

An European wide meteorological data set suitable for electricity modelling

supply and demand for actual climate
and climate change projections

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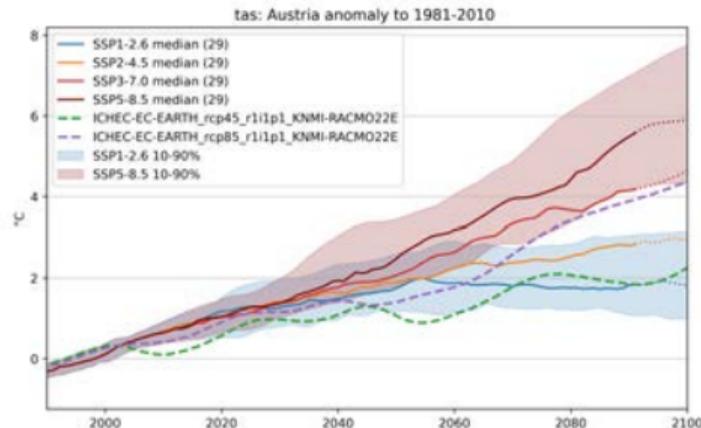
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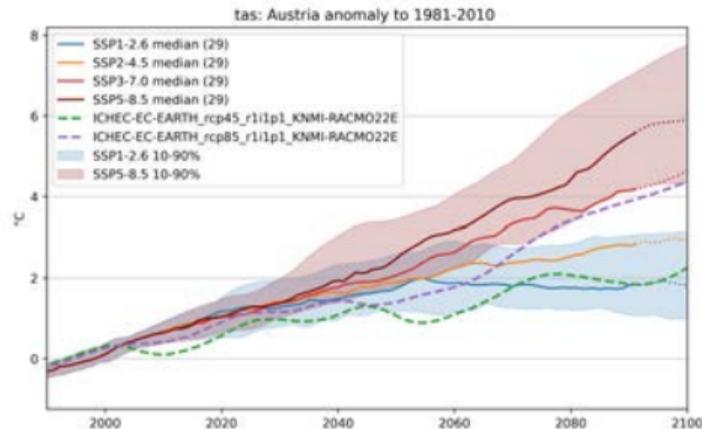
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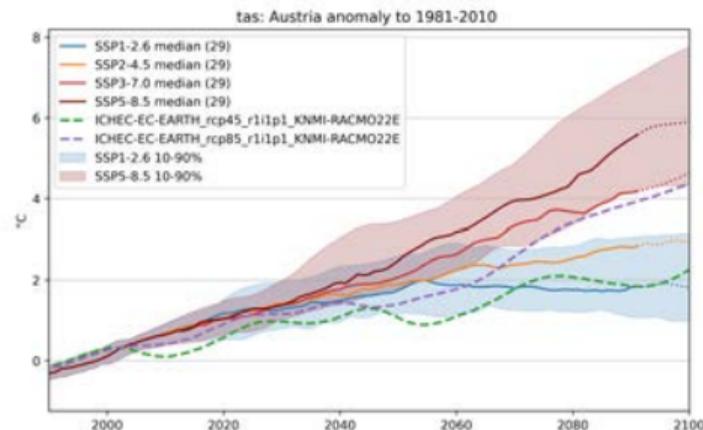
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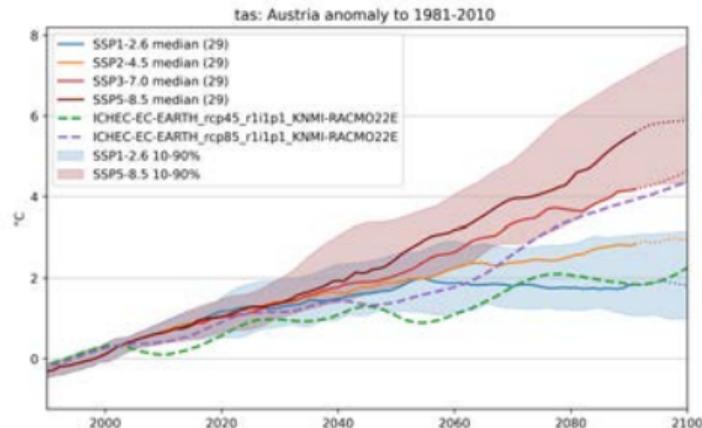
