

# Hydrological models of **Black Sea** and **Europe**

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# European Projects

## **EnviroGrids, EU FP7**

Building Capacity for Black Sea Basin Observation and Assessment System Supporting Sustainable Development

## **GENESIS, EU FP7**

Groundwater and Dependent Ecosystems: NEw Scientific and Technical BasIS for Assessing Climate Change and Land-use Impacts on Groundwater Systems

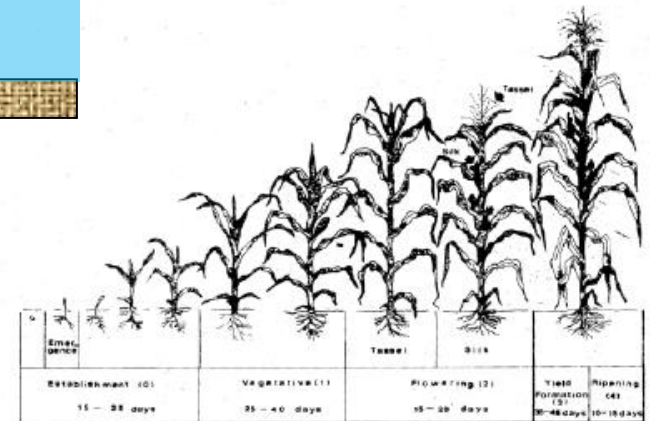
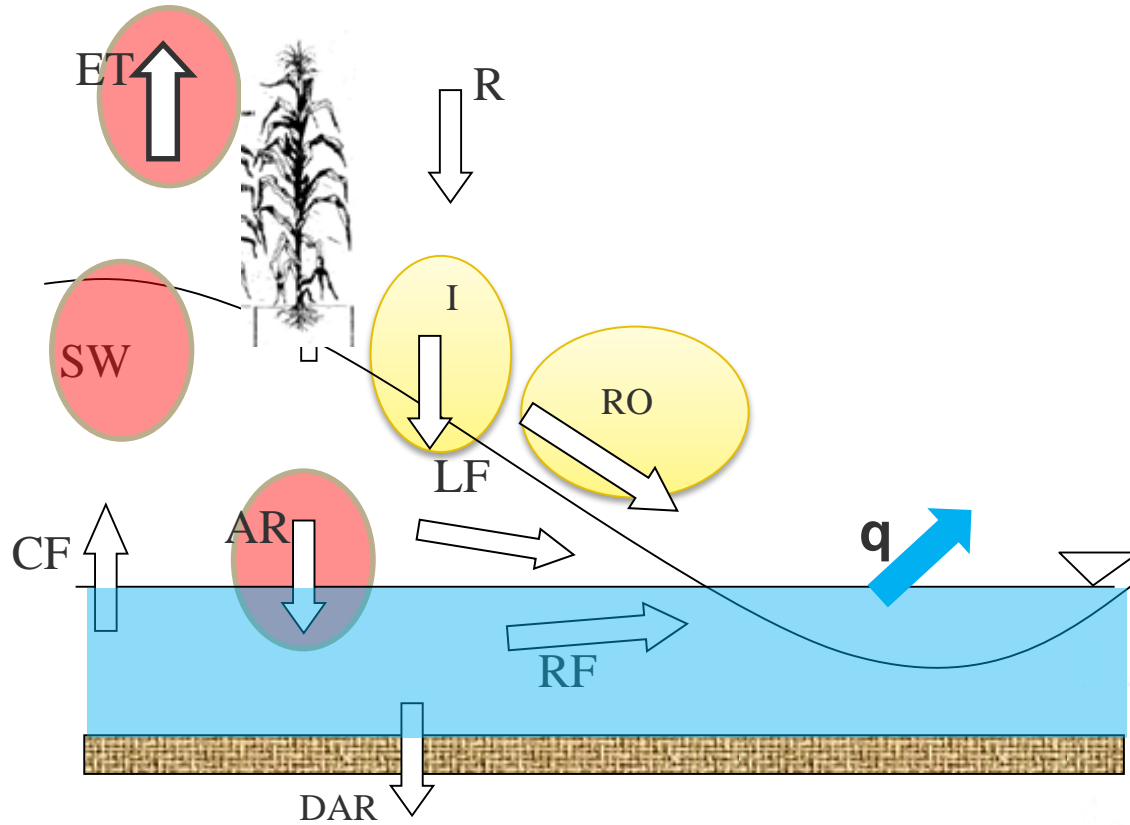
# Background and Challenges

