Historic, RCP45, RCP85)
  - Quantified each storm events precipitable water (**Pobs**)
  - Quantified each storm events climatological maximum precipitable water (**Pw\_100**)
  - Calculated each storm events maximization factor
    - (**r = PW\_100 / PW\_obs**)
  - Estimated **Ppt<sub>adj</sub>** (~PMP) value for each event (**P \* r**)

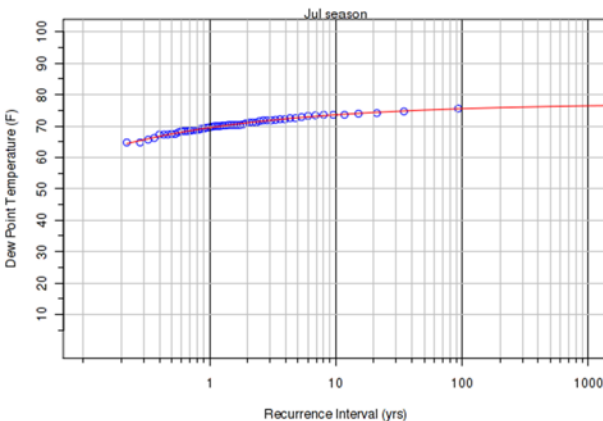
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- Calculate monthly dew point temperature (Td) 100-year climatology
  - all months have similar shape/seasonality
    - the **Historic** has largest range
  - Historic Average – 64.5 F
  - RCP45 Average – 68.5 F
  - RCP85 Average – 72.2 F

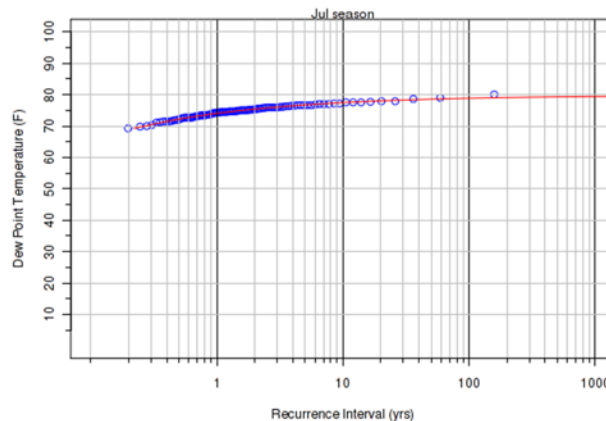
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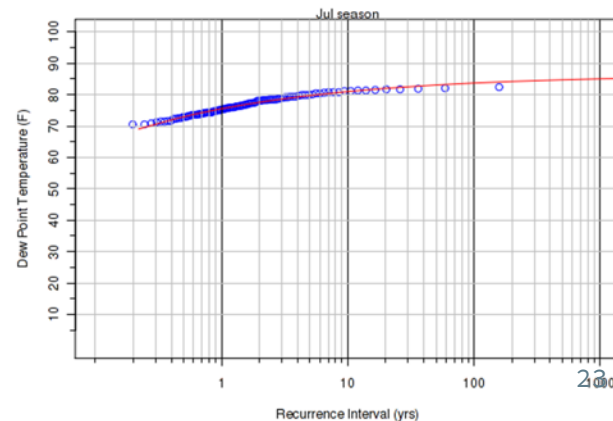
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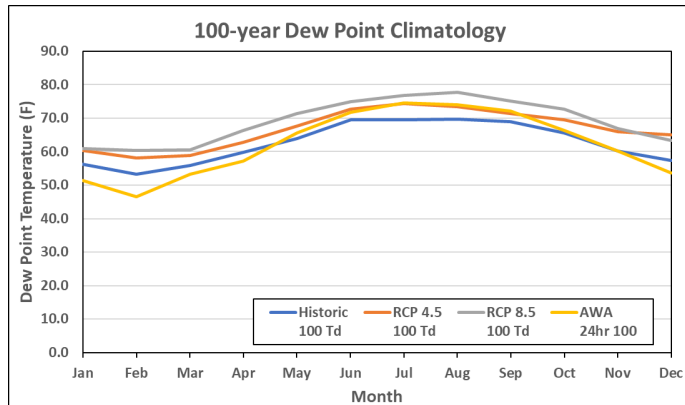
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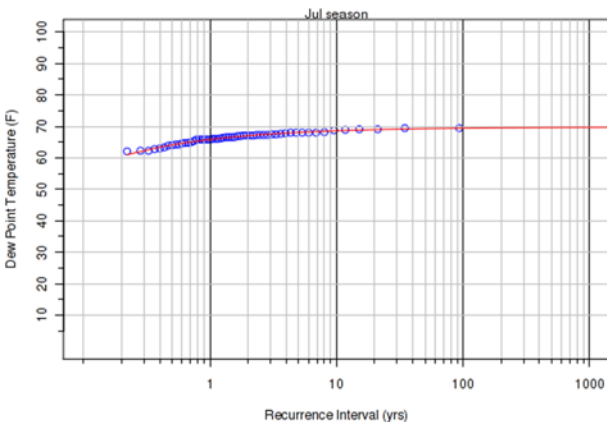
# 3a. Td Analysis (CanESM2 CRCM5)

- Calculate monthly dew point temperature (Td) 100-year climatology
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    - the **RCP85** has largest range
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  - RCP85 Average – 68.9 F

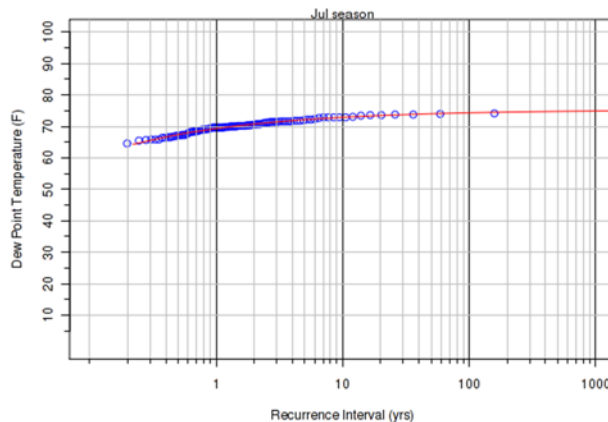
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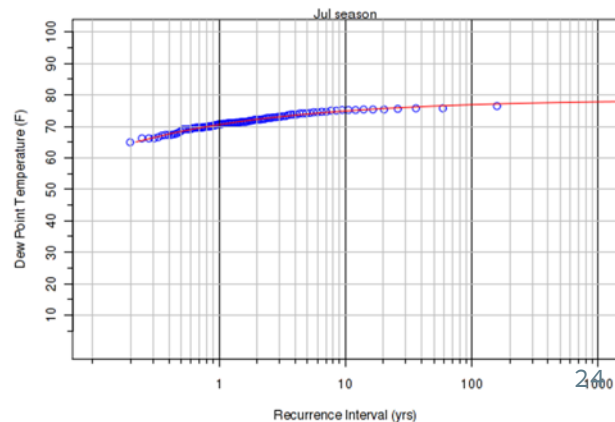
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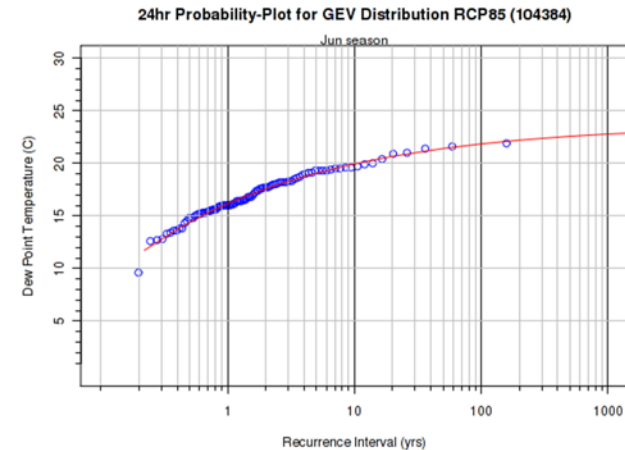
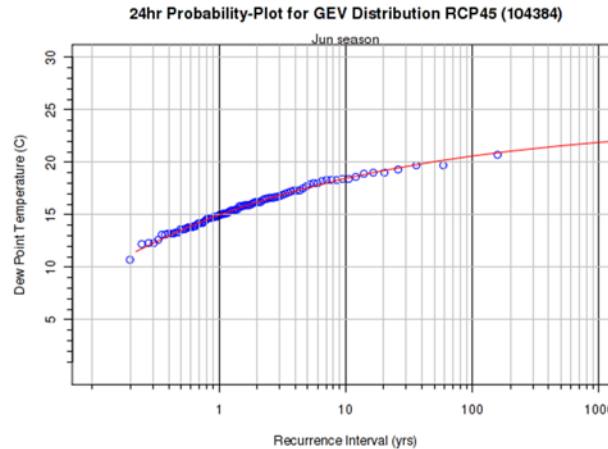
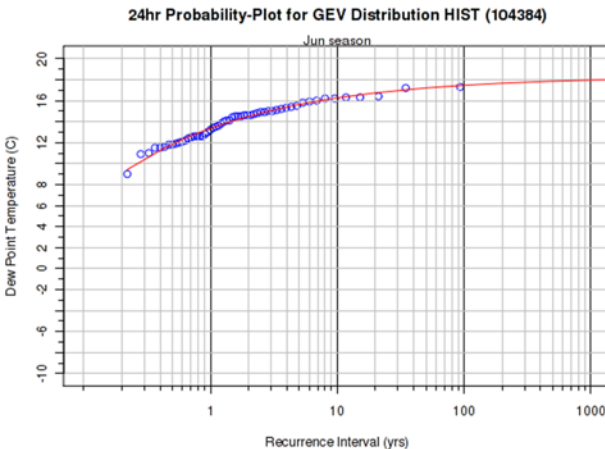
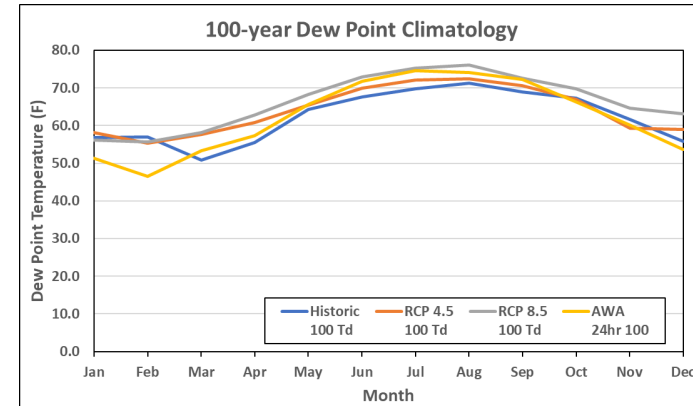
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# 3a. Td Analysis (MPI ESM LR CRCM5)

- Calculate monthly dew point temperature (Td) 100-year climatology
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  - Historic Average – 62.2 F
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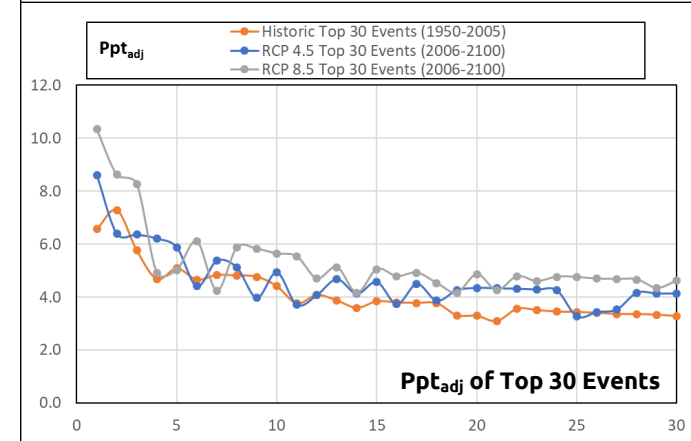
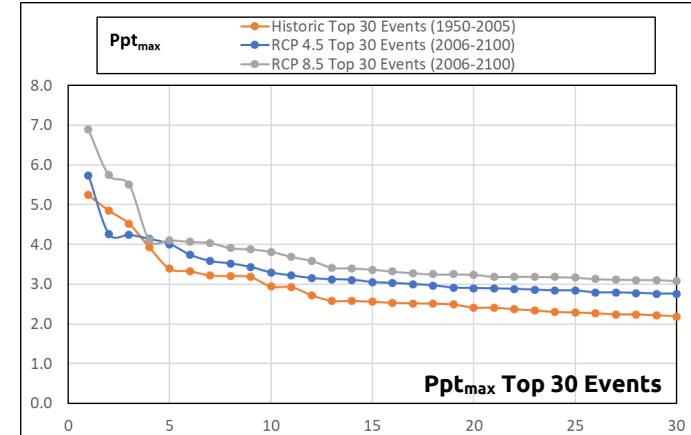
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- Estimate **1-day Ppt<sub>adj</sub>** for top 30 1-day precipitation events
  - Extracted top 30 precipitation events (**P**) and associated meteorological data
  - Quantified each storm events precipitable water (**Pobs**)
  - Quantified each storm events climatological maximum precipitable water (**Pw<sub>100</sub>**)
  - Calculated each storm events maximization factor ( $r = PW_{100} / PW_{obs}$ )
  - Estimated **Ppt<sub>adj</sub>** value for each event ( $P * r$ )

CanESM2 CanRCM4

Ppt <sub>max</sub>	(in)	Pct Change	Ppt <sub>adj</sub>	(in)	rank	Pct Change
Historical	5.3	-	Historical	7.3	2	-
RCP45	5.7	108%	RCP45	8.6	1	118%
RCP85	6.9	130%	RCP85	10.3	1	141%

+++ values represent 1-day not 24-hour



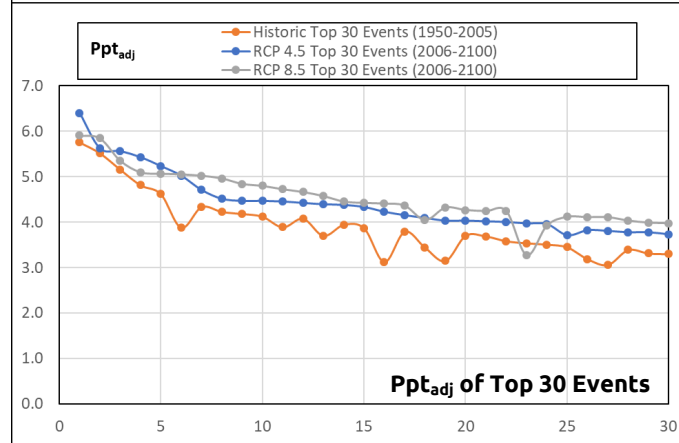
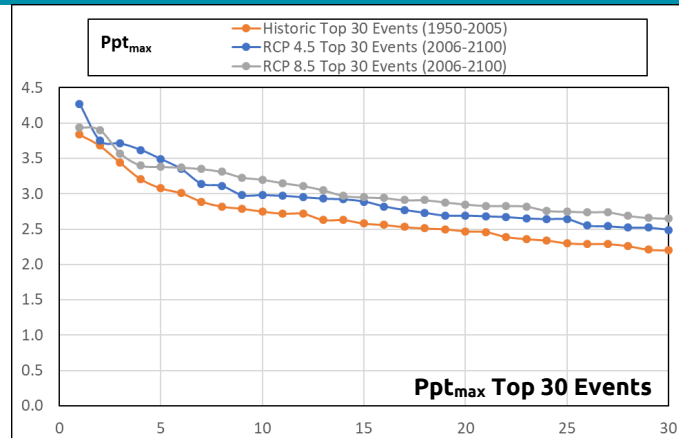
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CanESM2 CRCM5

Ppt <sub>max</sub>	(in)	Pct Change	Ppt <sub>adj</sub>	(in)	rank	Pct Change
Historical	3.8	-	Historical	5.8	1	-
RCP45	4.3	113%	RCP45	6.4	1	110%
RCP85	3.9	103%	RCP85	5.9	1	102%

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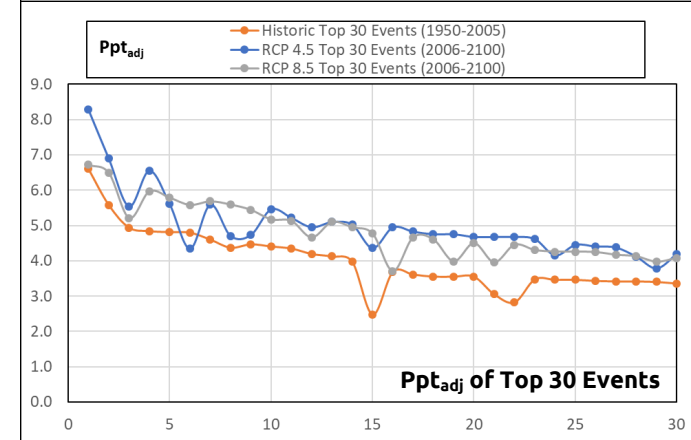
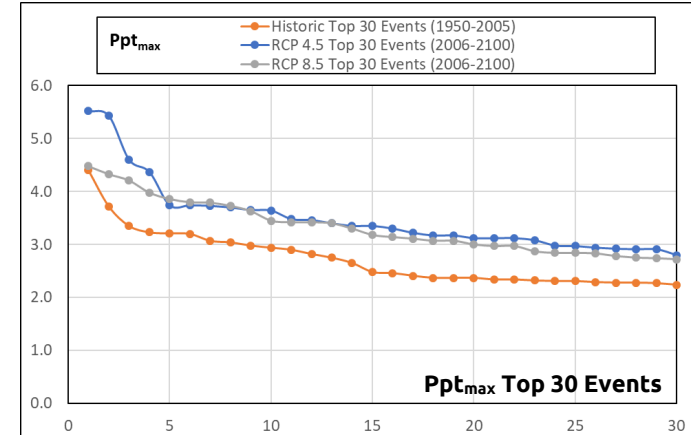
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MPI ESM LR CRCM5