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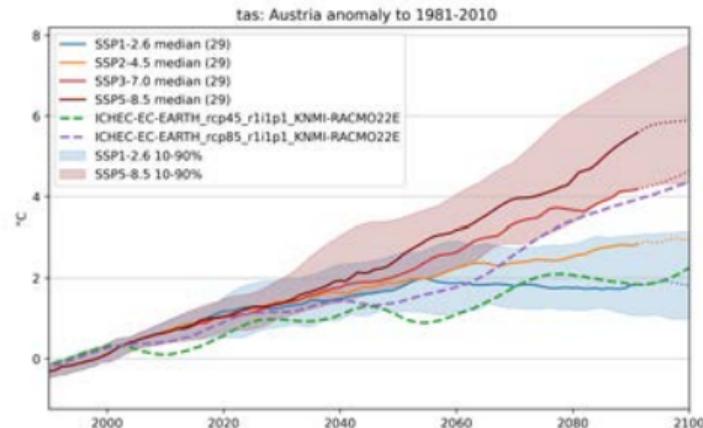
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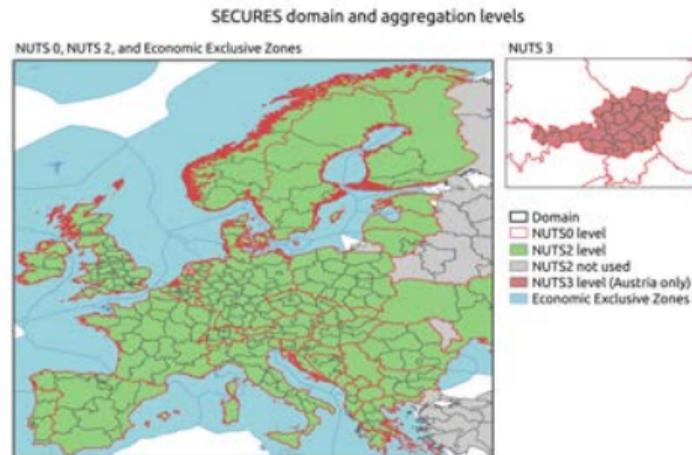
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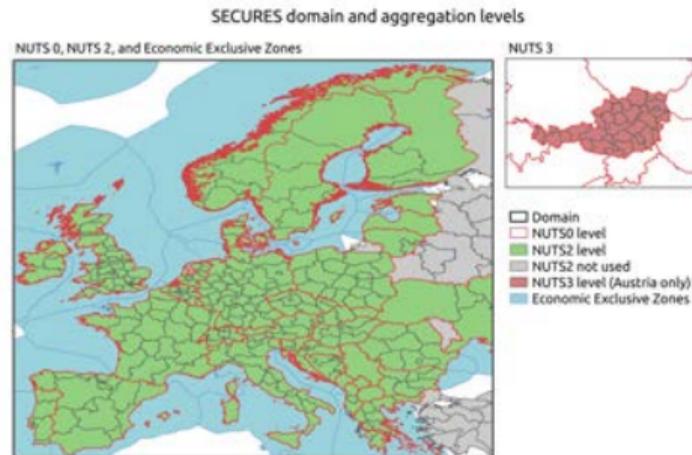
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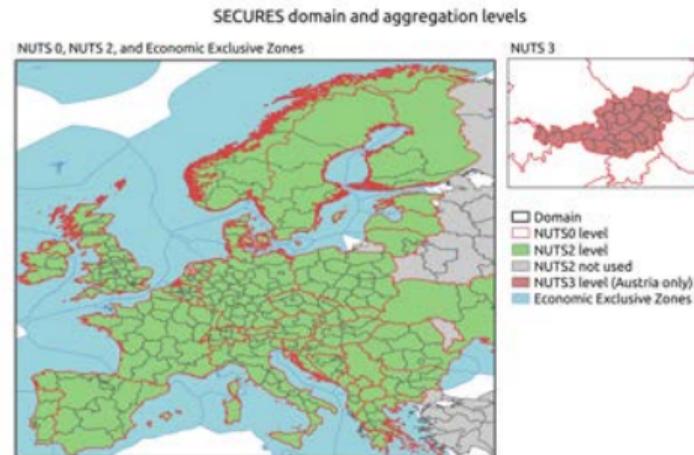
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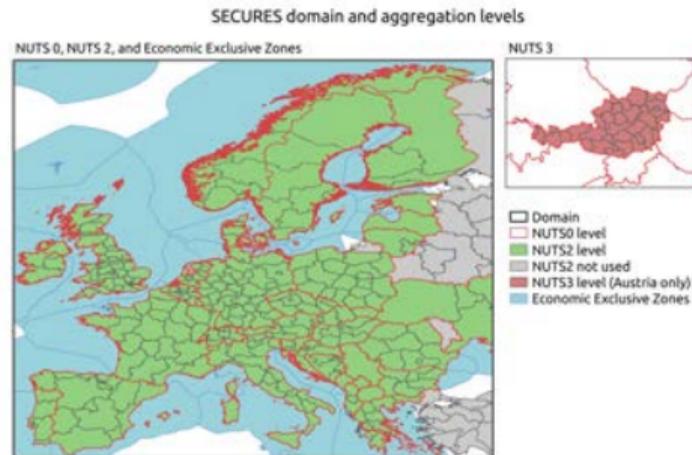
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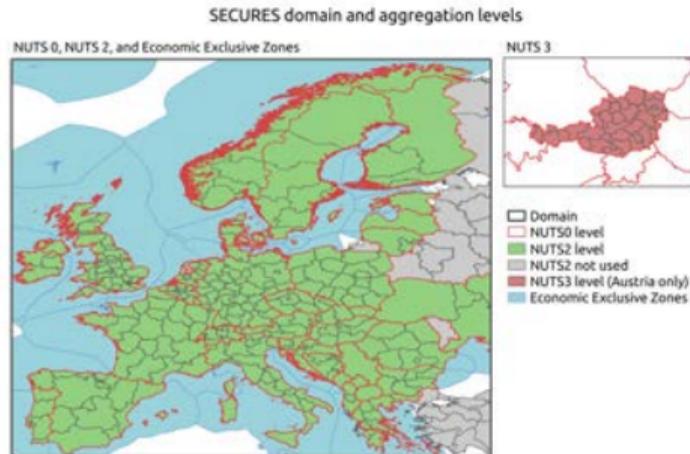