- Inadequate resource management
- Environmental degradation, sea pollution
- Transboundary effects
- Agricultural water demands and fertilizer use
- Water stresses
- High vulnerability towards climate change
- Flood/droughts risks

# Objectives

- Build an Agro-hydrologic model of the Black Sea Basin and Europe at high resolution simulating nitrate pollution
- Calibrate/validate with uncertainty analysis the Agro-hydrologic model
- Assess the impacts of climate change and landuse change on water resources

# Why agro-hydrologic model?



# Steps in building a SWAT Project

- 1- Build databases**
- 2- Build the project in ArcSWAT, QSWAT**
- 3- Calibrate, validate, with sensitivity and uncertainty analyses**
- 4- Analyze outputs**

# Build databases

**On the one hand,** there is never enough data to build and calibrate a model,

**On the other hand,** there are more and more new databases becoming available from different sources

# Build Databases

**DEM:** Source, Resolution

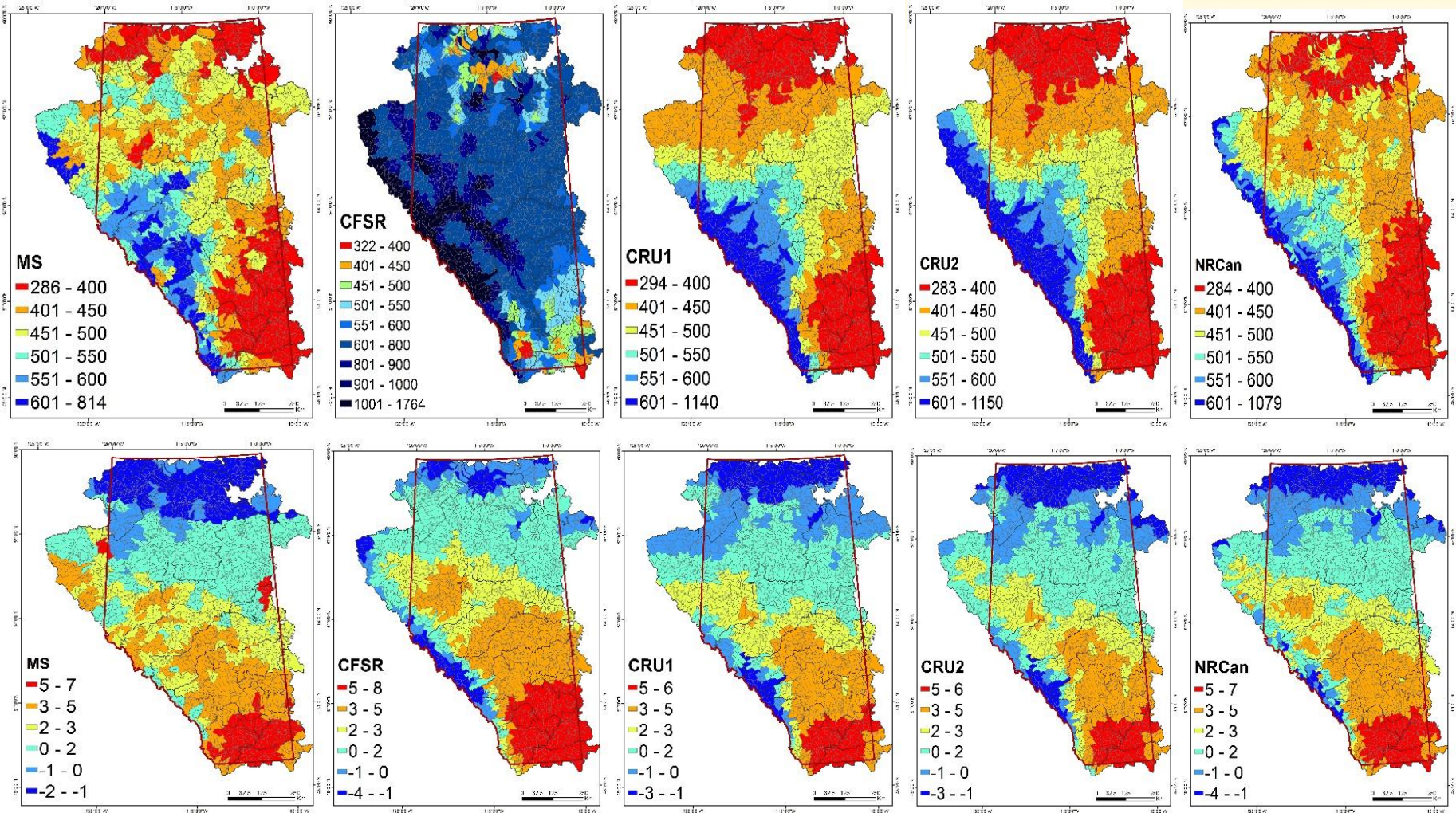
**Soil:** European, FAO, Local, etc.