Ppt <sub>max</sub>	(in)	Pct Change	Ppt <sub>adj</sub>	(in)	rank	Pct Change
Historical	4.4	-	Historical	6.6	1	-
RCP45	5.5	125%	RCP45	8.3	1	126%
RCP85	4.5	102%	RCP85	6.7	1	102%

+++ values represent 1-day not 24-hour





# 4. Summary (Trend Analysis)

- **Station data (1 day) (Annual)**
  - 8 -no trend, 3 **increasing** (1-day)
  - 4 -no trend, 7 **increasing** (Annual)
- **1-day**
  - Historic – 3 **no trend**
  - RCP45 – 3 **no trend**
  - RCP85 - 2 **no trend** and 2 **increasing** trend
- **90-day**
  - Historic – 3 **no trend**
  - RCP45 – 3 **no trend**
  - RCP85 - 1 **no trend** and 2 **increasing** trend
- **Annual**
  - Historic – 2 **no trend** and 1 **increasing** trend
  - RCP45 – 3 **no trend**
  - RCP85 - 1 **no trend** and 2 **increasing** trend

# 4. Summary (Precipitation Frequency Analysis)

- **1-day (rcp45 to rcp85)**
  - Max = 115% to 120%
  - Min 95% to 101%
  - Range = 20% to 19%
  - Average = **103% to 112%**
- **1-day Summer (rcp45 to rcp85)**
  - Max = 129% to 109%
  - Min 94% to 94%
  - Range = 35% to 15%
  - Average = **110% to 103%**
- **1-day Winter (rcp45 to rcp85)**
  - Max = 133% to 164%
  - Min 100% to 115%
  - Range = 33% to 49%
  - Average = **116% to 132%**
- **90-day**
  - Max = 117% to 124%
  - Min 103% to 109%
  - Range = 14% to 15%
  - Average = **117% to 124%**
- **Annual**
  - Max = 116% to 128%
  - Min 91% to 96%
  - Range = 25% to 32%
  - Average = **102% to 109%**

# 4. Summary ( $Ppt_{adj}$ )

- **Dew Point Climatologies**

- All scenarios produce similar shape/season of monthly 100yr Td values
- CanESM2 CanRCM4 has highest 100yr Td values
- More of scaling adjustment of 2-3 F Historic to RCP45 and 2-3 F for RCP45 to RCP85

- **1day  $Ppt_{max}$  (RCP45 to rcp85)**

- Max = 125% to 130%
- Min 108% to 102%
- Range = 17% to 28%
- Average = **115% to 112%**

- **1day  $Ppt_{adj}$  (RCP45 to rcp85)**

- Max = 126% to 141%
- Min 110% to 102%
- Range = 16% to 39%
- Average = **110% to 102%**

- **3day  $Ppt_{max}$  (RCP45 to rcp85)**

- Max = 126% to 143%
- Min 75% to 72%
- Range = 51% to 71%
- Average = **101% to 114%**

- **3day  $Ppt_{adj}$  (RCP45 to rcp85)**

- Max = 127% to 146%
- Min 75% to 72%
- Range = 52% to 74%
- Average = **102% to 112%**

The largest observed Ppt is not always equal PMP based on in-place maximization

# 5. Conclusion

- Climate Models Project Temperature and Dew Point increases
- 1-day - **no significant change** of Precip magnitude by 2100 (still within uncertainty)
  - \*\*\* higher confidence of **an increase** of Winter magnitude by 2100 (RCP85)
- 90-day – **no significant change** of Precip magnitude by 2100 (still within uncertainty); RCP85 higher confidence of an increase.
- Annual – **no significant change** of Precip magnitude by 2100 (still within uncertainty).

# 5. Global Summary based on Five Studies

- Indonesia
  - No change in short duration (<3-day), higher probability for increase for longer durations (>30-days)
- Peru
  - Significant change in short duration (<3-day), no significant change in longer durations (>30-days)
- Eastern United States
  - No significant change in durations 1-day through annual precipitation
  - Higher confidence of increase in winter precipitation
- Southern Canada
  - Significant change short duration (<3-day), no significant change longer durations 30-days through annual
- Northern United States/Southern Canada
  - No significant change in longer durations 1-day through annual precipitation
- All Temperature and Dew Point Temperature Increases

# Questions

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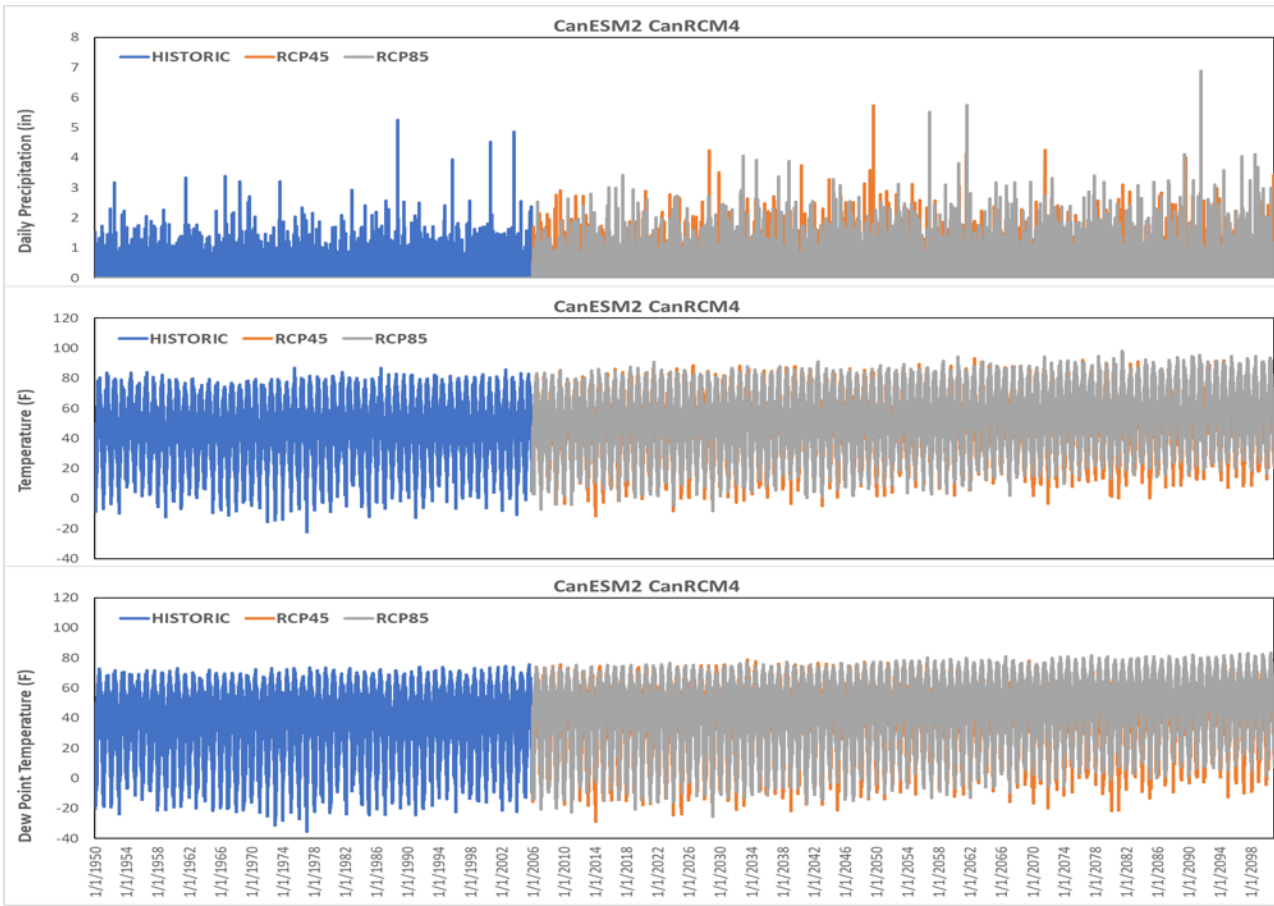
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# Climate Model Background

- Various research groups conduct climate change modeling
  - Share data via CMIP5 group
  - Utilize same requirements to make each model comparable
  - 20 different groups in CMIP5
- Representative Concentration Pathway (RCP)
  - RCP account for unknown future GHG emissions
- RCP scenarios used as boundary conditions for CMIP5 GCMs
  - Commonly use RCP 4.5 and 8.5

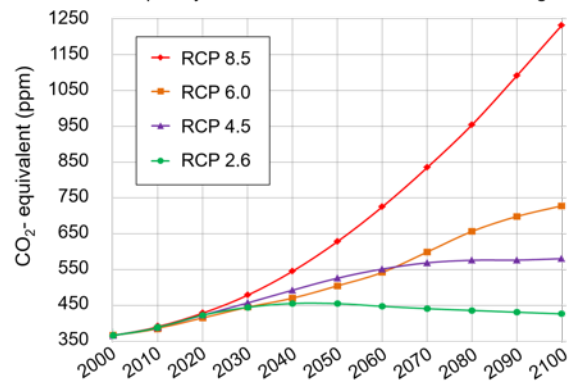
# Climate Model Projections/Output

- Projections are relative to temperatures and sea levels in the late-20th to early-21st centuries (1986–2005 average). Temperature projections can be converted to a reference period of 1850–1900 or 1980–99 by adding 0.61 or 0.11 °C, respectively
- The **RCP 4.5** scenario is a stabilization scenario, which means the radiative forcing level stabilizes at 4.5 W/m<sup>2</sup> before 2100 by employment of a range of technologies and strategies for reducing greenhouse gas emissions.
- The **RCP 8.5** emissions scenario the radiative forcing level reaches 8.5 W/m<sup>2</sup> characterized by increasing greenhouse gas emissions over time representative for scenarios in the literature leading to high greenhouse gas concentration levels.

AR5 global warming increase (°C) projections<sup>[1]</sup>

	2046–2065	2081–2100
Scenario	Mean and likely range	Mean and likely range
RCP2.6	1.0 (0.4 to 1.6)	1.0 (0.3 to 1.7)
RCP4.5	1.4 (0.9 to 2.0)	1.8 (1.1 to 2.6)
RCP6.0	1.3 (0.8 to 1.8)	2.2 (1.4 to 3.1)
RCP8.5	2.0 (1.4 to 2.6)	3.7 (2.6 to 4.8)

IPCC AR5 Greenhouse Gas Concentration Pathways  
Representative Concentration Pathways (RCPs) from the fifth Assessment Report by the International Panel on Climate Change

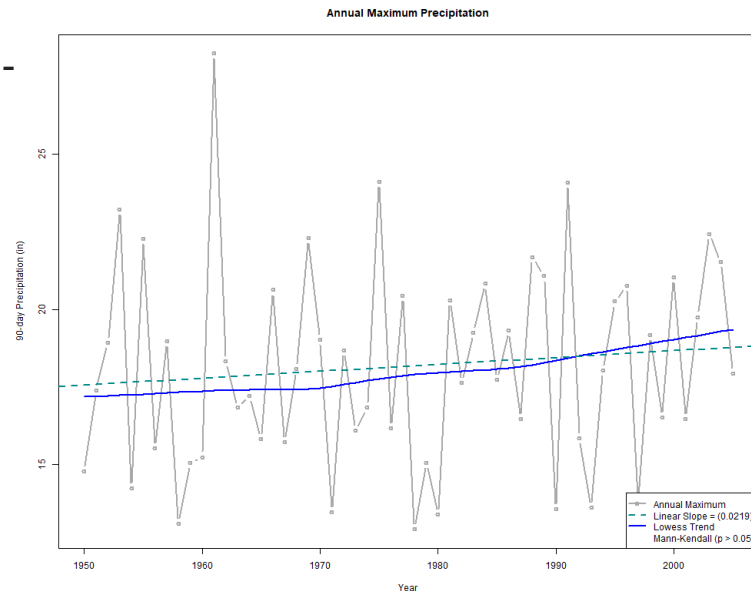




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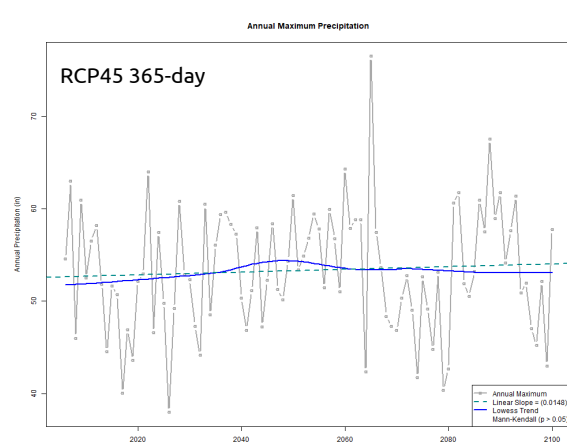
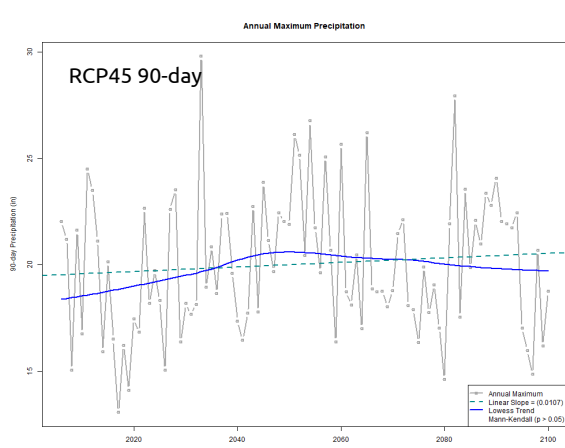
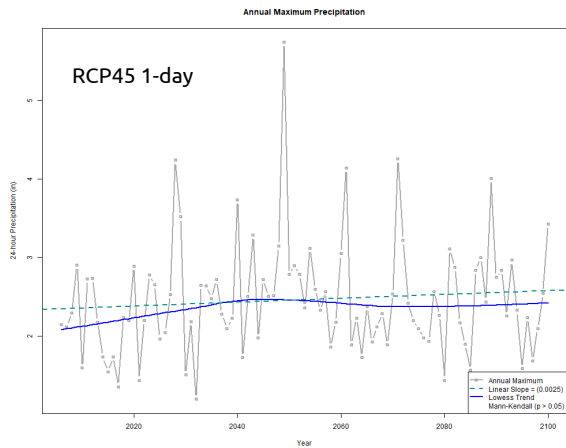
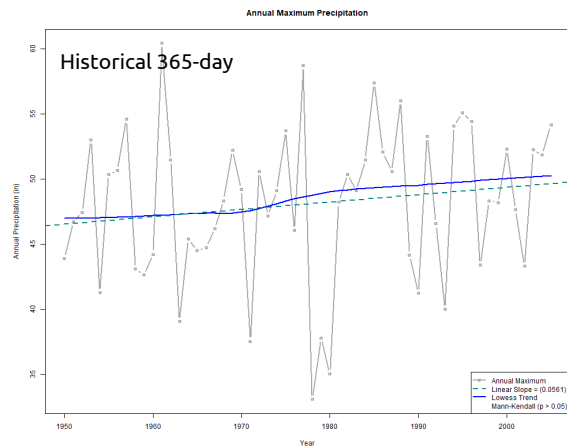
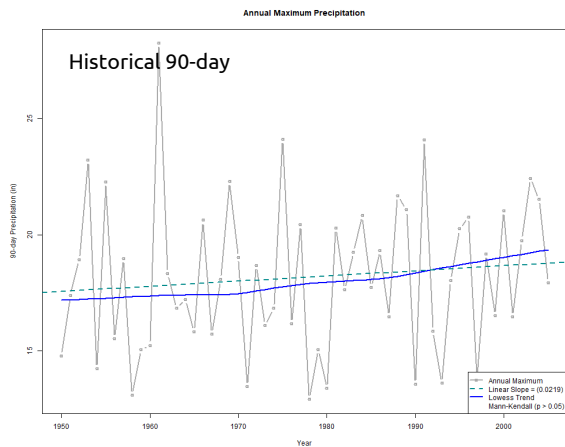
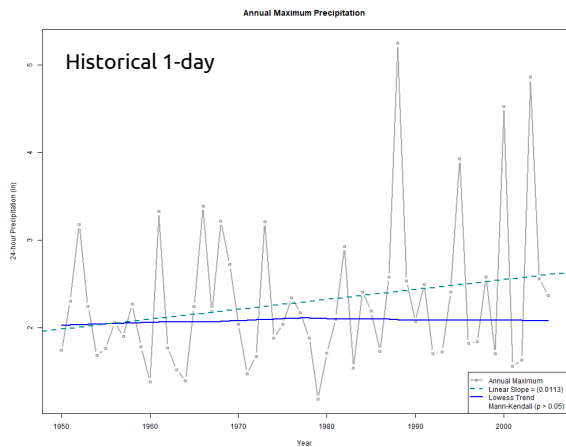
- Great River station 90-day AMS Trend Analysis (Mann-Kendall)