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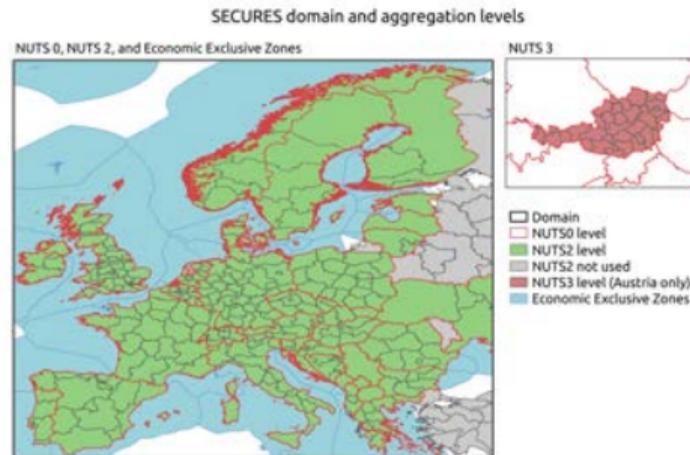
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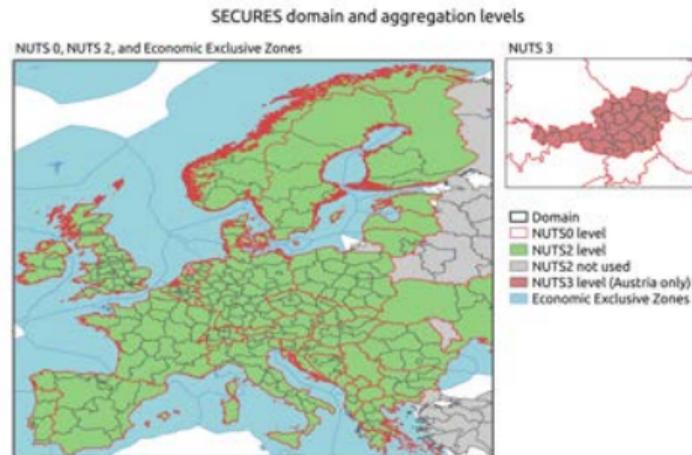
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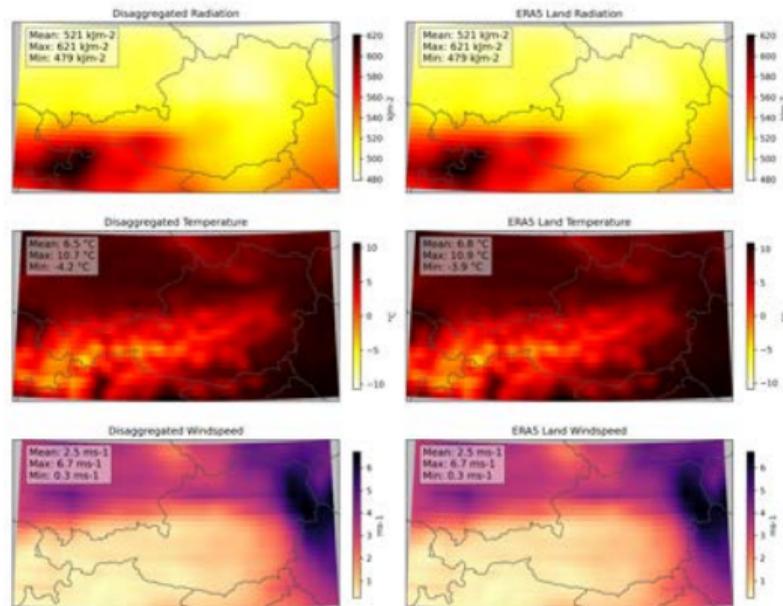
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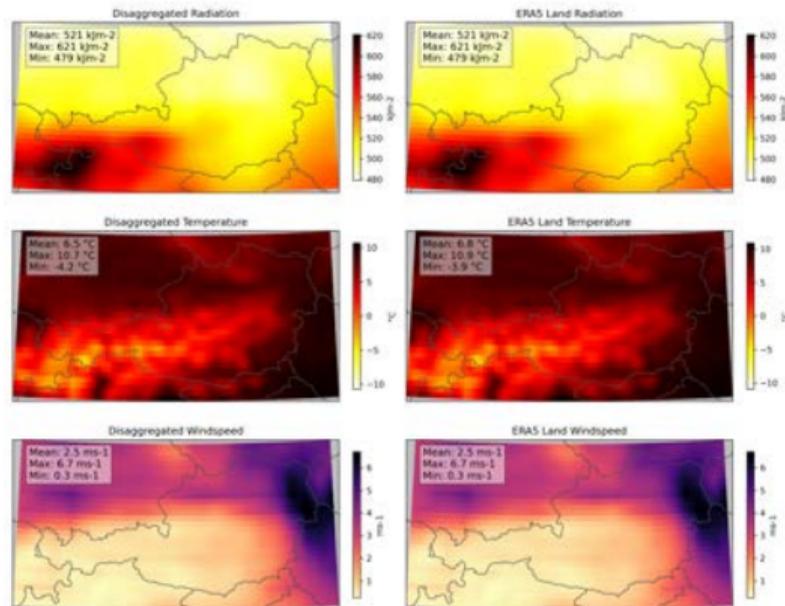
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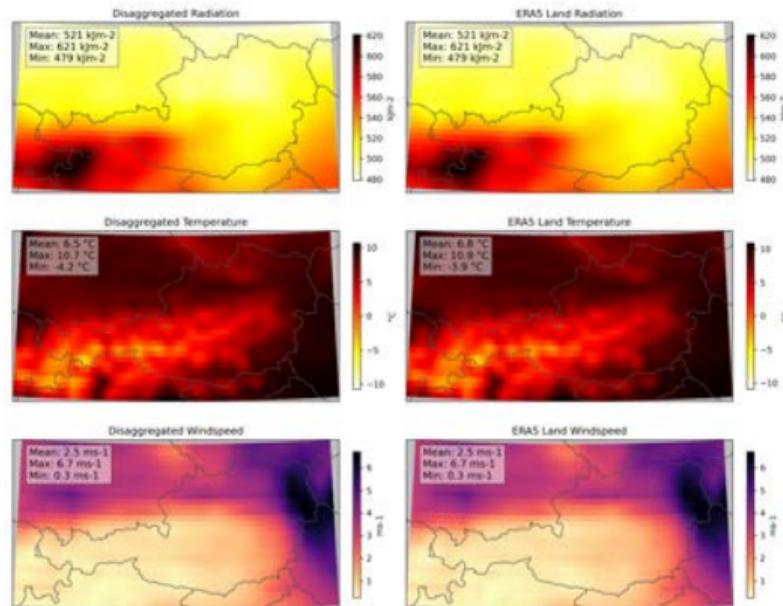