**Landuse:** GlobCover ESA, Global Landuse USGS, MODIS land cover, GlobCorine ESA, Local, etc.

**Climate:** European Climate Assessment Dataset (ECAD),  
Climate Research Unit (CRU), Climate Data Guide (NCAR),  
Measured data, etc.

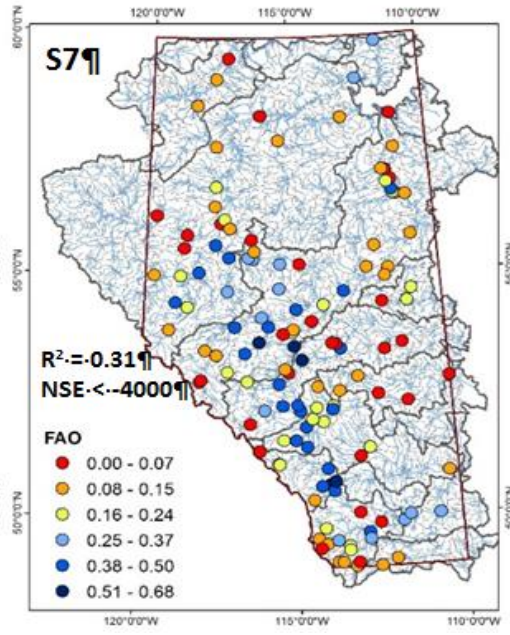
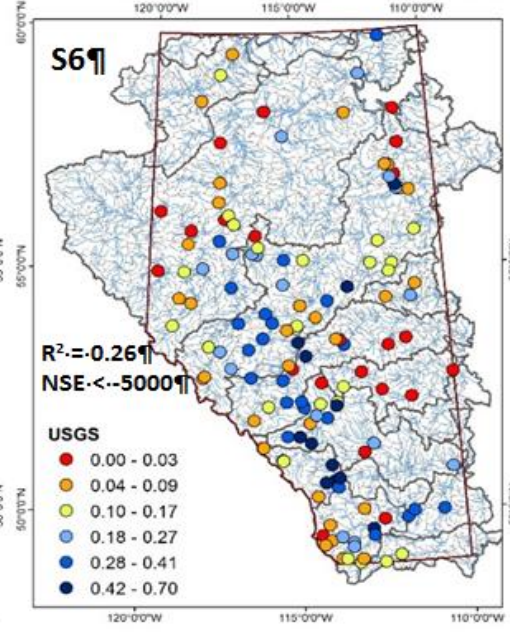
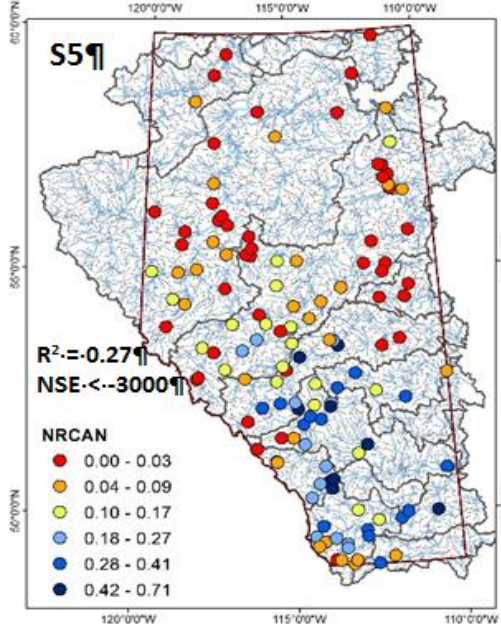