- 1) CanESM2 CanRCM4 90-day AMS
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    - RCP45: **no trend**
    - RCP85: **increasing trend**
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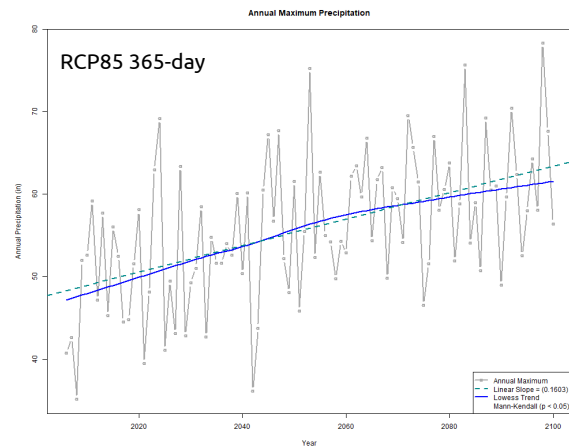
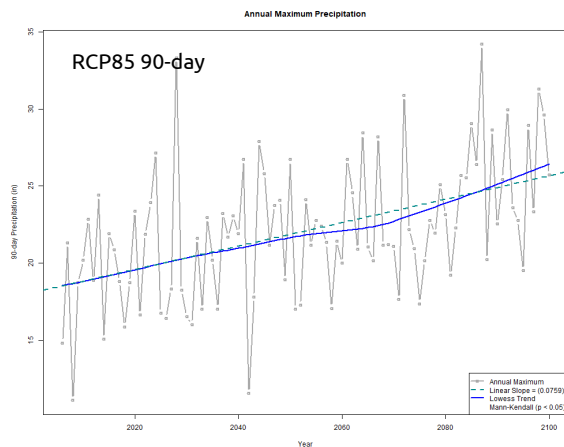
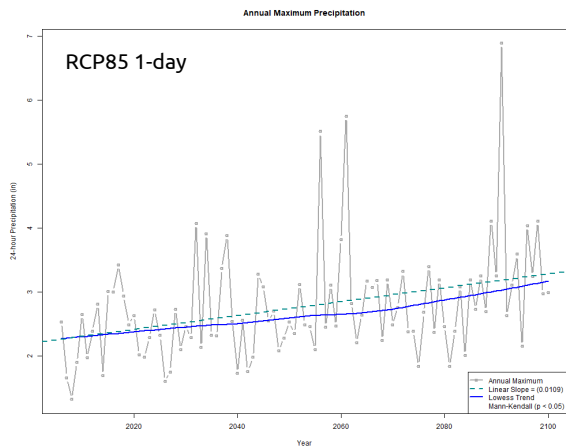


- 3) MPI ESM LR CRCM5 90-day AMS
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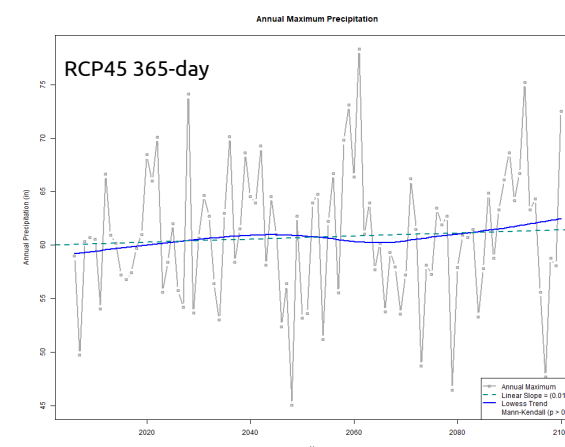
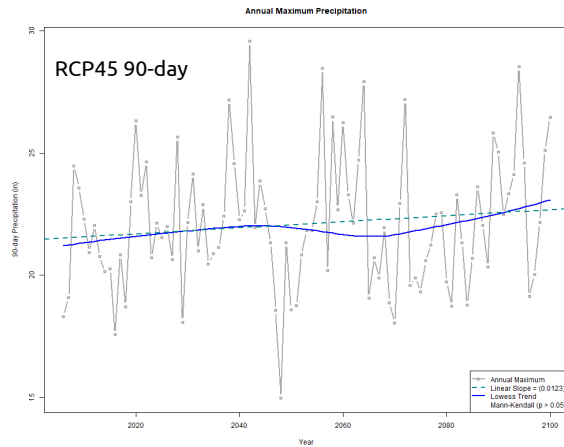
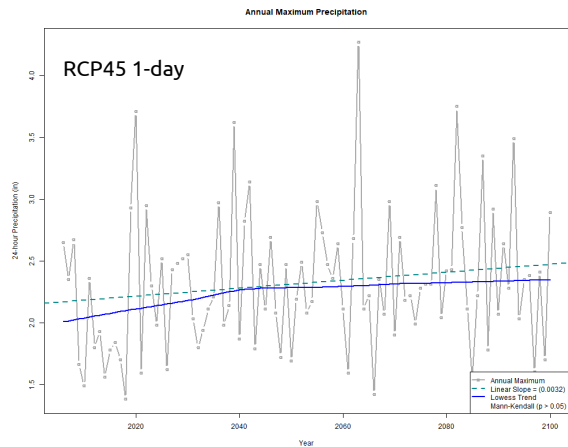
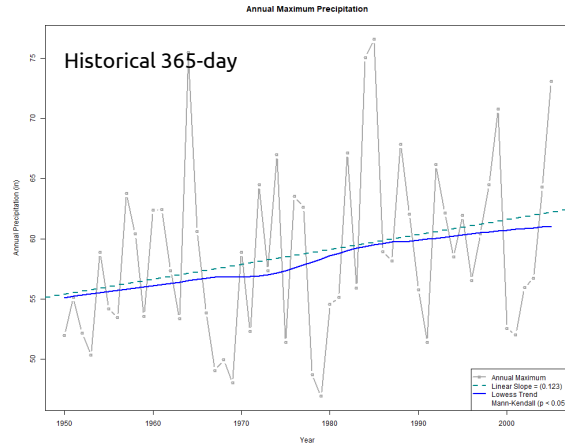
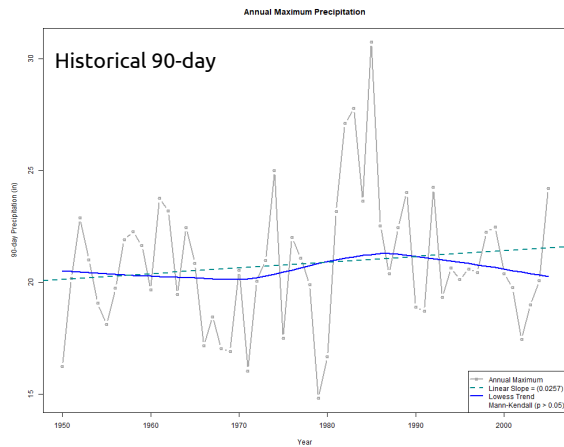
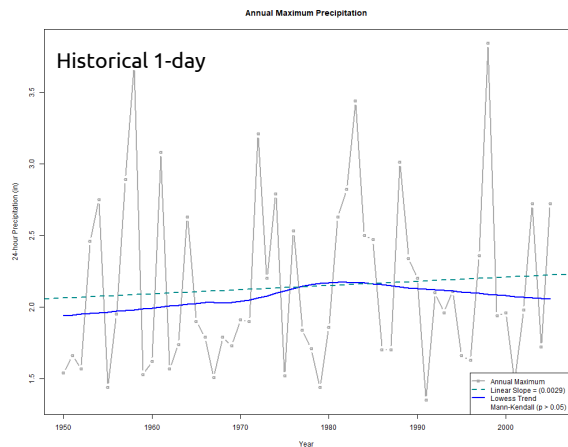
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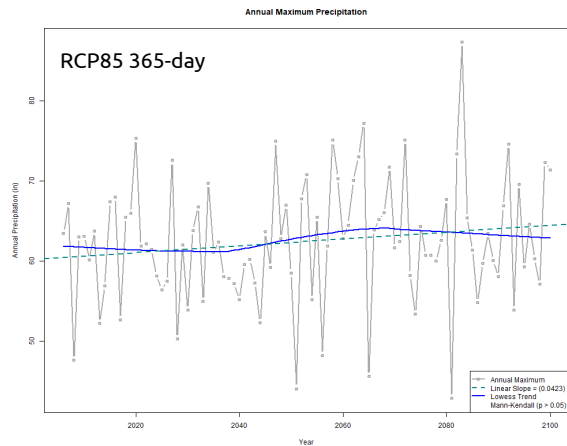
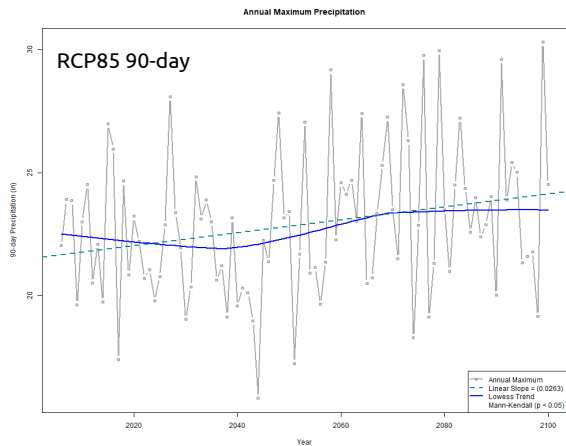
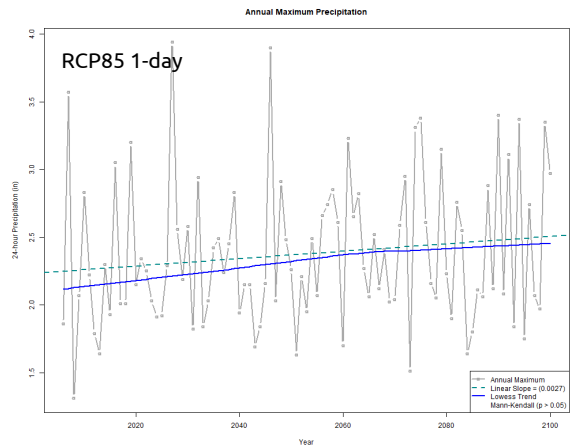
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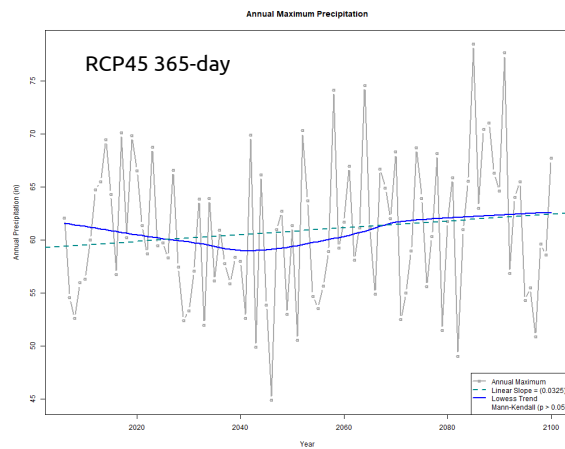
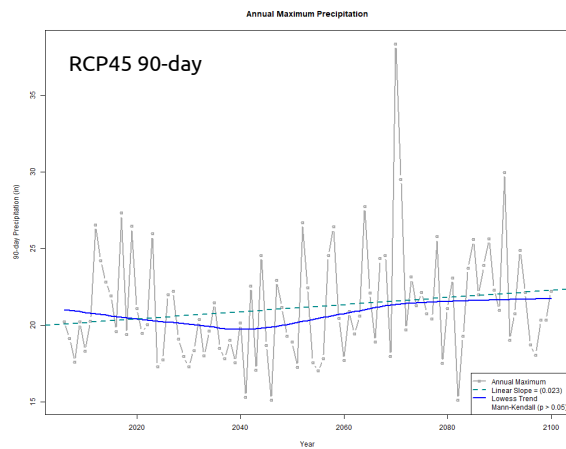
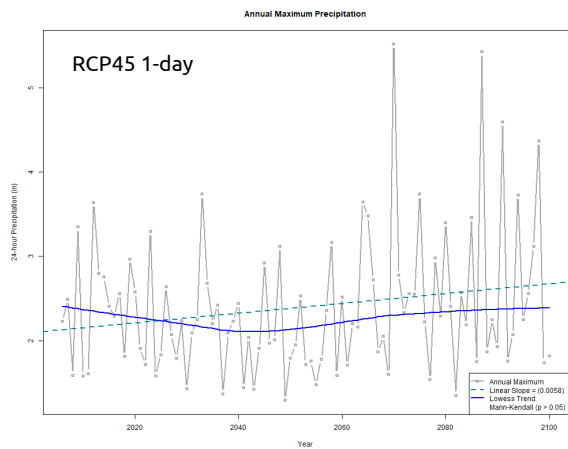
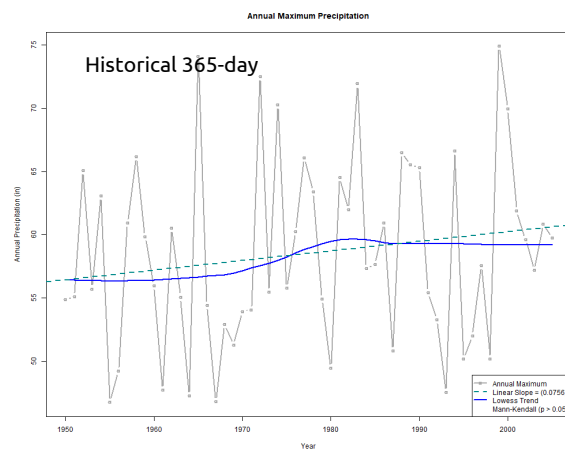
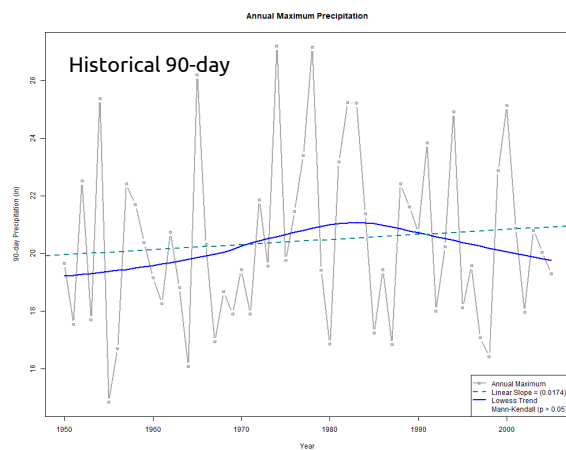
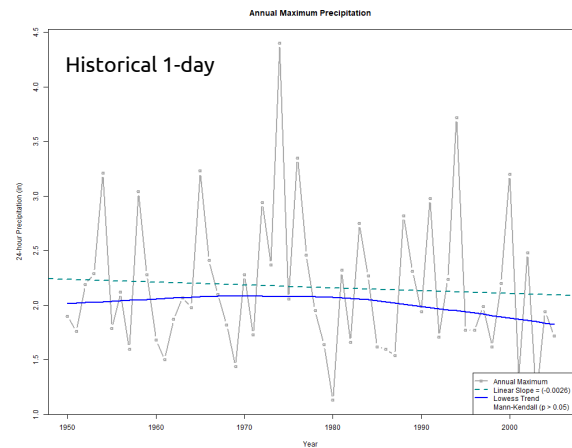
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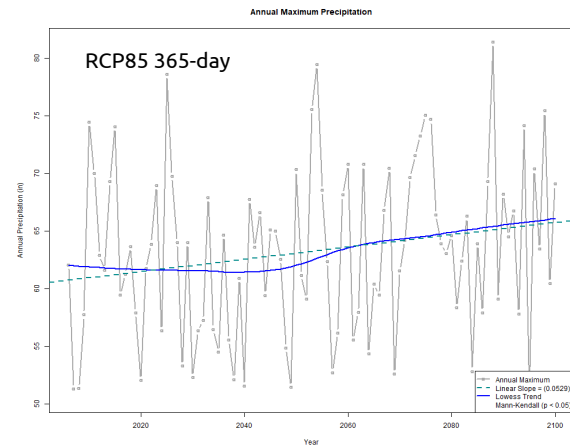
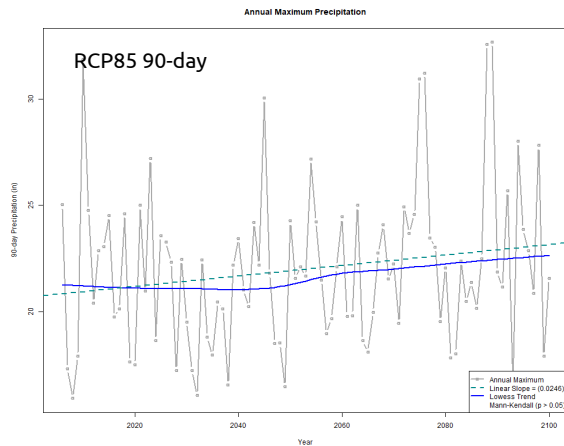
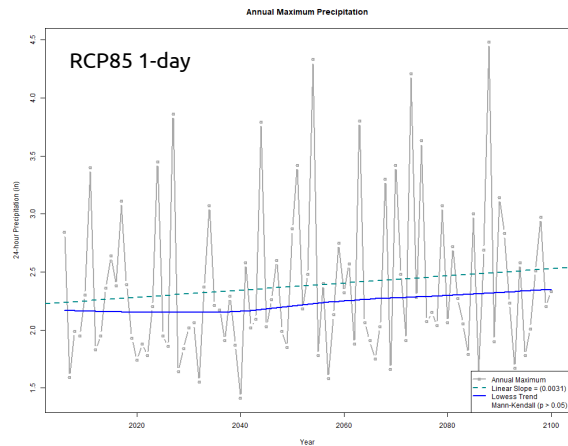
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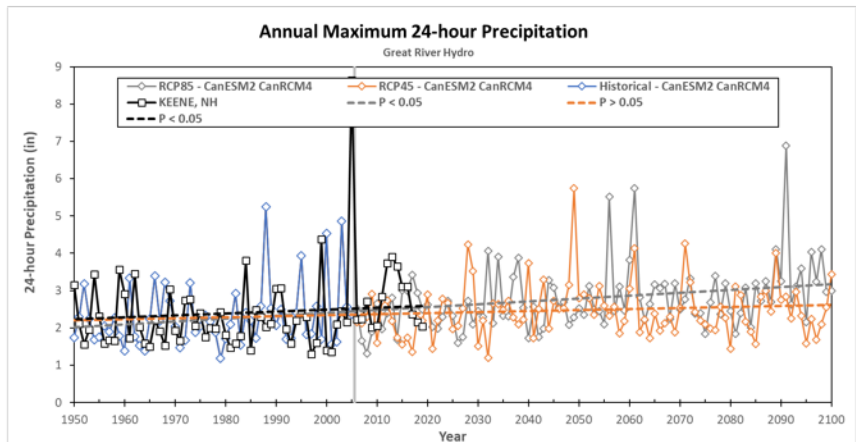
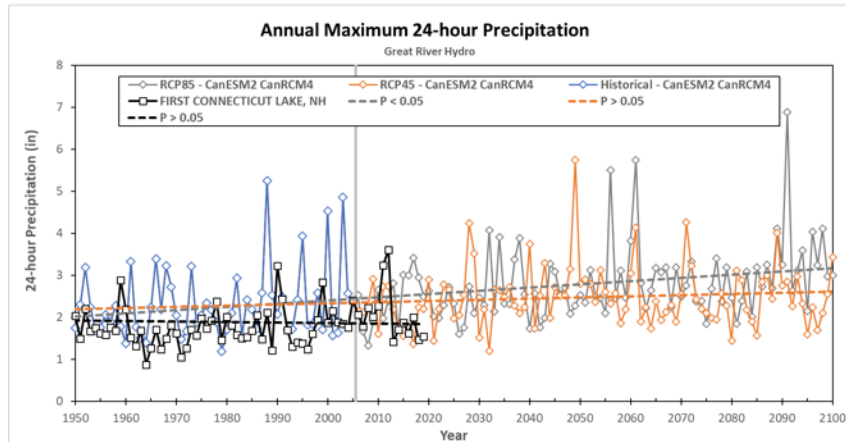
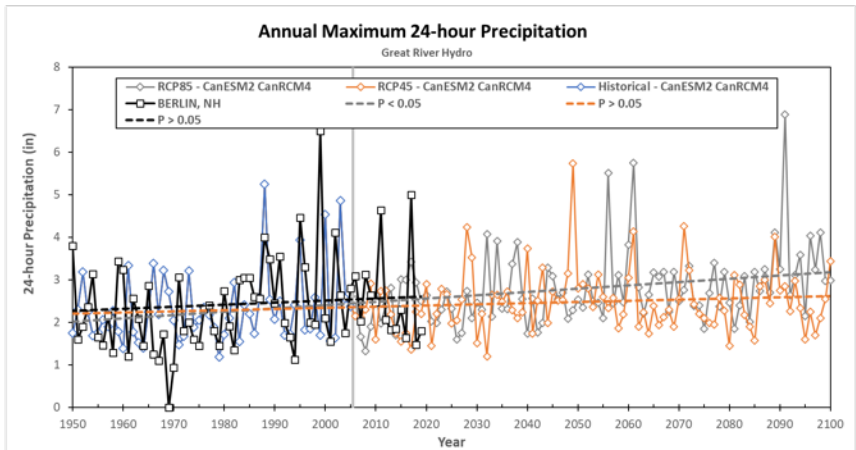
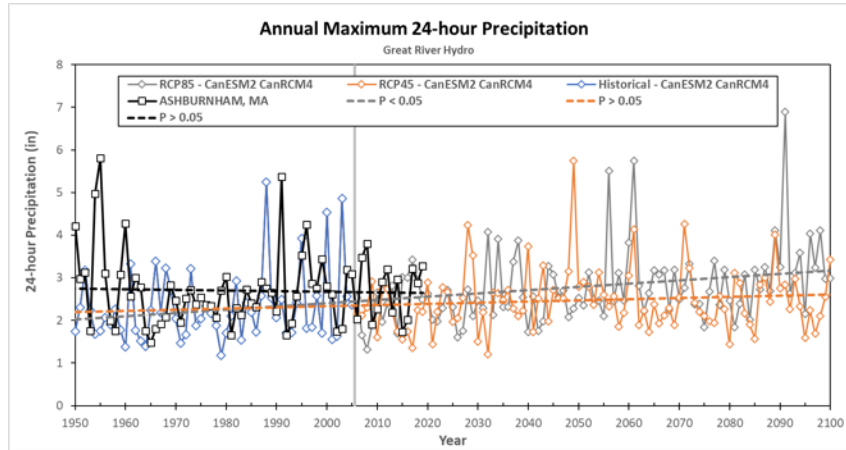
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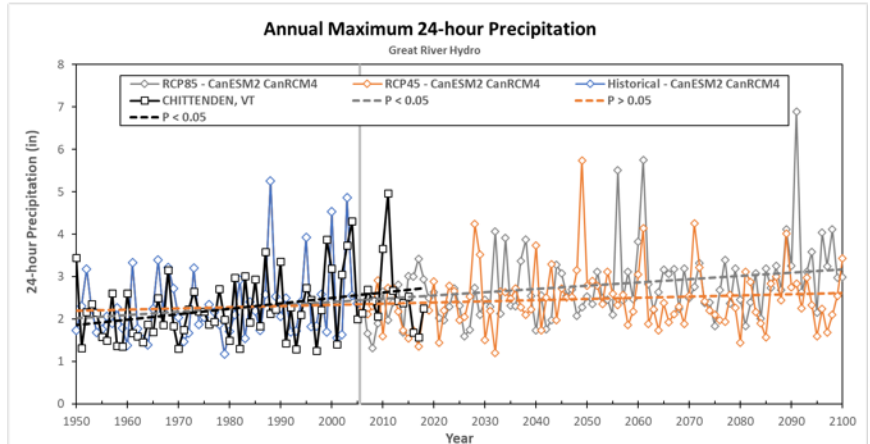
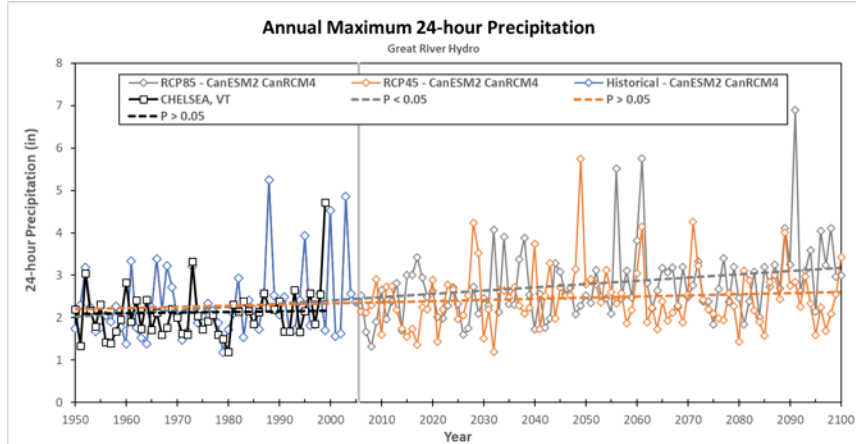
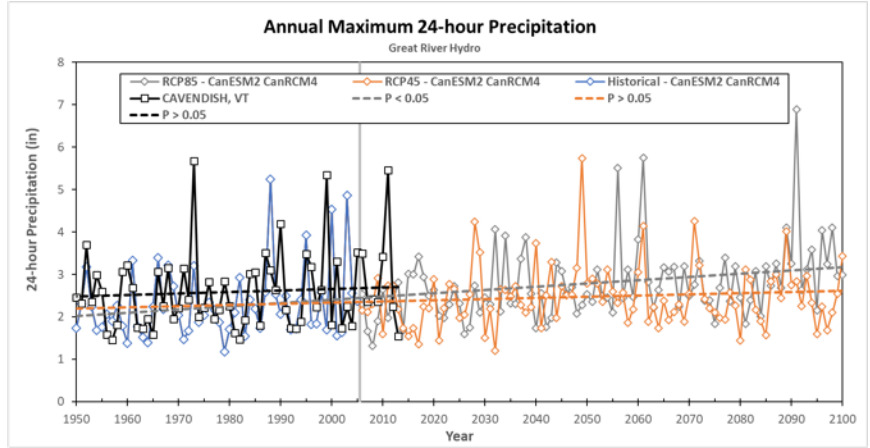
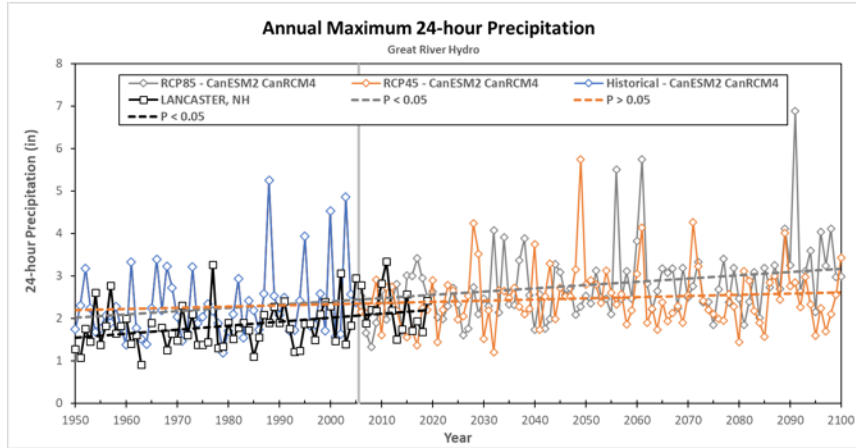