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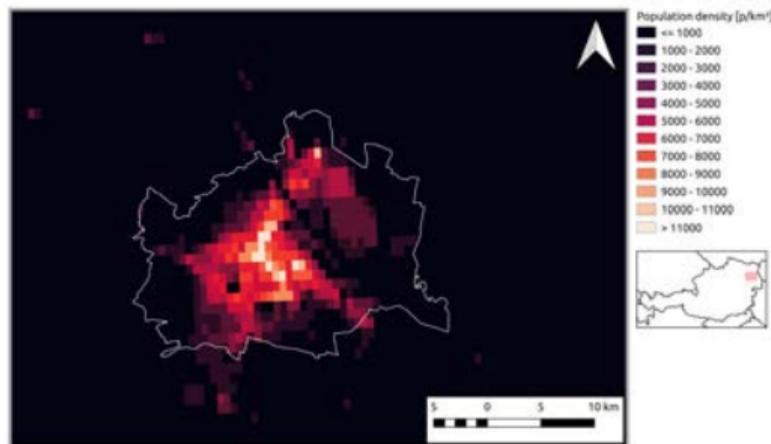
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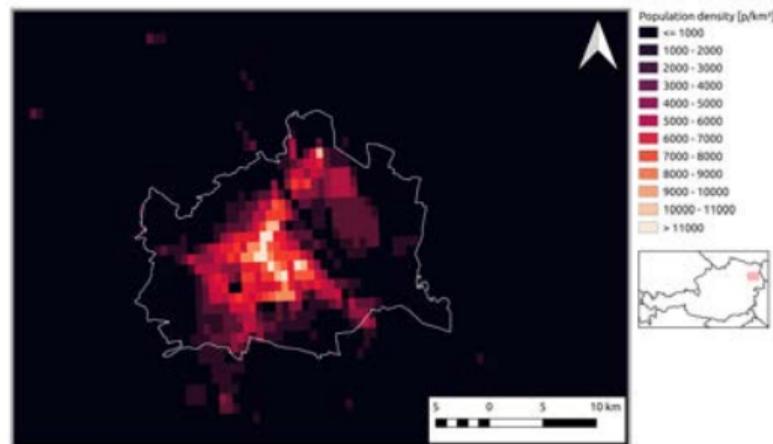
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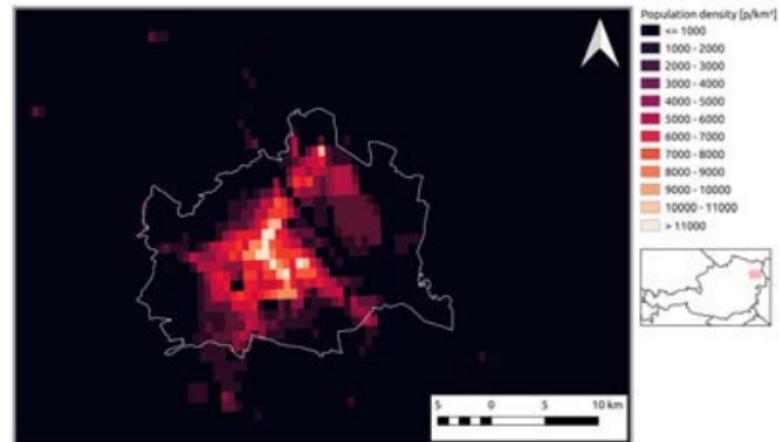
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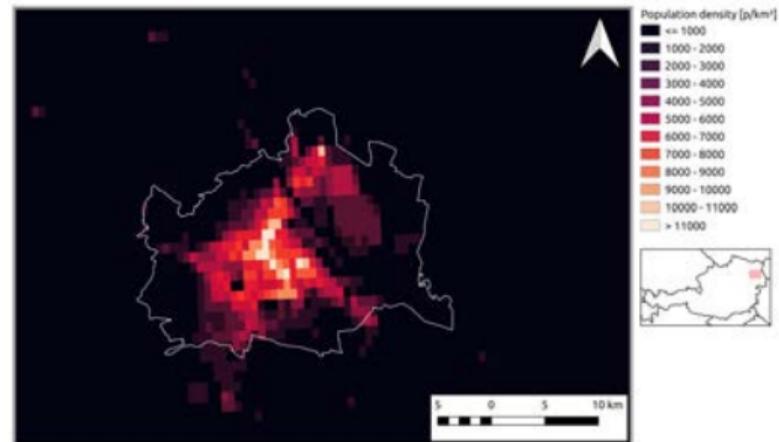
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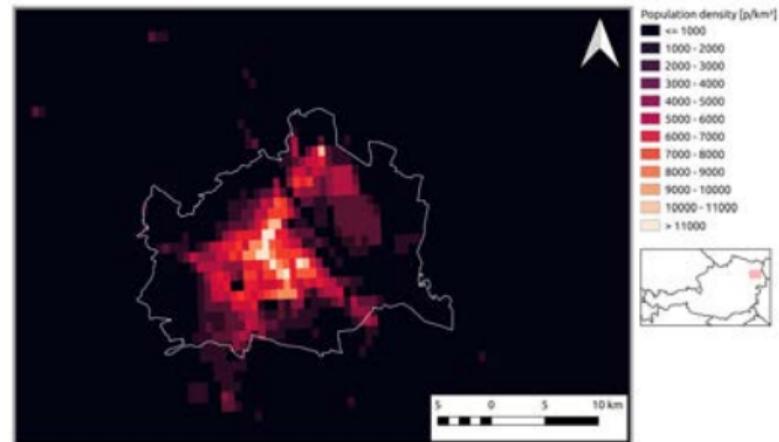
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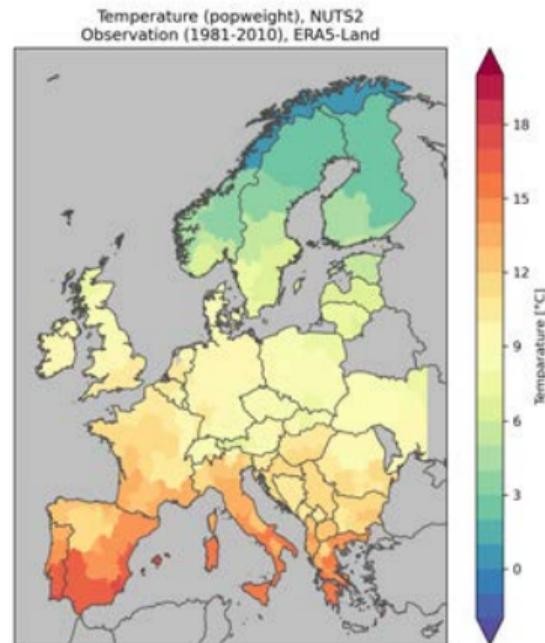