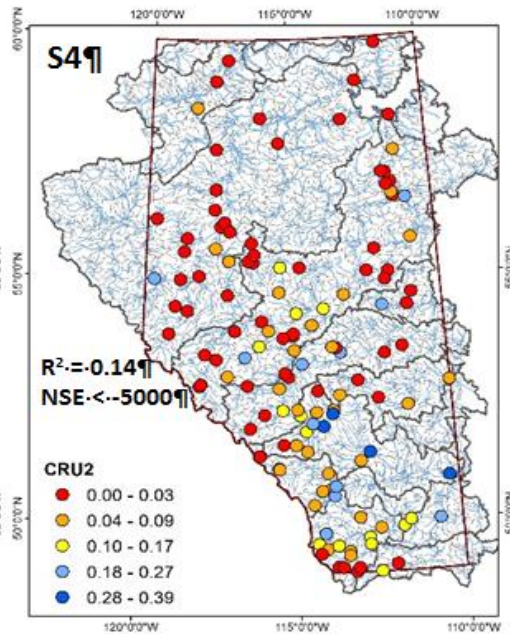
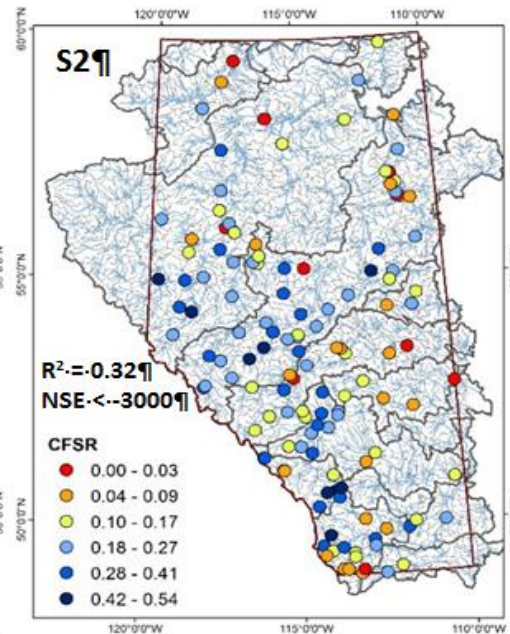
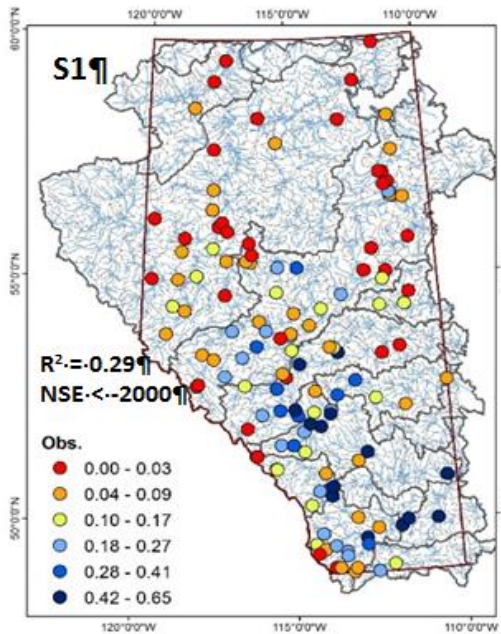
**River:** Ecrin, others





Spatial distribution of the 25year (1983–2007) average precipitation (mm; above) and temperature (°C; below) across study area from the observed MS data and the four gridded climate datasets.