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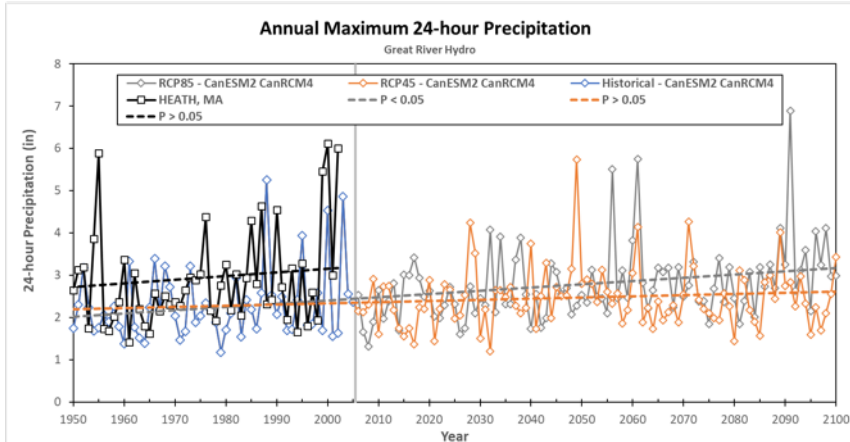
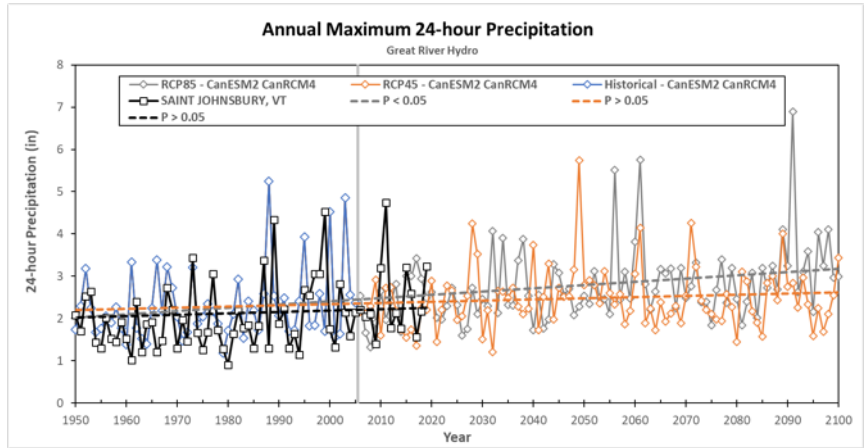
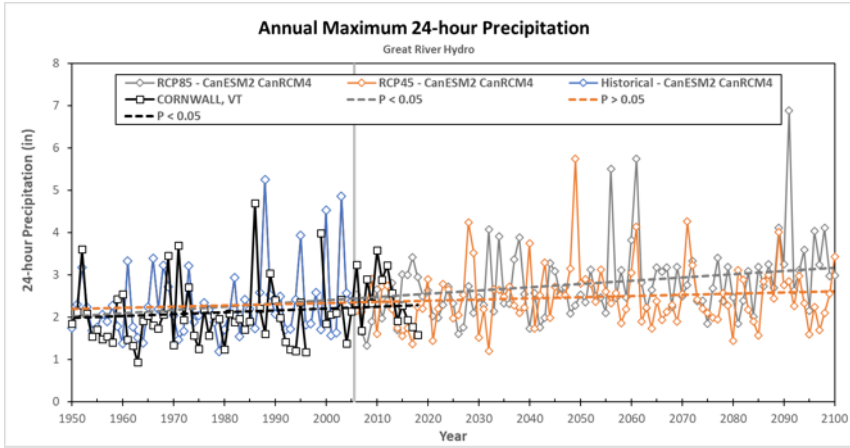