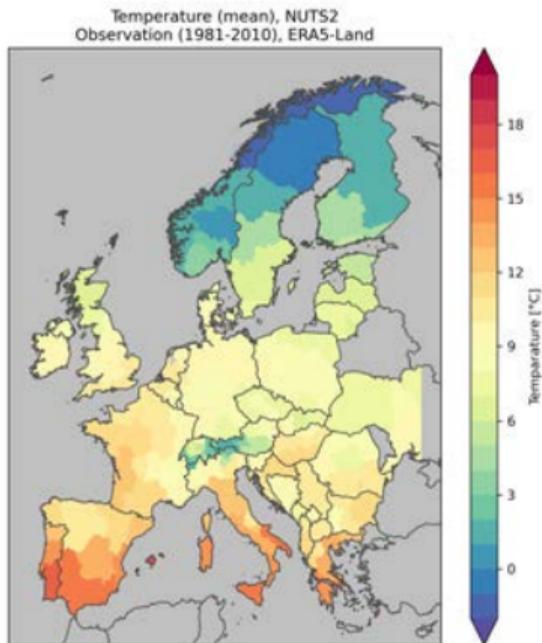
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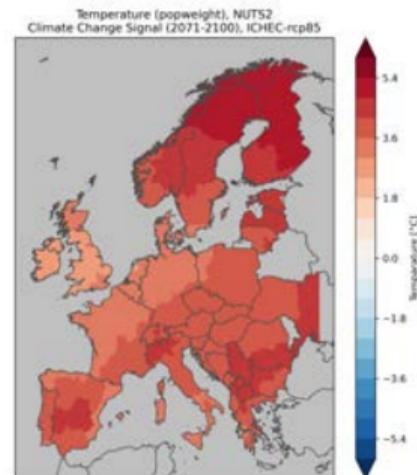
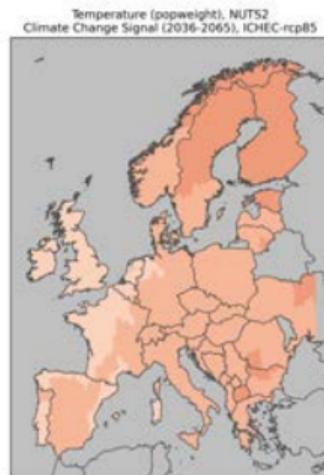
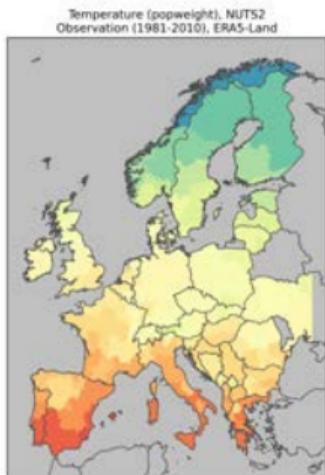
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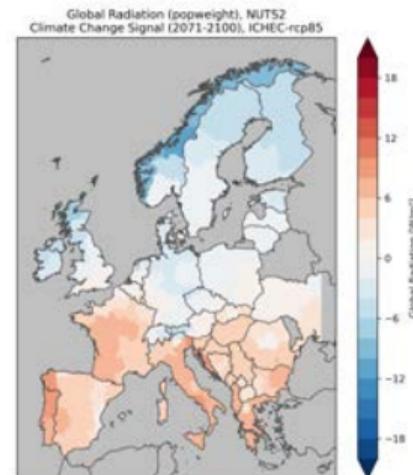
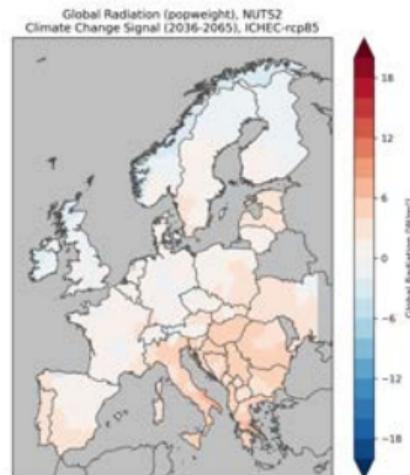
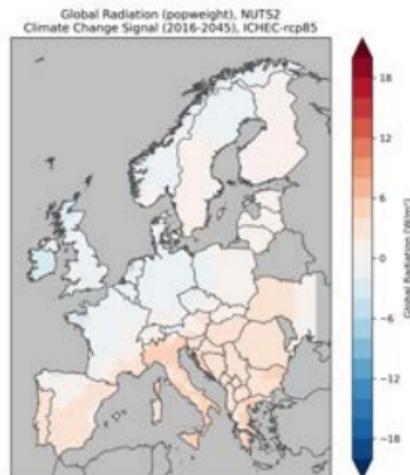
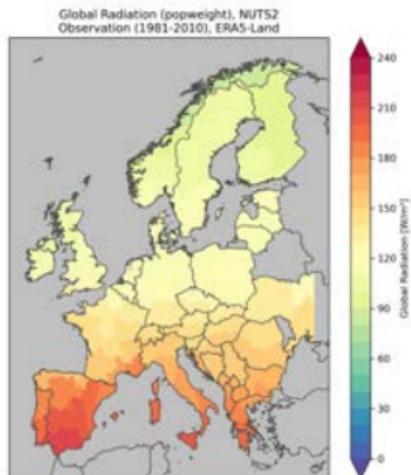
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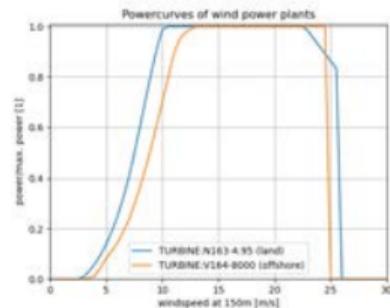