# Example Alberta



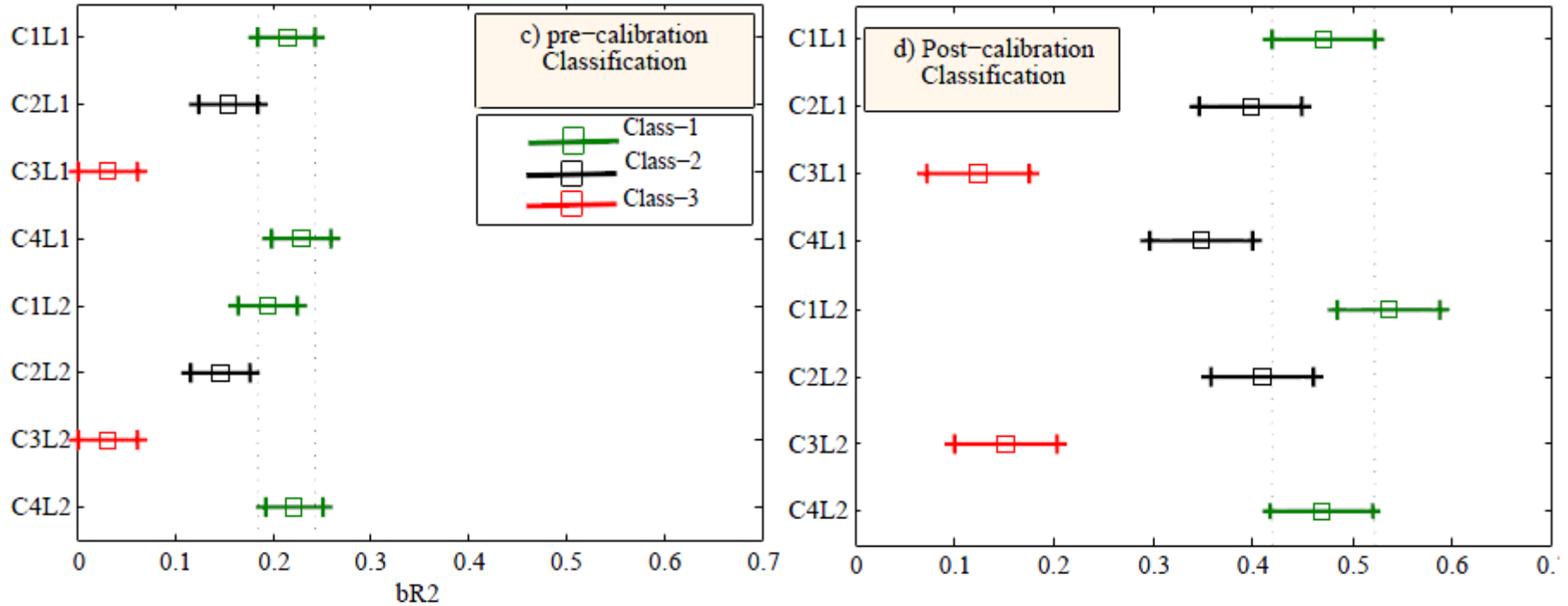
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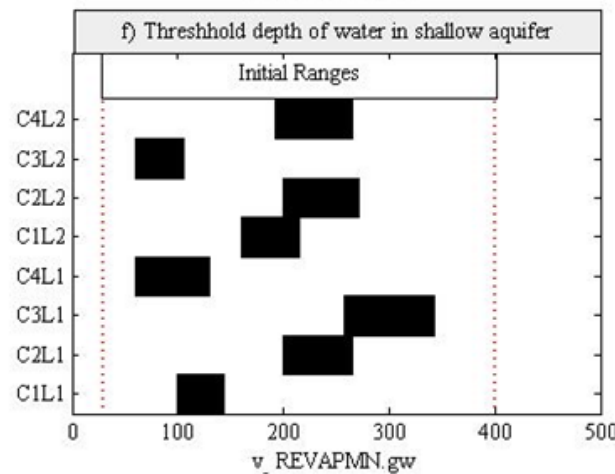
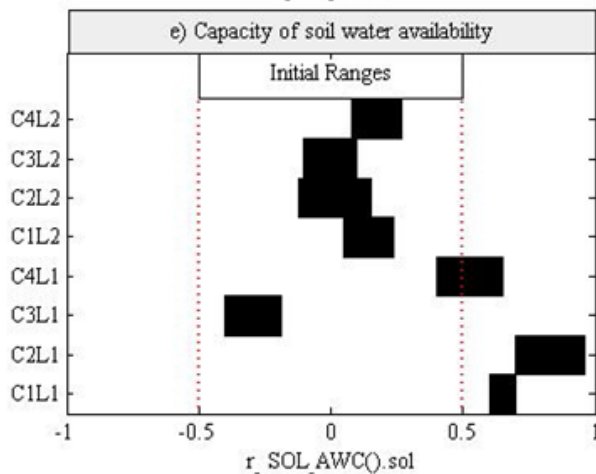
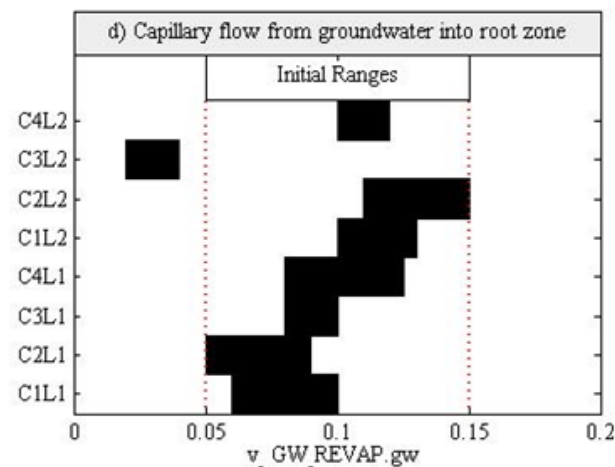
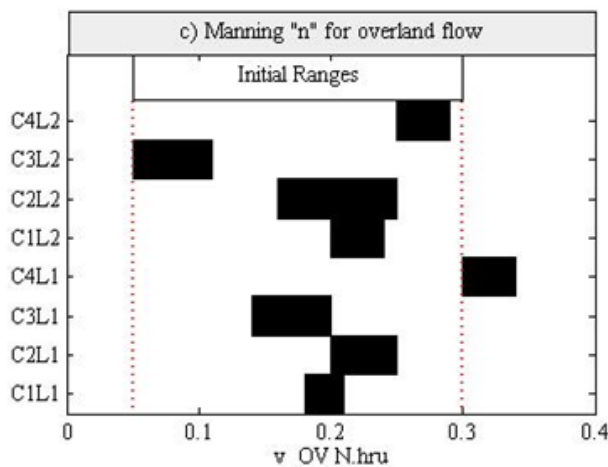
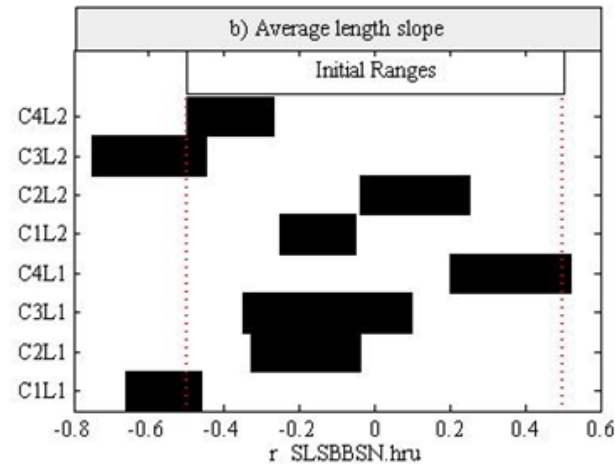