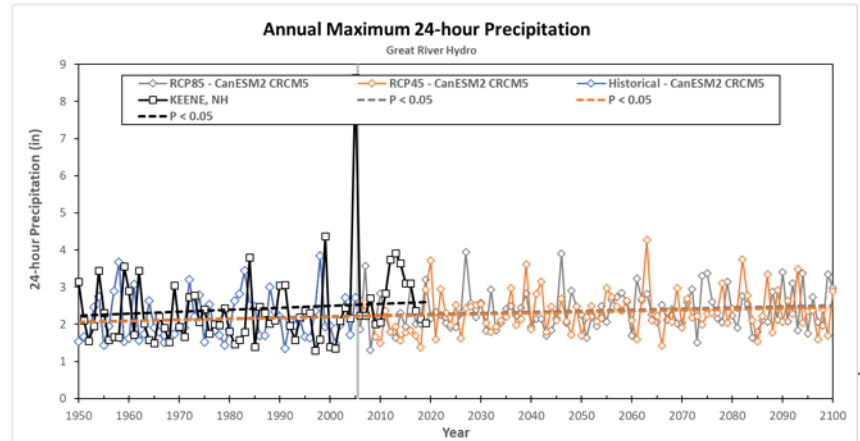
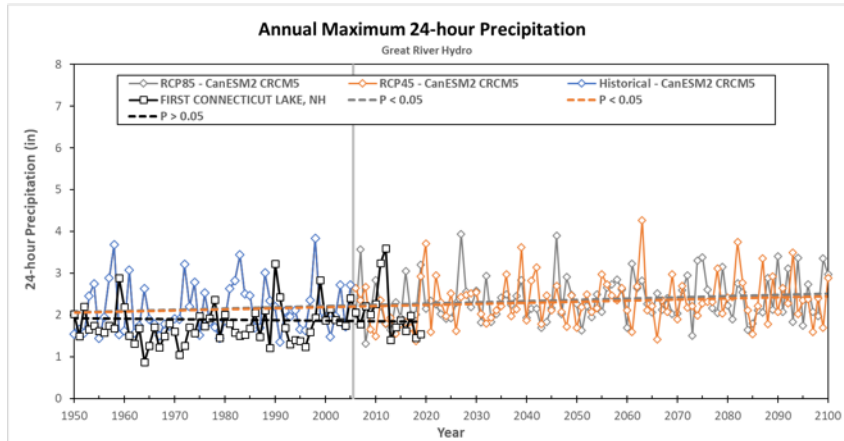
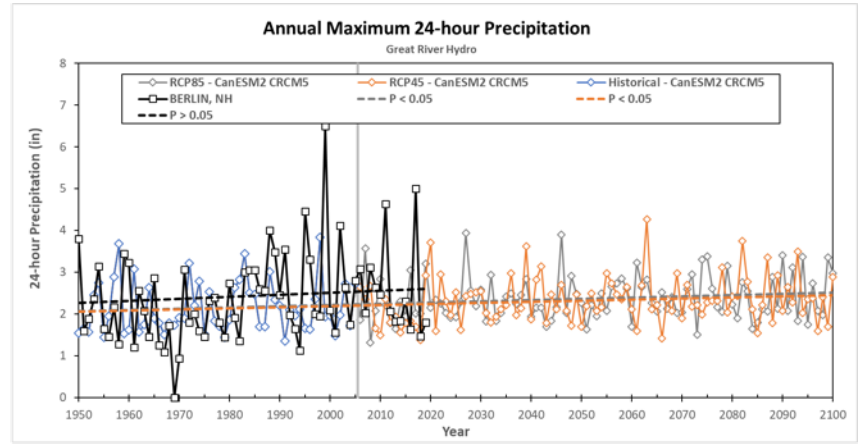
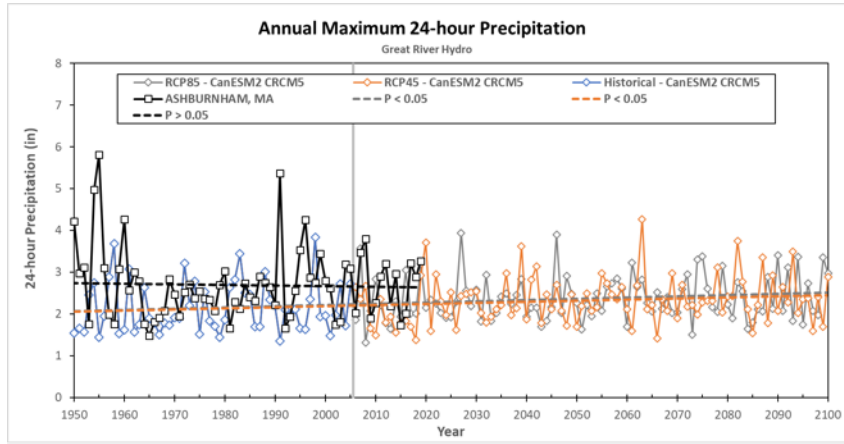
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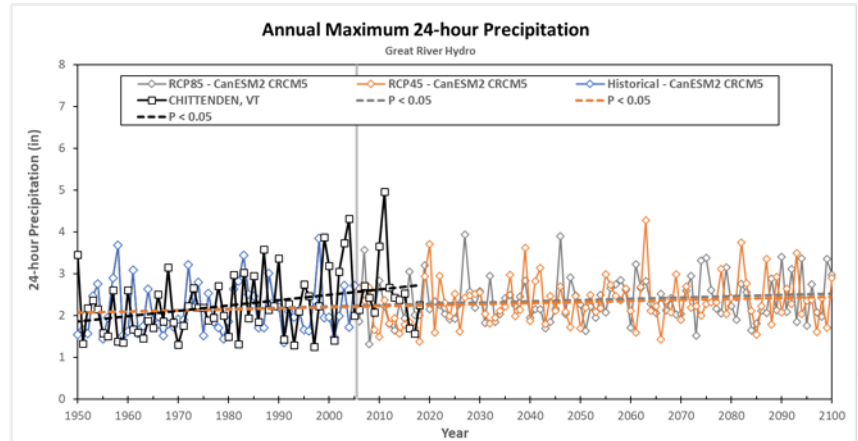
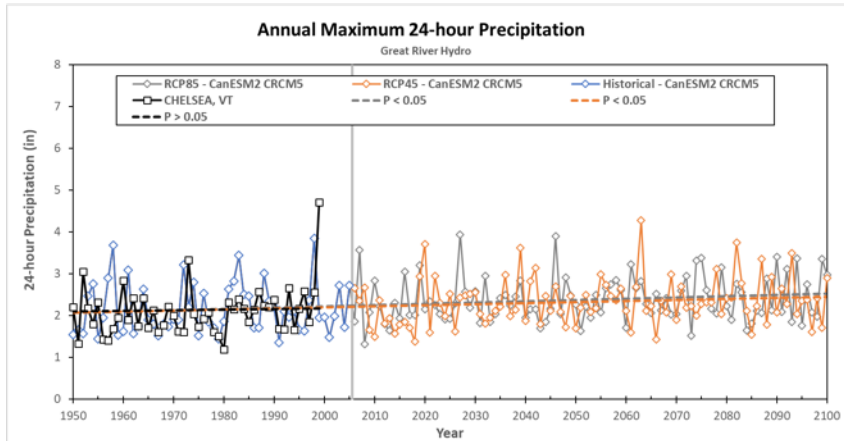
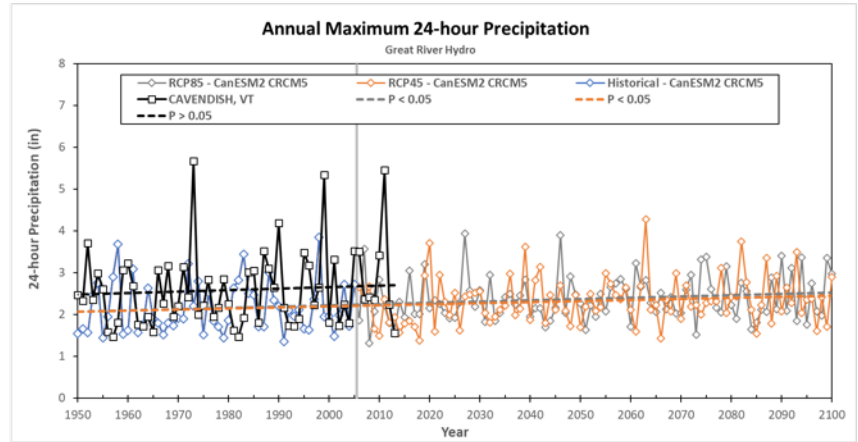
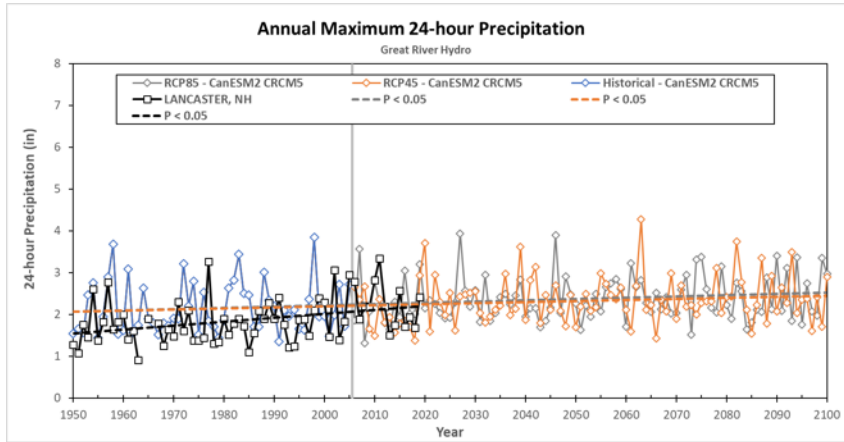
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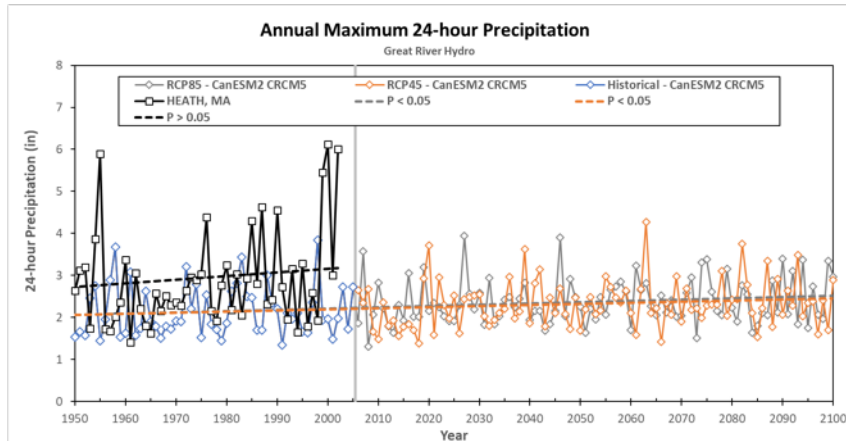
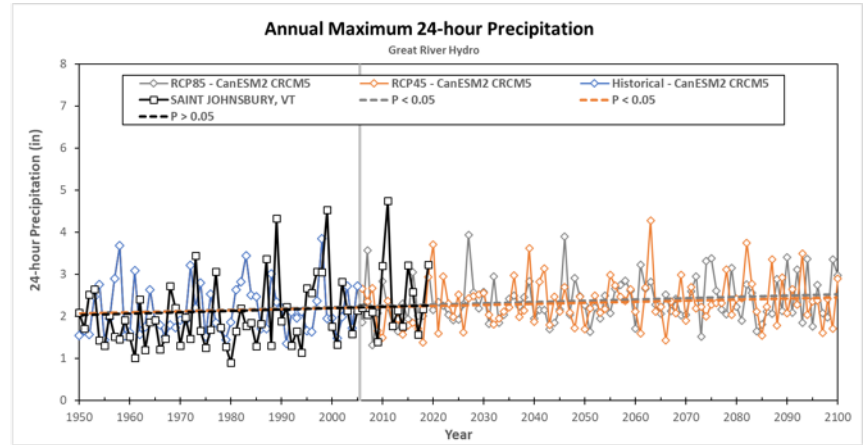
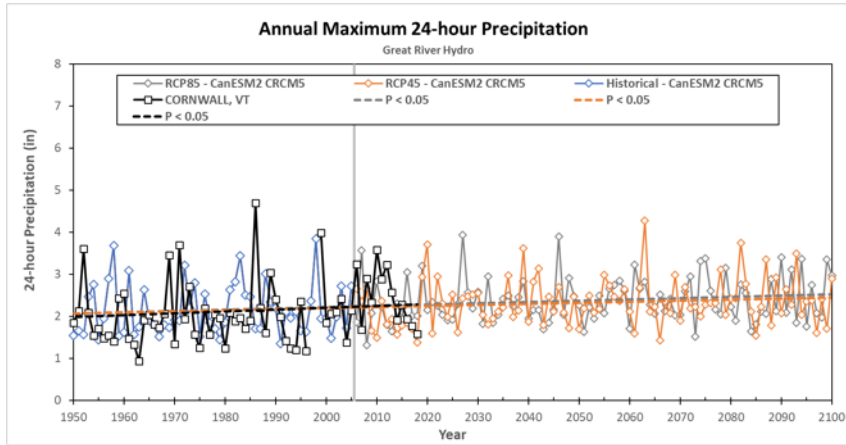
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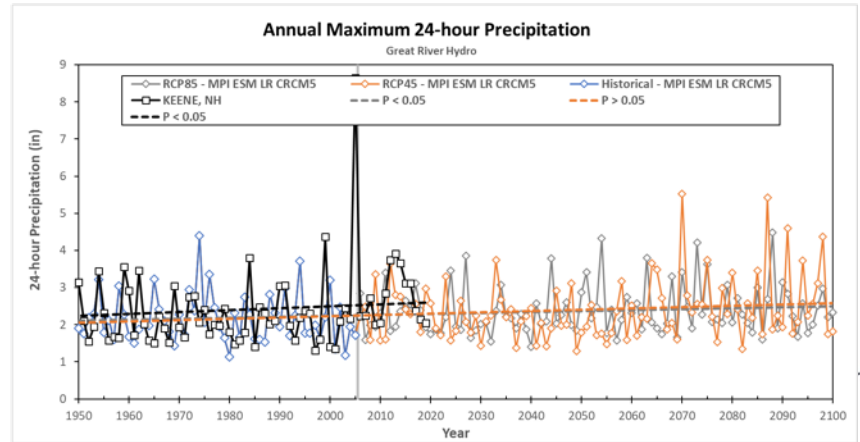
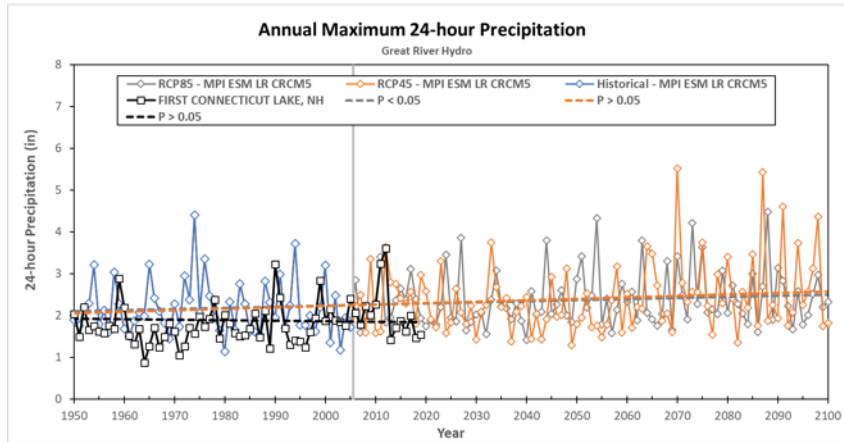
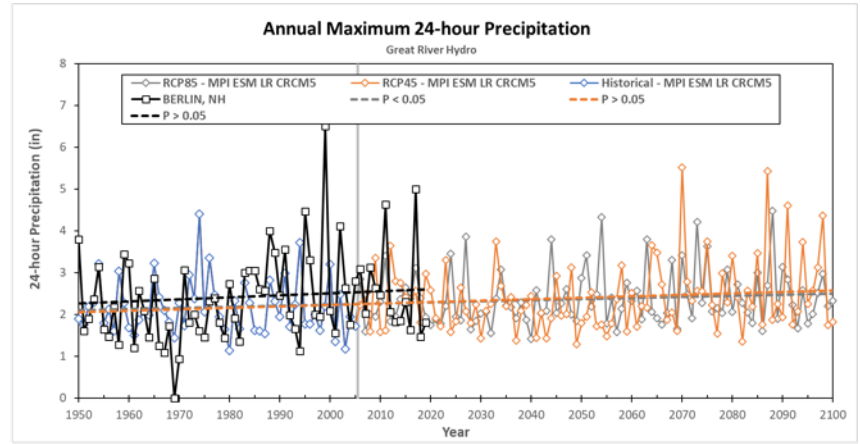
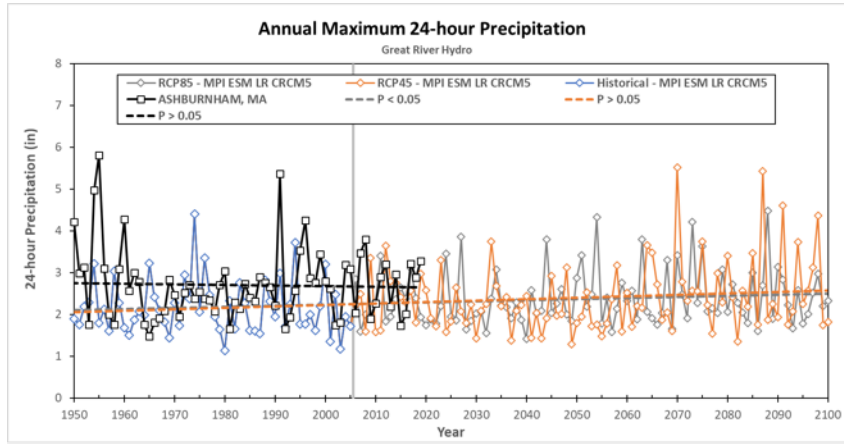
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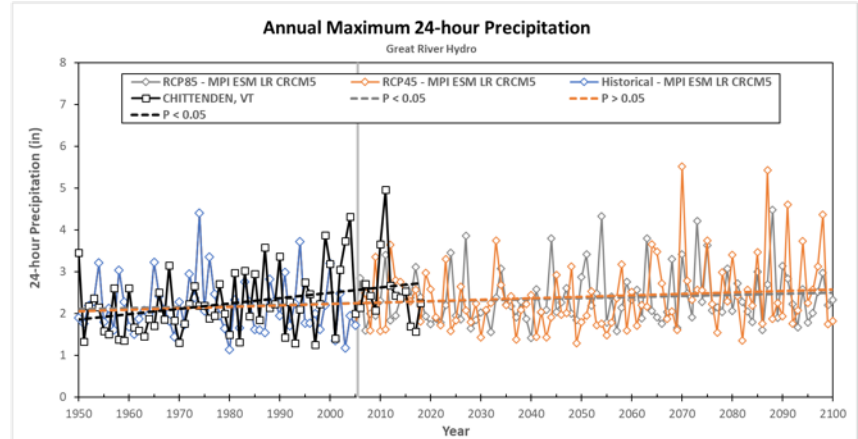
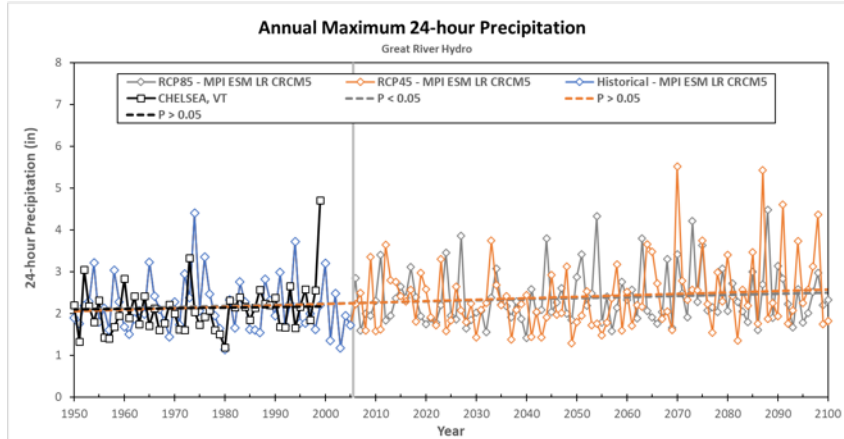
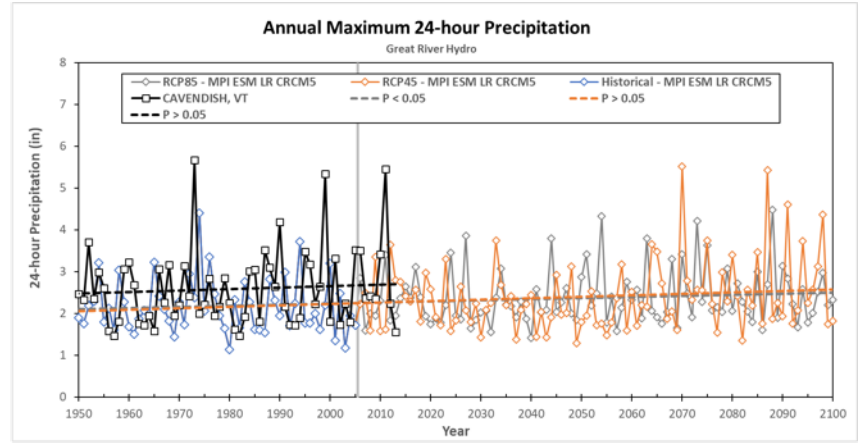
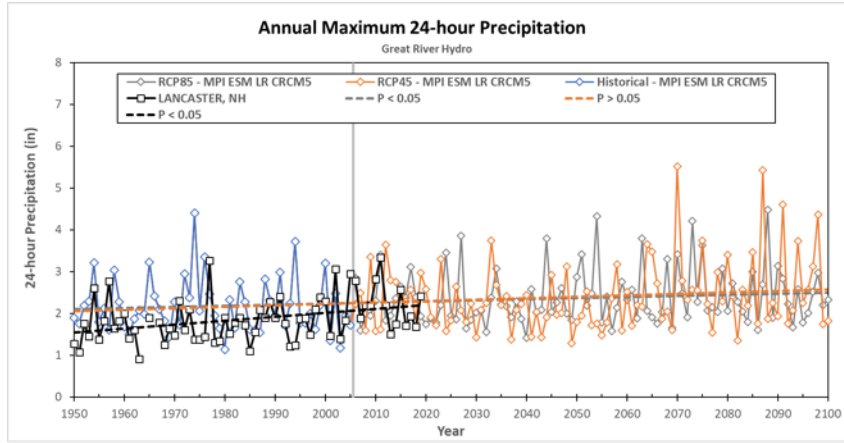