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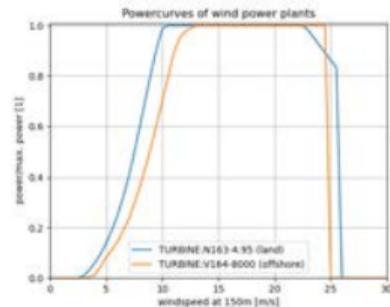
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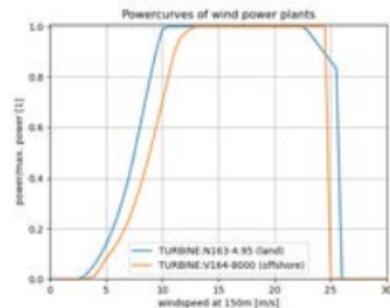
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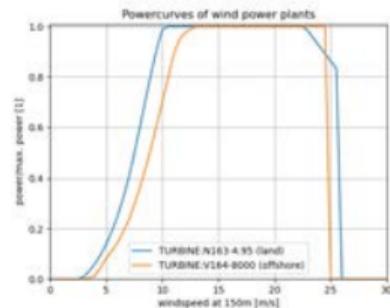
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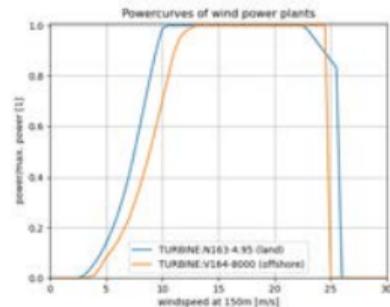
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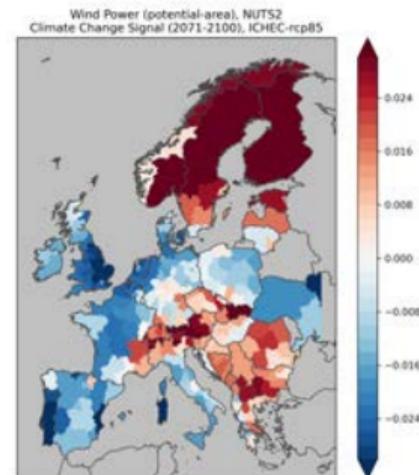
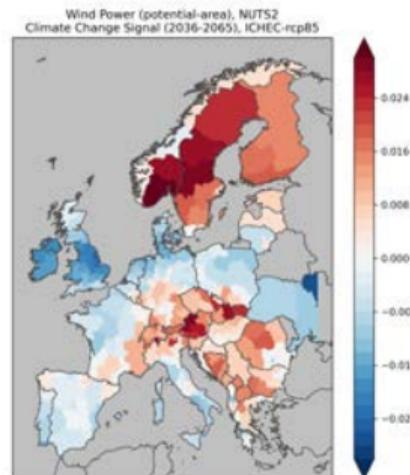
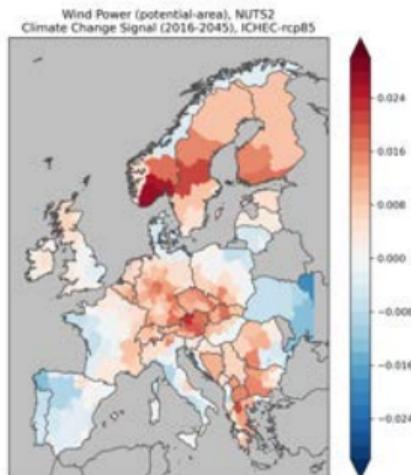
