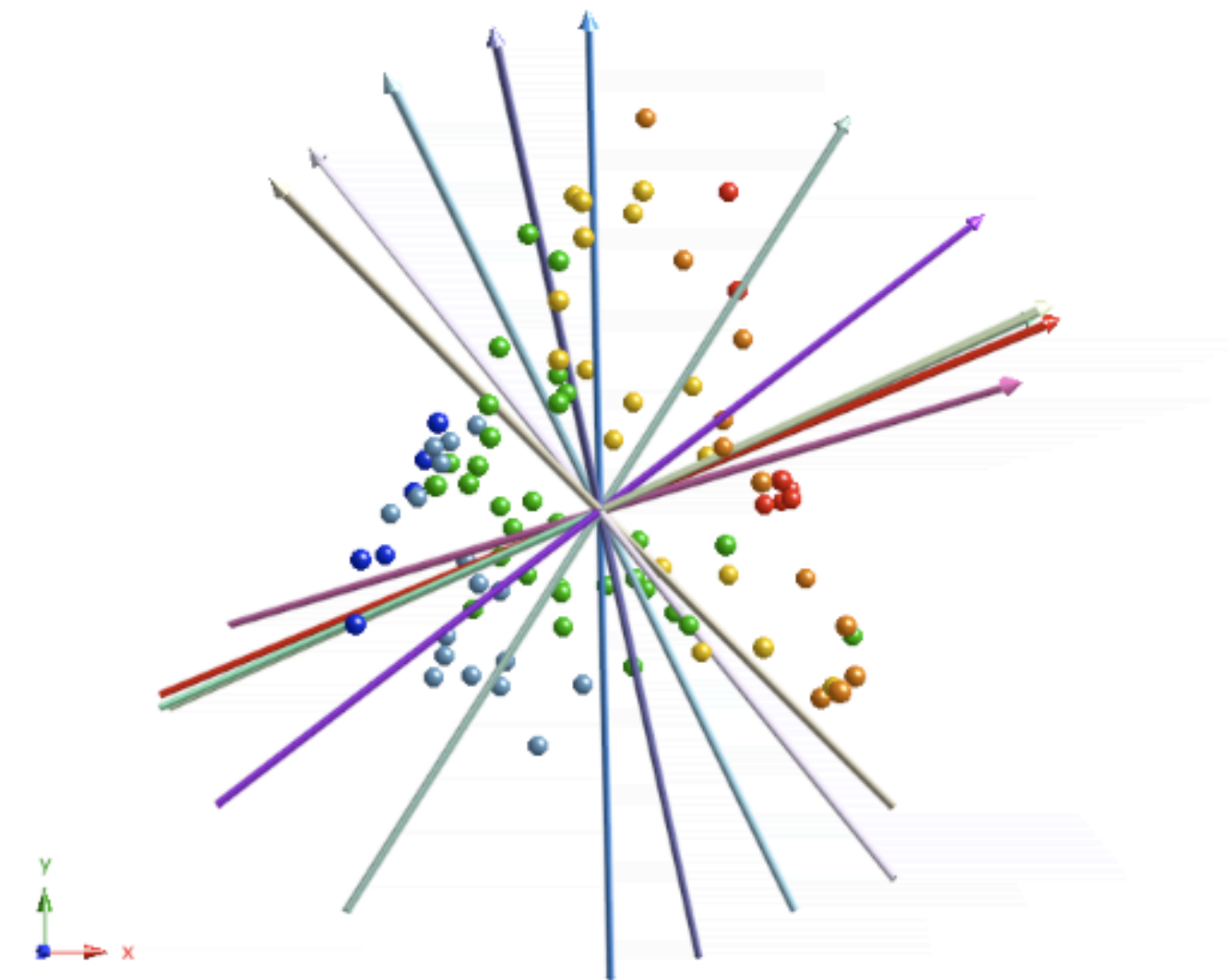


Observed growing season precipitation plotted against the GSP vector score. In dry environments leaf physiognomy maps on to precipitation better than in wet environments.

CLAMP offers the most diverse insights into past climates and inevitably is continually being refined and improved. New developments include the use of globally gridded meteorological data and, in due course, the vector based approach will be replaced by the use of nearest neighbours (*sensu* Stranks and England, 1997, The use of a resemblance function in the measurement of climatic parameters from the physiognomy of woody dicotyledons. *Palaeogeography, Palaeoclimatology, Palaeoecology*, 131: 15-28).



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