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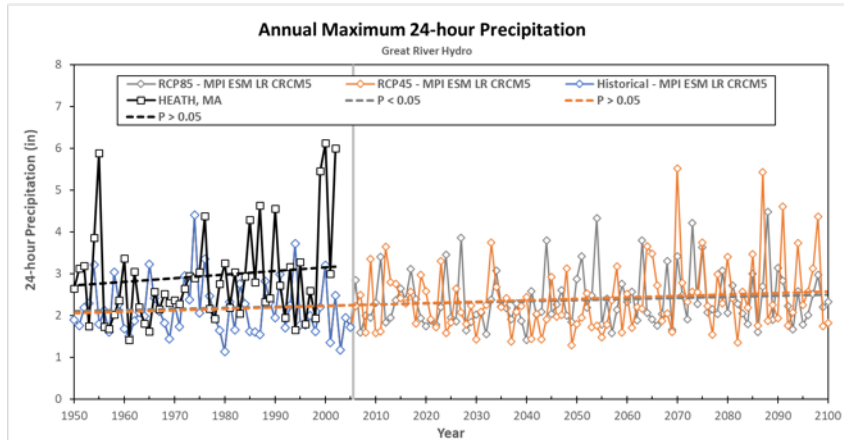
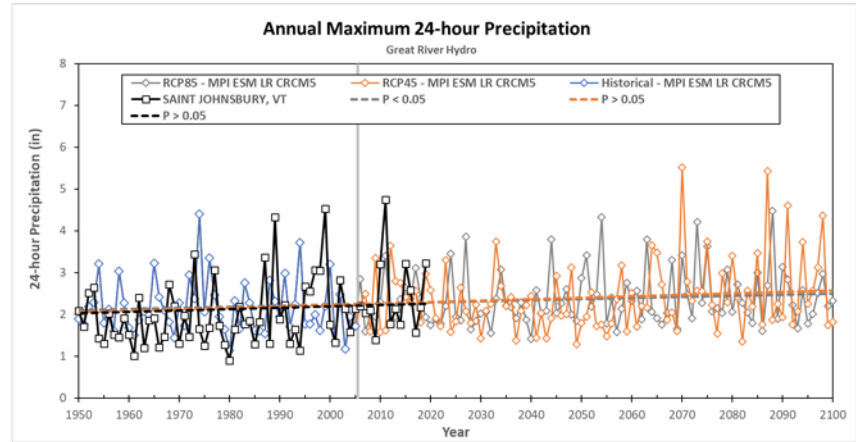
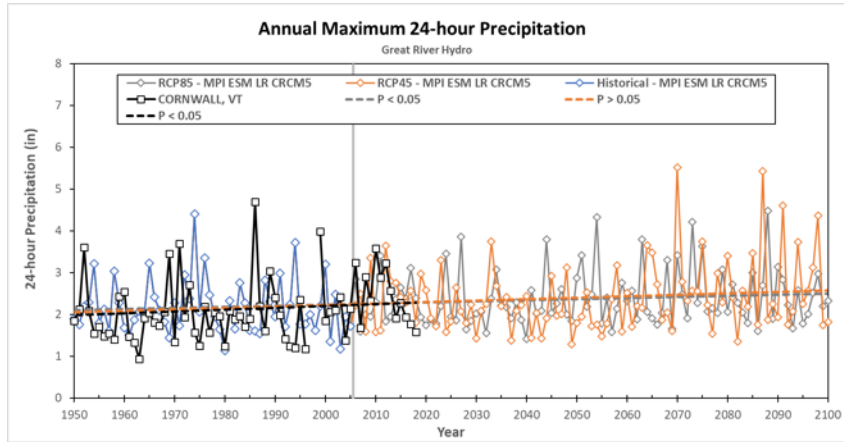




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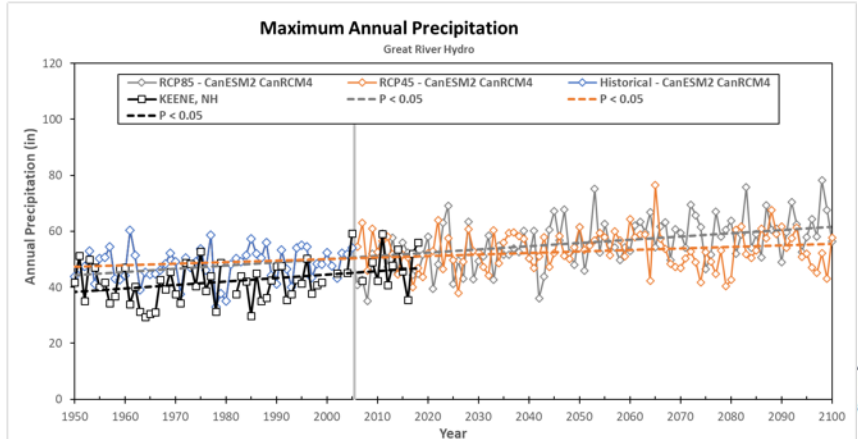
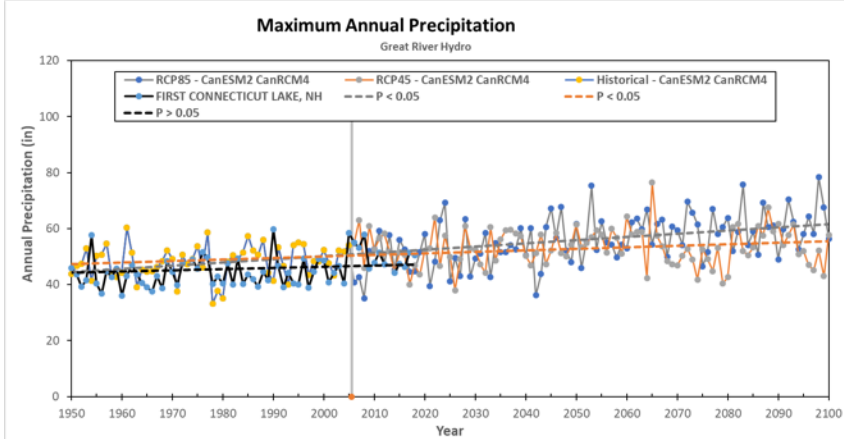
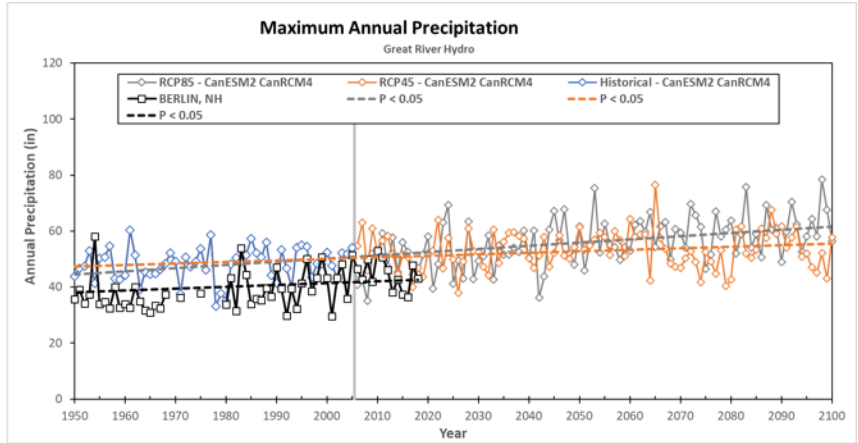
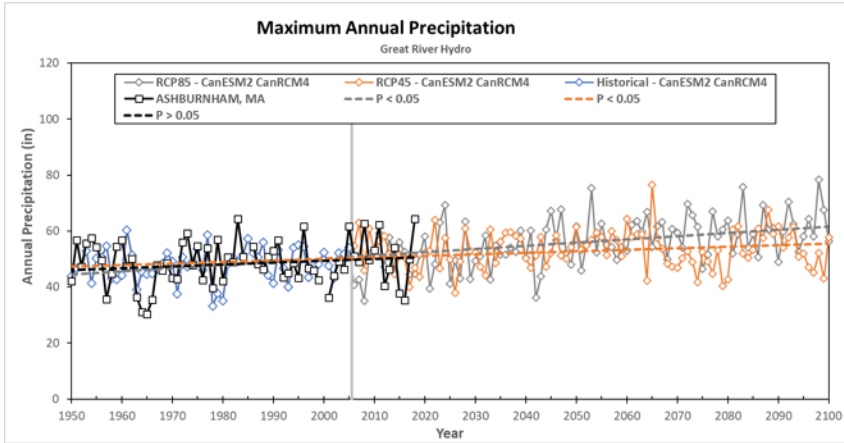


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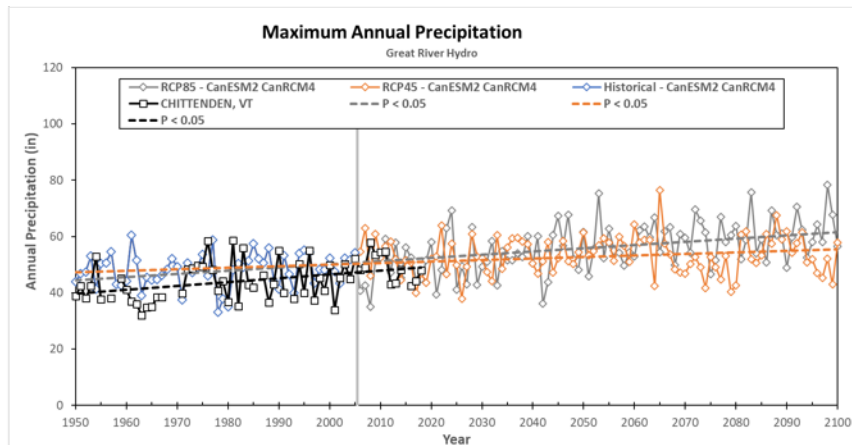
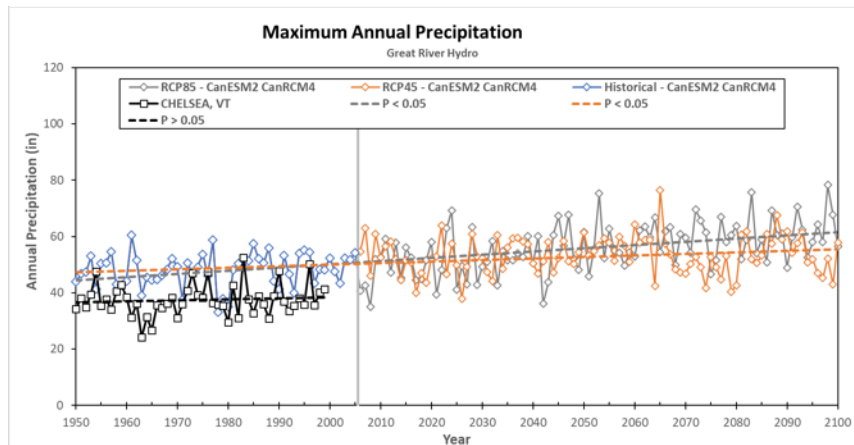
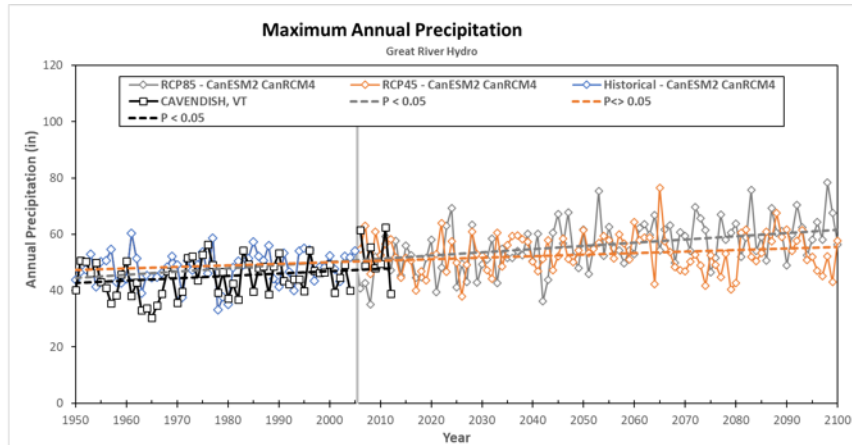
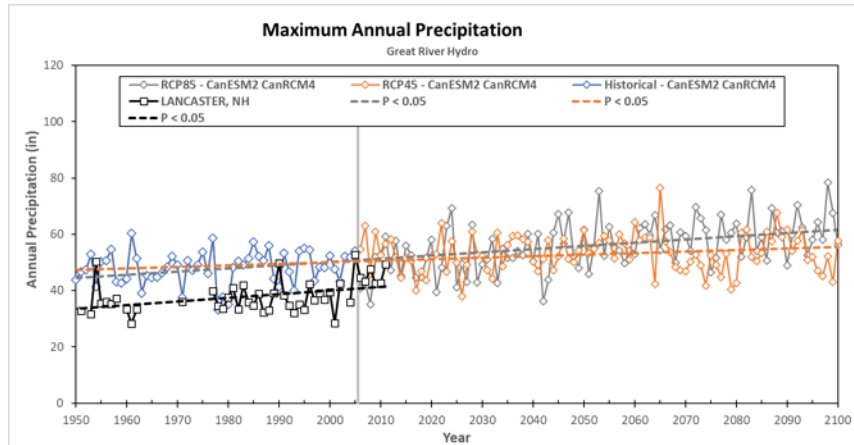