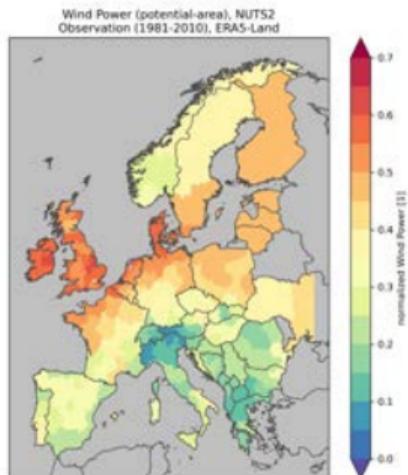
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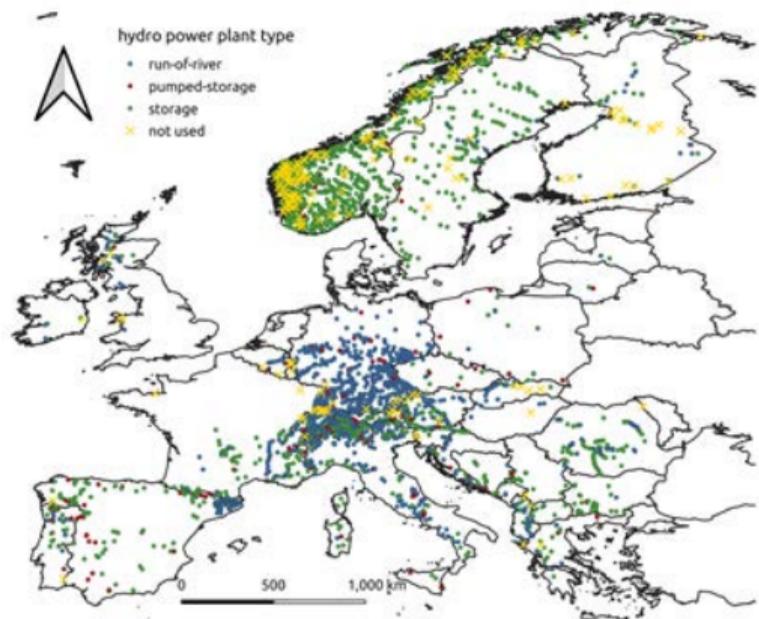
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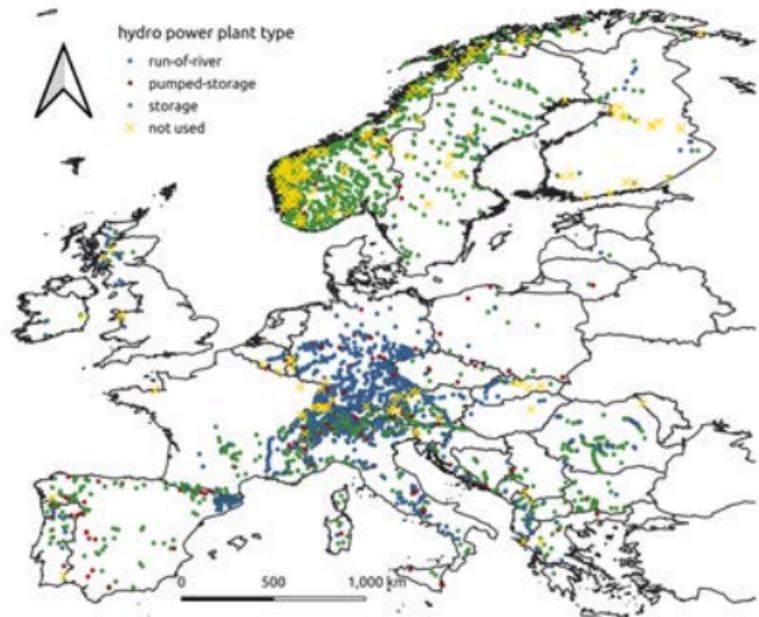
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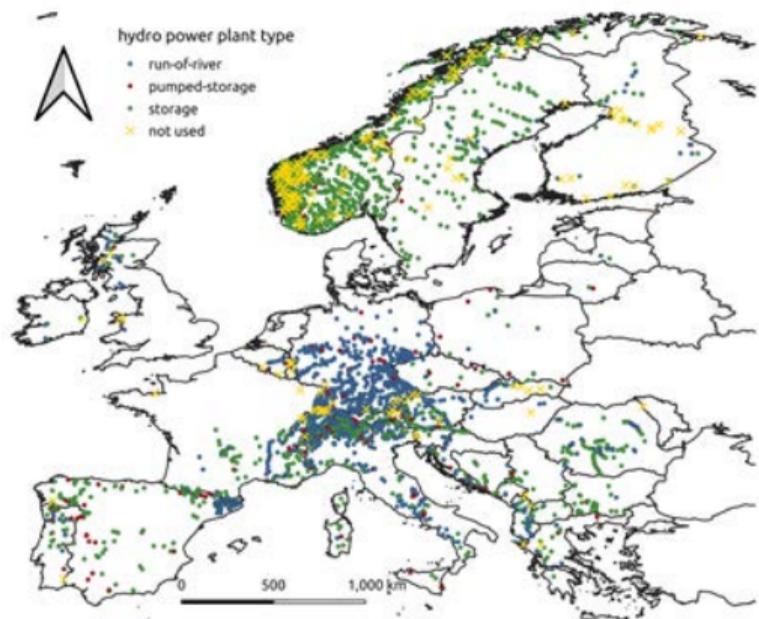
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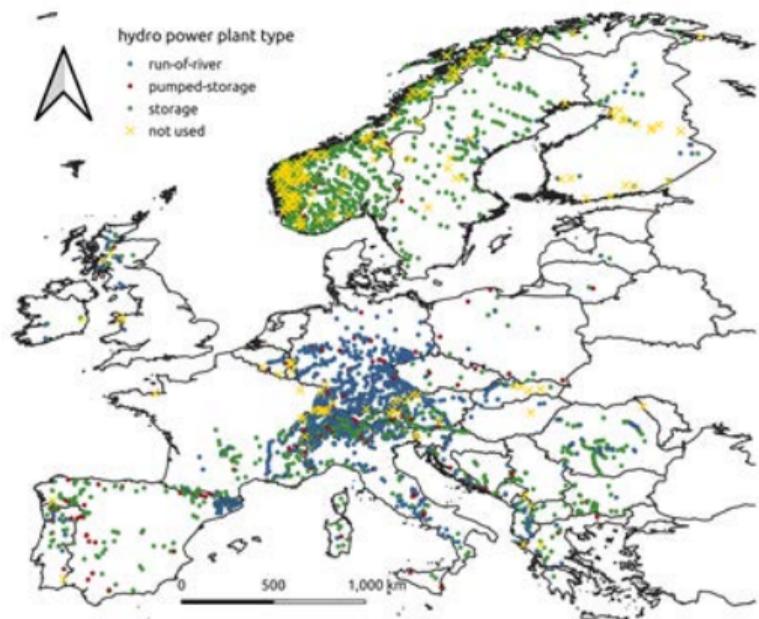
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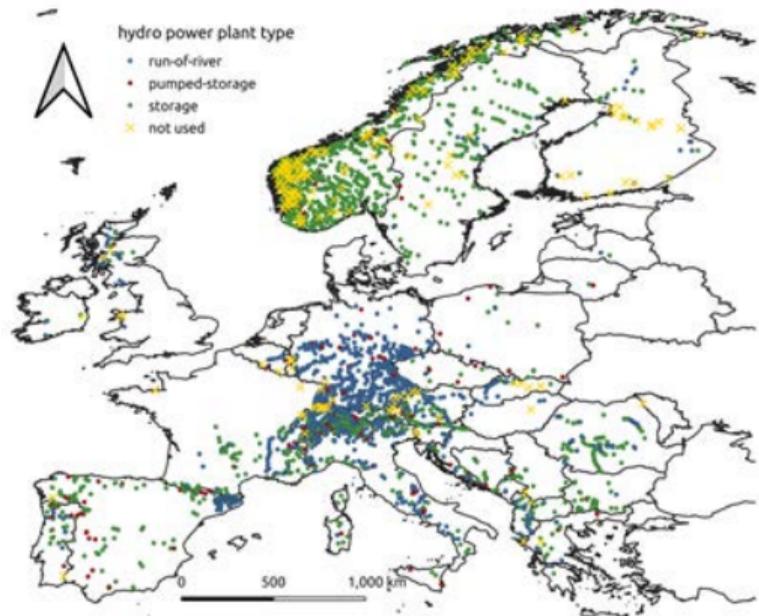