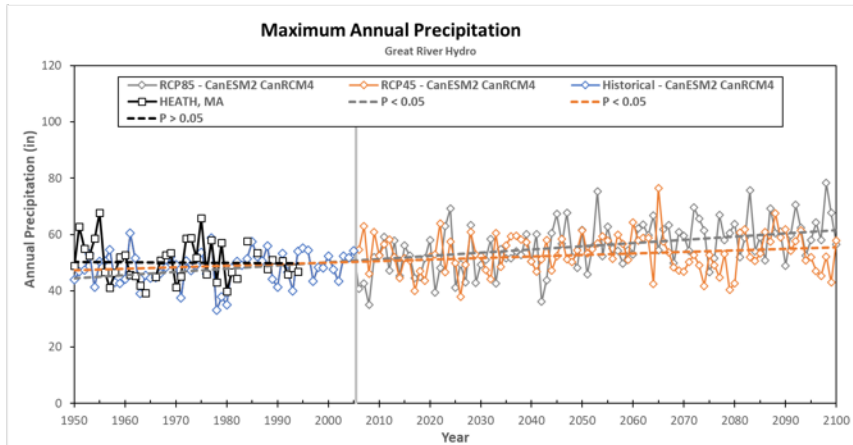
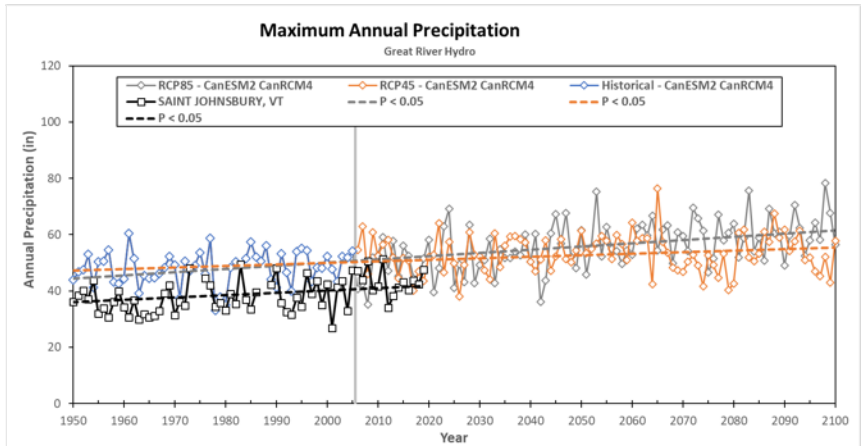
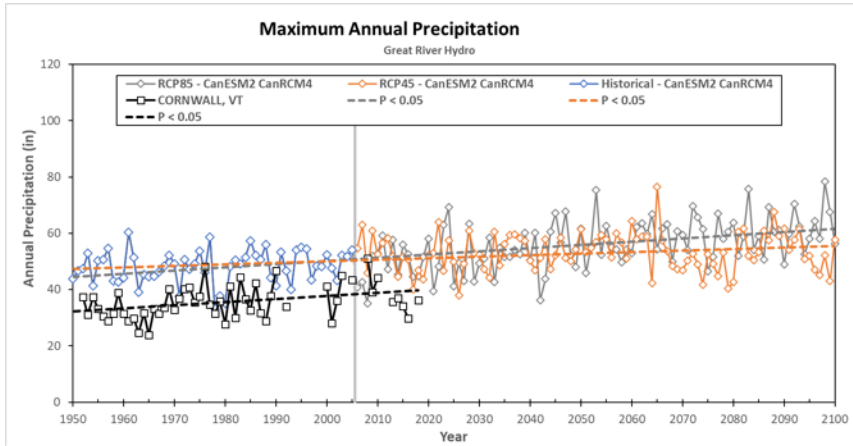
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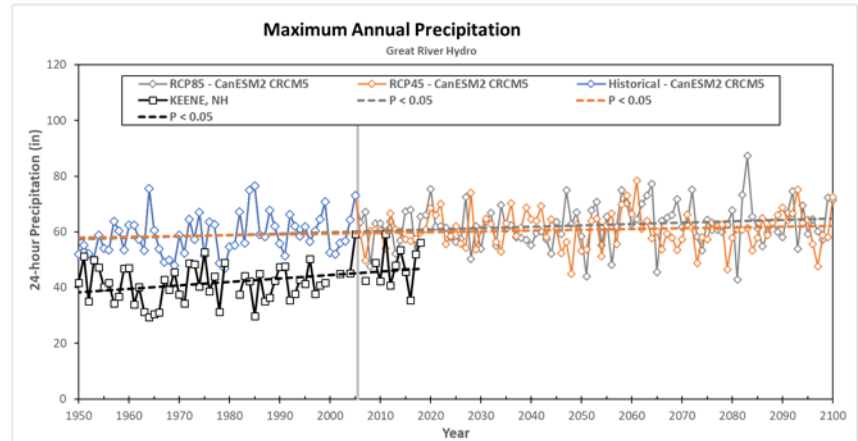
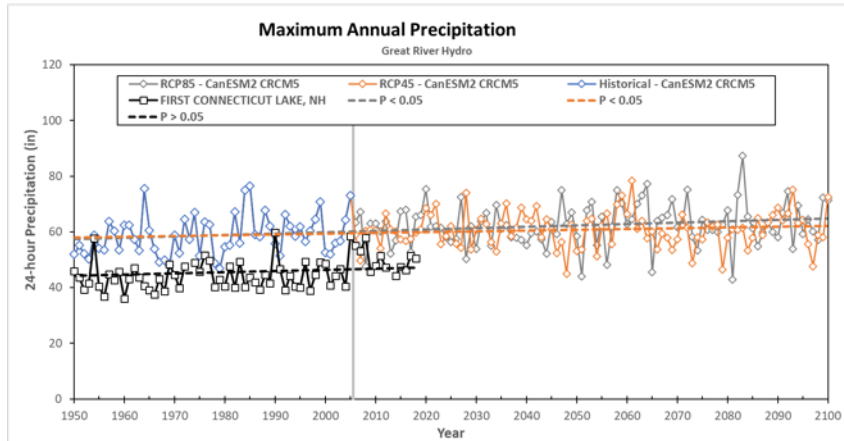
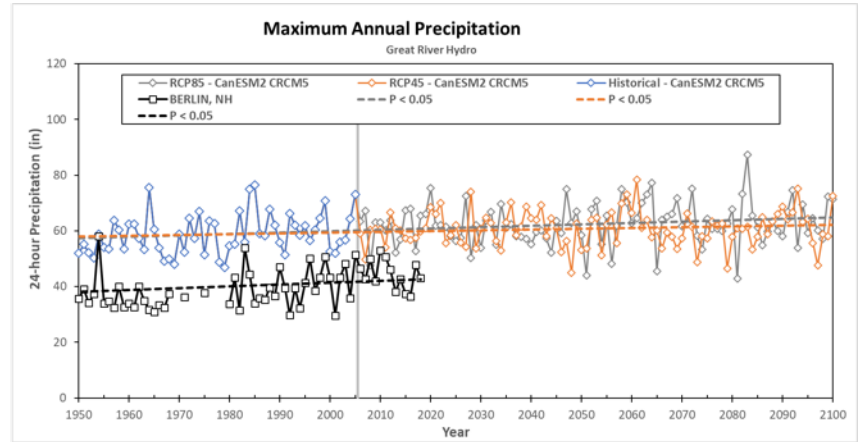
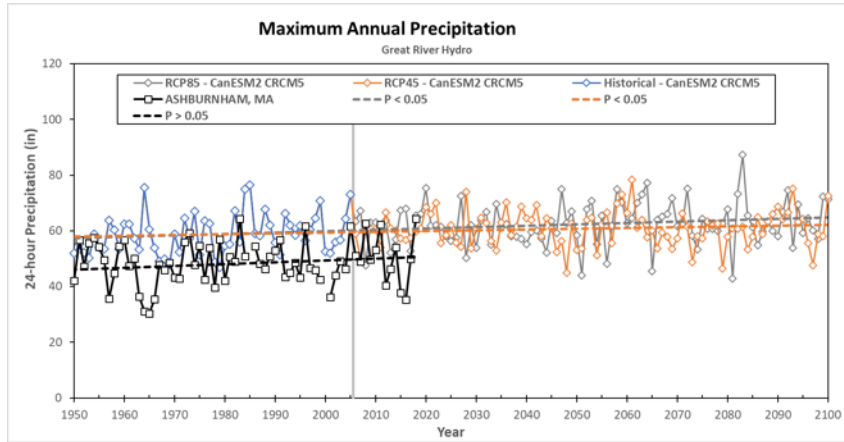
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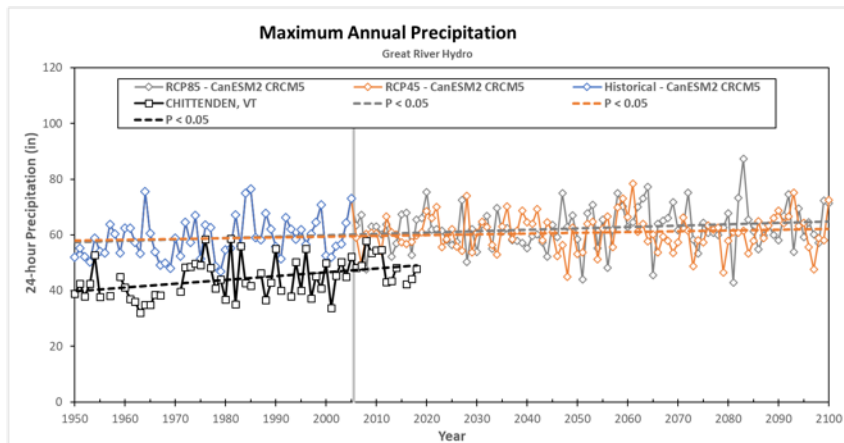
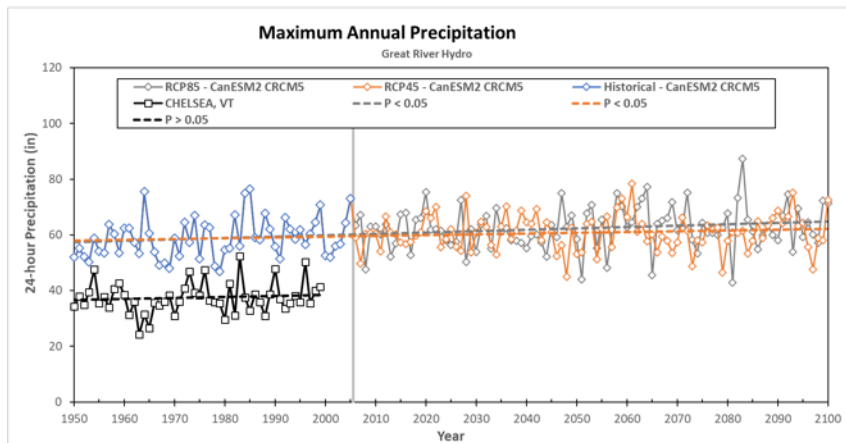
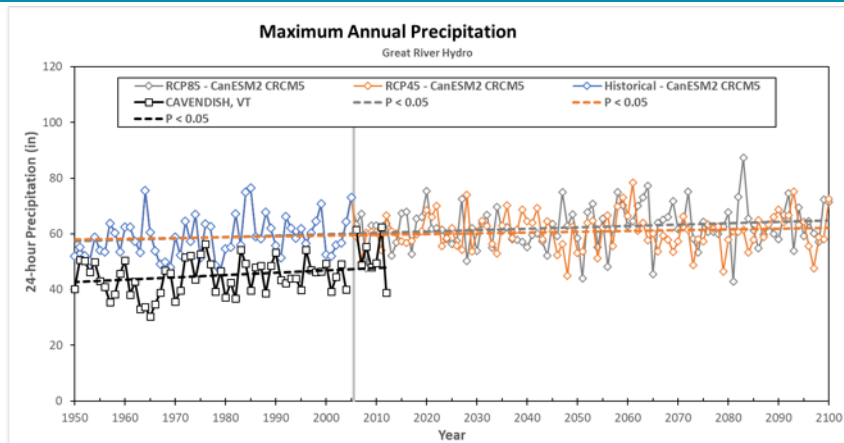
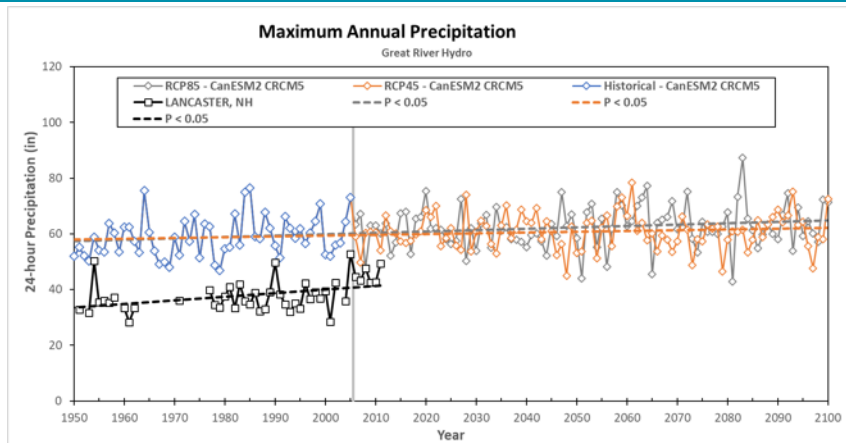
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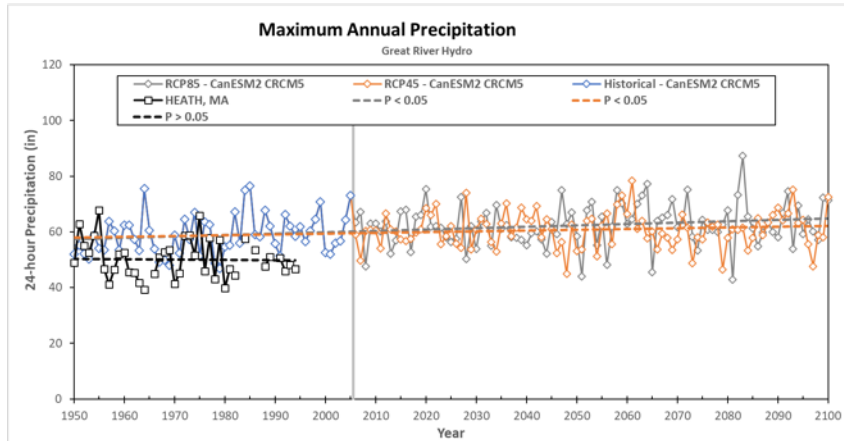
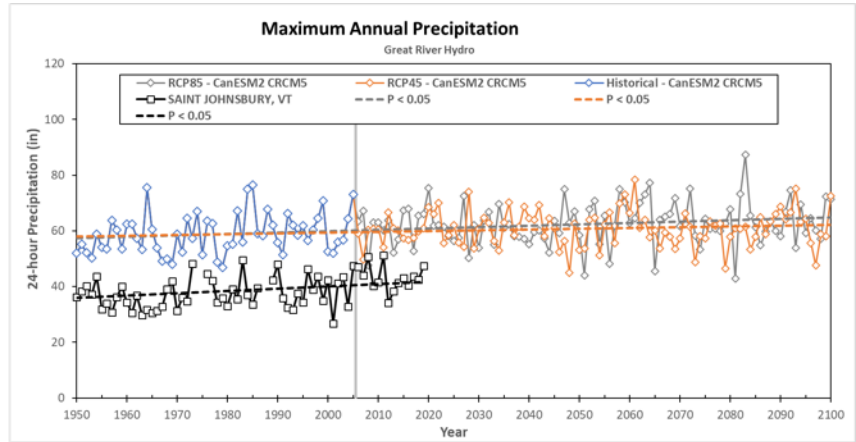
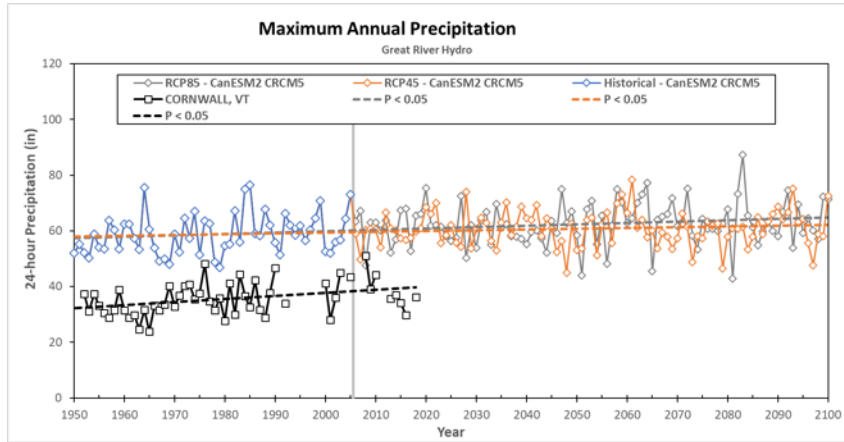
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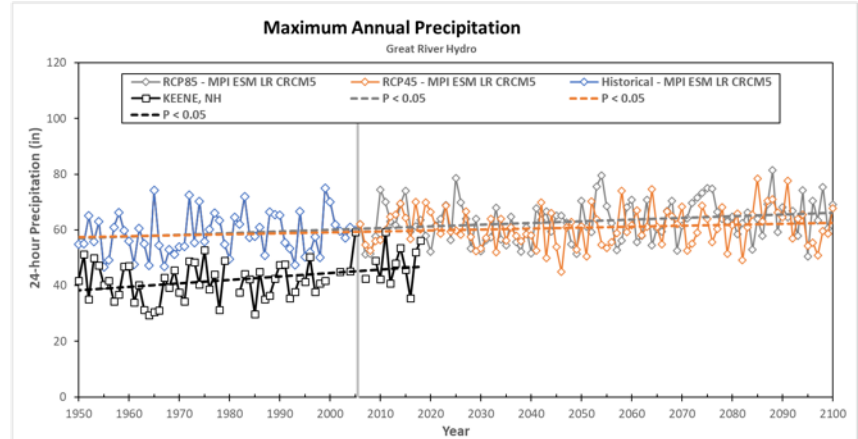
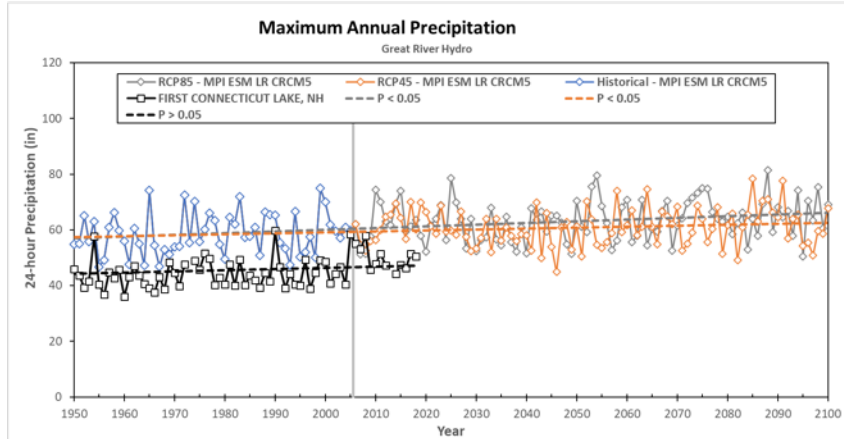
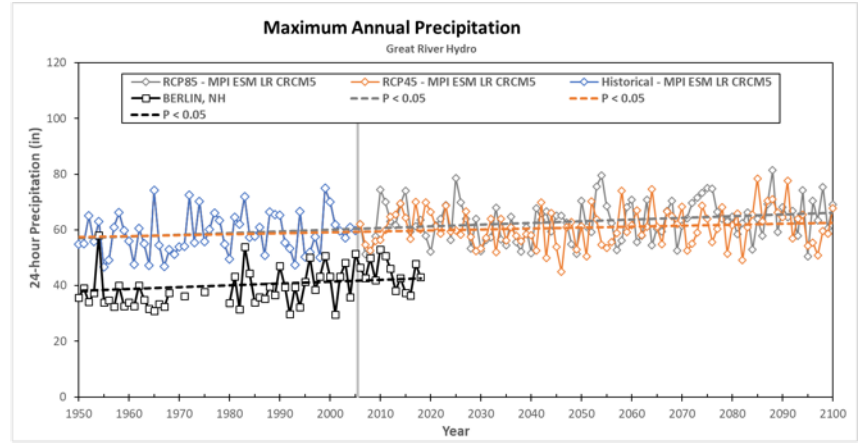
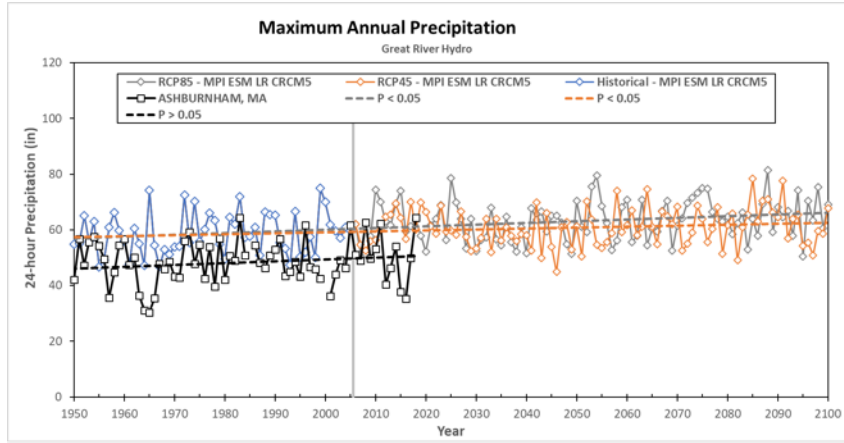
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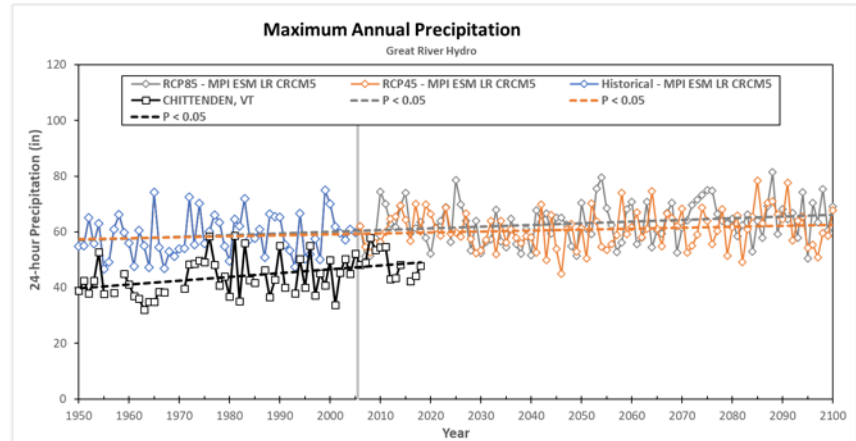
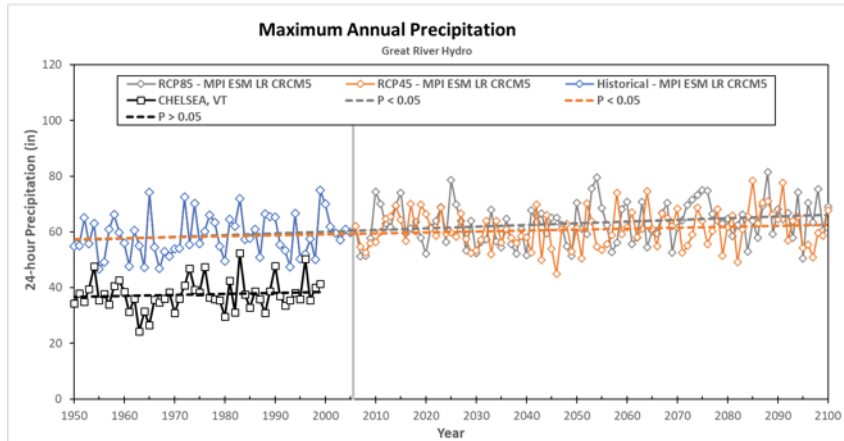
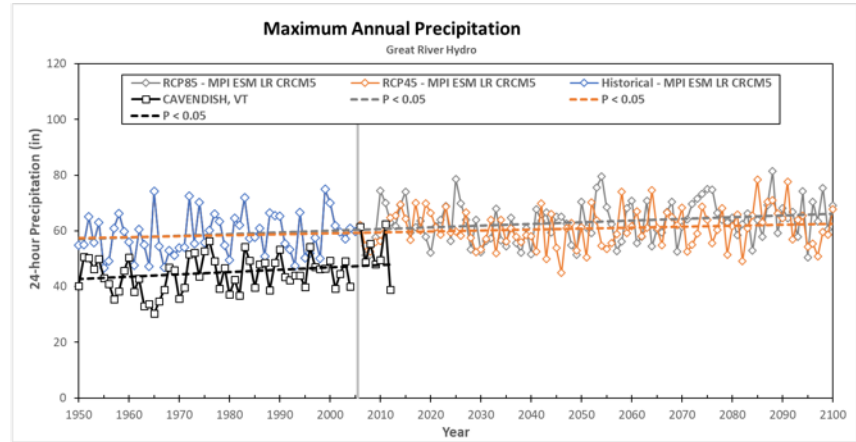
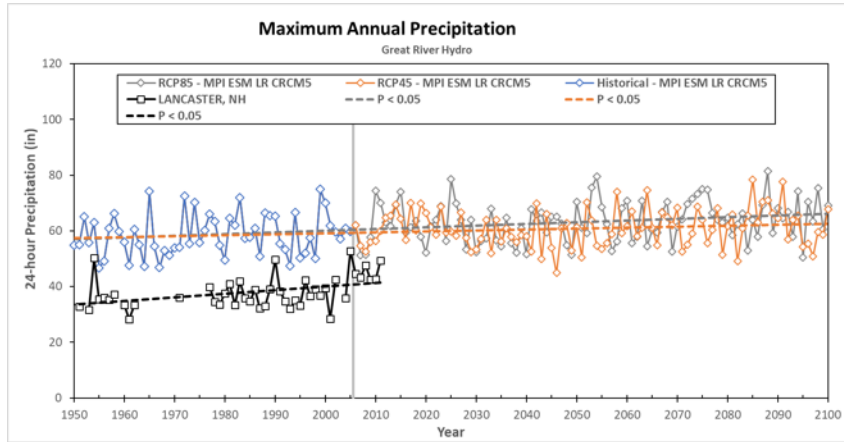