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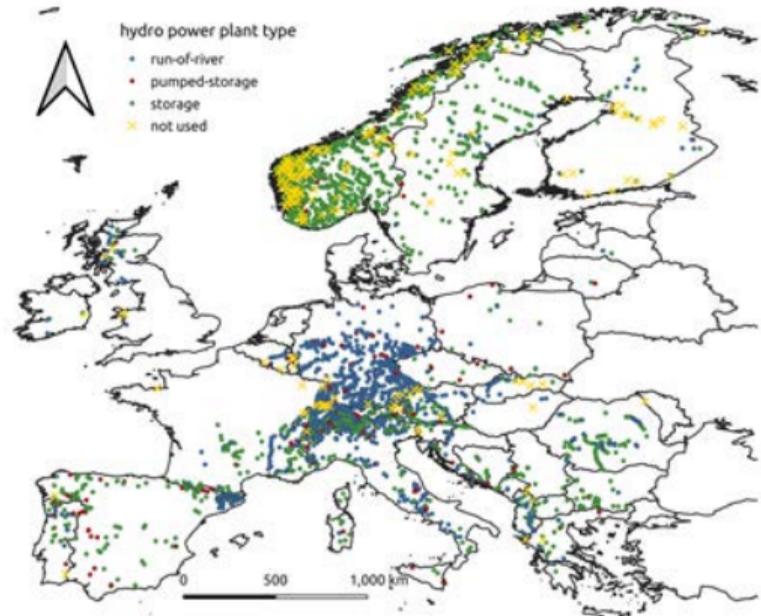
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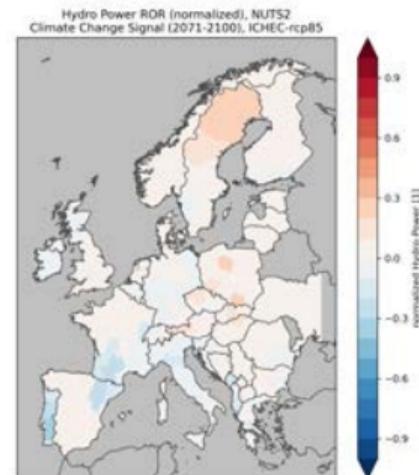
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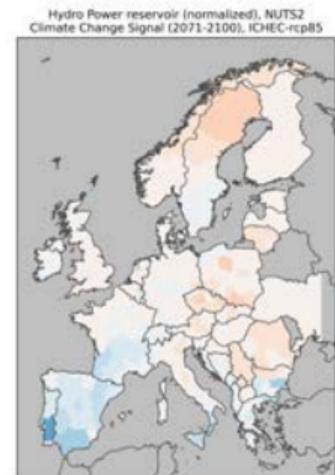
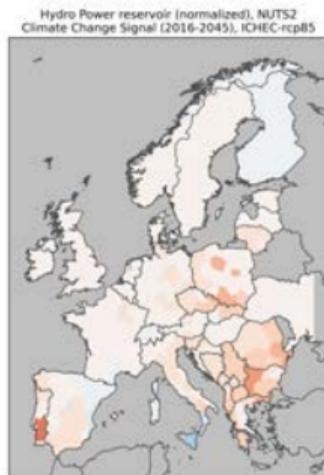
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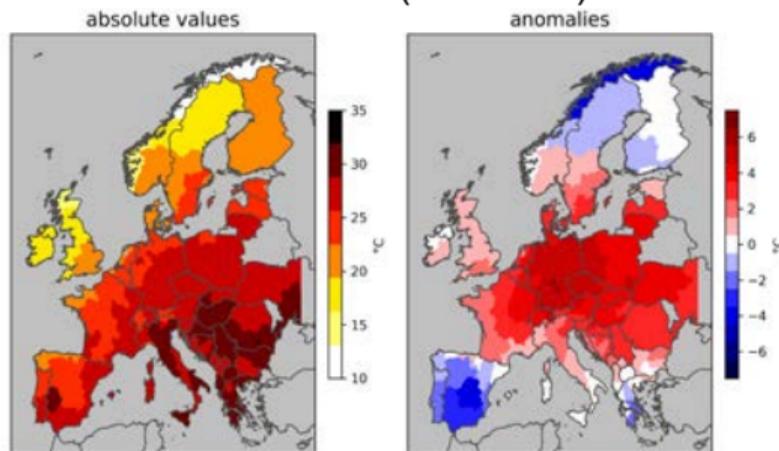
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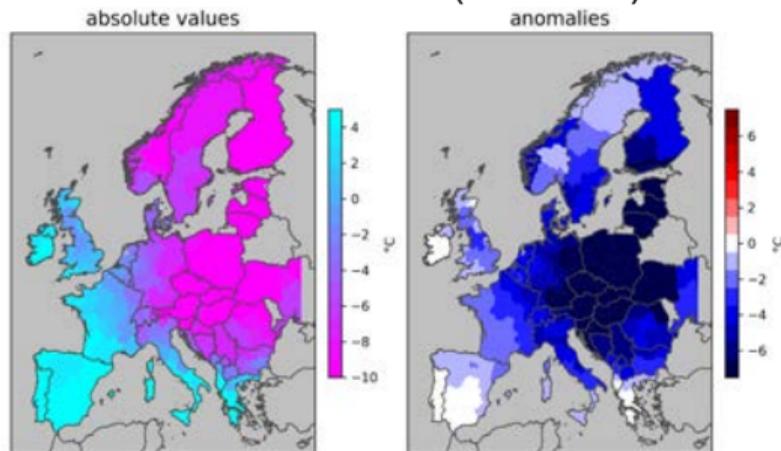


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