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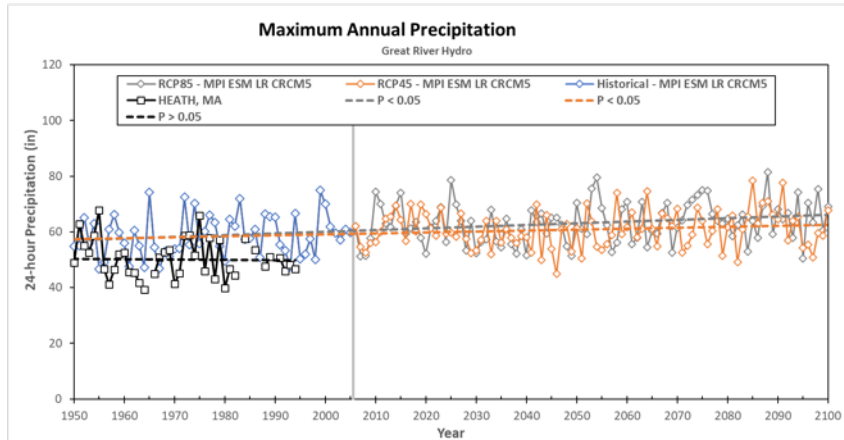
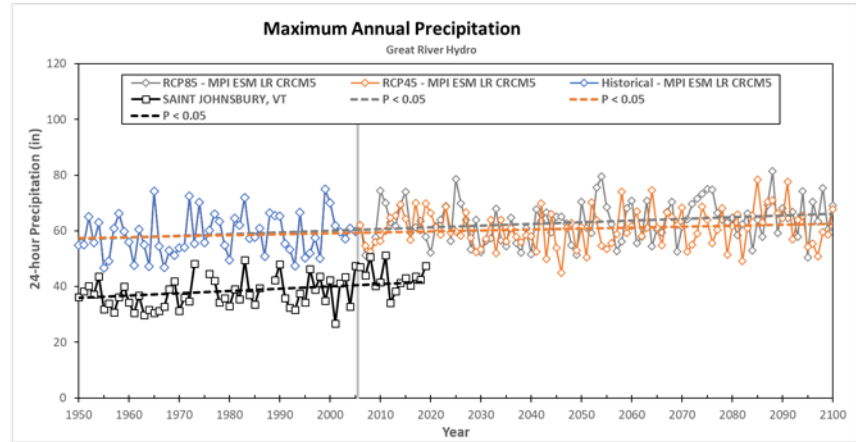
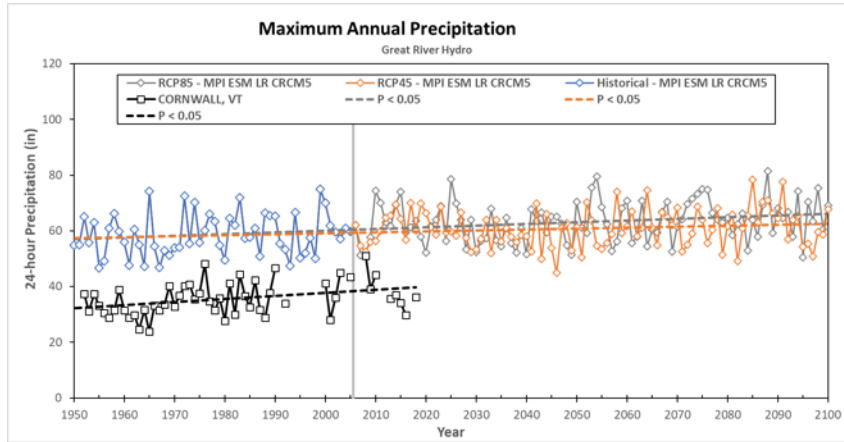


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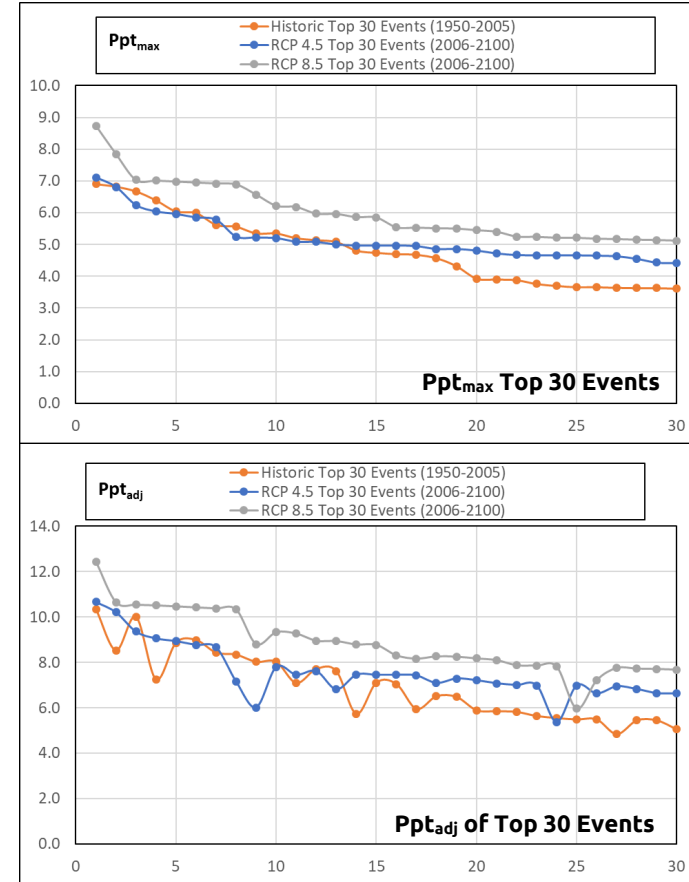
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- Estimate **3-day Ppt<sub>adj</sub>** for top 30 3-day precipitation events
  - Extracted top 30 precipitation events (**P**) and associated meteorological data
  - Quantified each storm events precipitable water (**Pobs**)
  - Quantified each storm events climatological maximum precipitable water (**Pw<sub>100</sub>**)
  - Calculated each storm events maximization factor ( $r = PW_{100} / PW_{obs}$ )
  - Estimated **Ppt<sub>adj</sub>** value for each event ( $P * r$ )

CanESM2 CanRCM4

Ppt <sub>max</sub>	(in)	Pct Change	Ppt <sub>adj</sub>	(in)	rank	Pct Change
Historical	6.9	-	Historical	10.4	1	-
RCP45	7.1	103%	RCP45	10.7	1	103%
RCP85	8.7	126%	RCP85	12.4	1	119%

+++ values represent 3-day not 72-hour



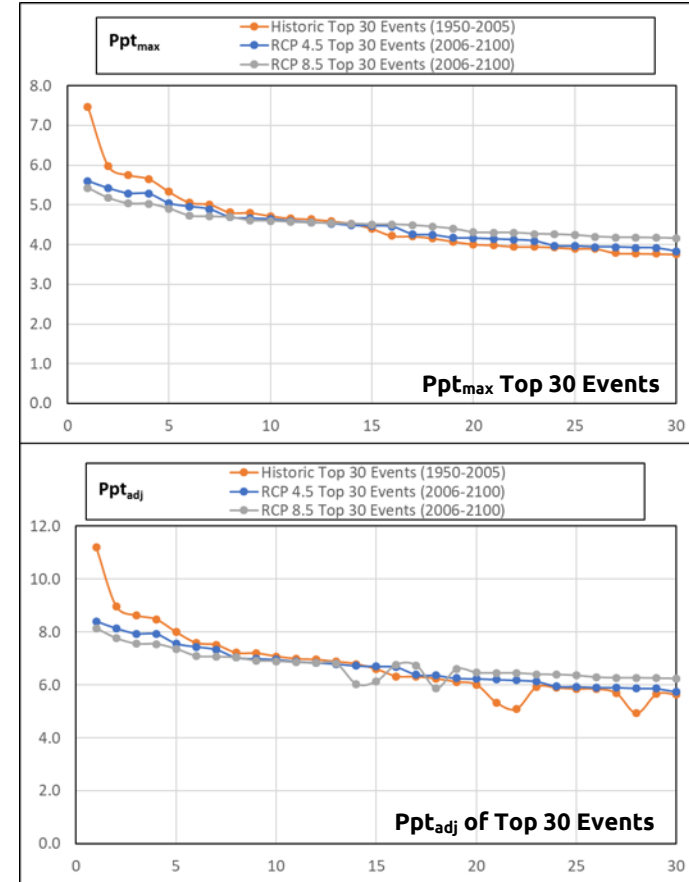
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  - Quantified each storm events precipitable water (**Pobs**)
  - Quantified each storm events climatological maximum precipitable water (**Pw<sub>100</sub>**)
  - Calculated each storm events maximization factor ( $r = PW_{100} / PW_{obs}$ )
  - Estimated **Ppt<sub>adj</sub>** value for each event ( $P * r$ )

CanESM2 CRCM5

Ppt <sub>max</sub>	(in)	Pct Change	Ppt <sub>adj</sub>	(in)	rank	Pct Change
Historical	7.5	-	Historical	11.2	1	-
RCP45	5.6	75%	RCP45	8.4	1	75%
RCP85	5.4	72%	RCP85	8.1	1	72%

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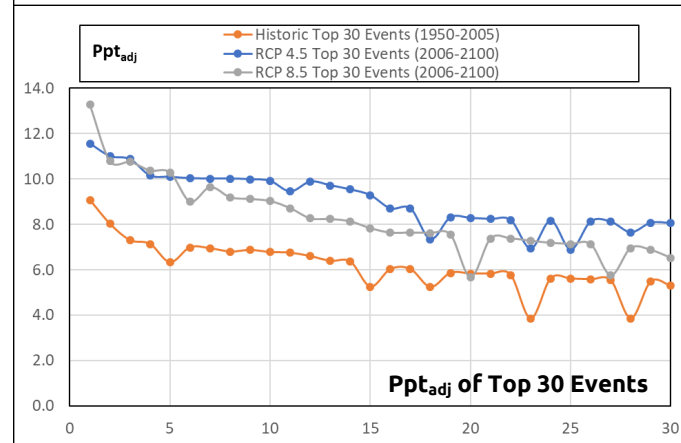
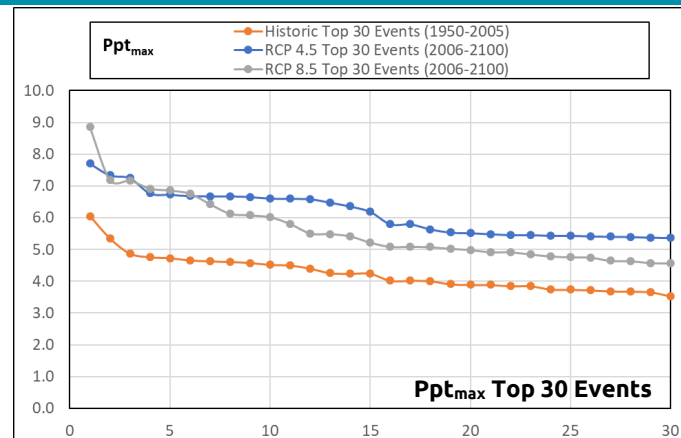
# 3b. Ppt<sub>max</sub> Analysis (MPI ESM LR CRCM5)

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  - Calculated each storm events maximization factor ( $r = PW_{100} / PW_{obs}$ )
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MPI ESM LR CRCM5

Ppt <sub>max</sub>	(in)	Pct Change	Ppt <sub>adj</sub>	(in)	rank	Pct Change
Historical	6.1	-	Historical	9.1	2	-
RCP45	7.7	126%	RCP45	11.6	1	127%
RCP85	8.9	146%	RCP85	13.3	1	146%

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# 4. Summary (Frequency of 1-day and 3-day events)

## Frequency of 1-day and 3-day events greater than 1-, 2-, 3-, 4-, 5-, and 6-inches