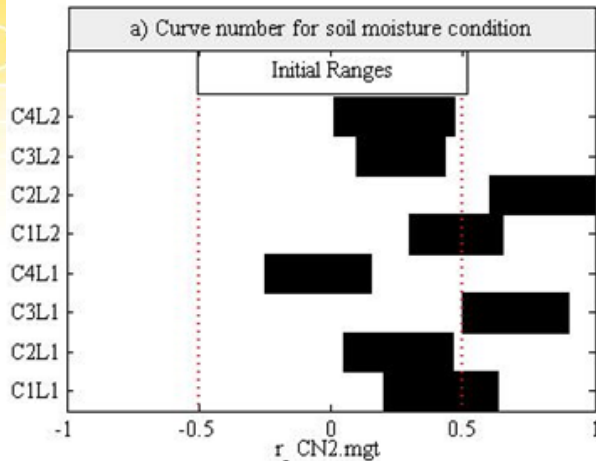
River	Station Name	GRDC	Climate database			
			ECAD	CRU	NCAR	Observed
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Danube	Ceatal Izmail	6415	3243	5244	4724	4204
Pechora	Oksino	4444	1849	2396	2330	2277
North. Dvina	Ust-Pinega	3331	1419	1597	1470	1705
Rhine	Lobith	2229	1725	2065	2110	1589
Rhone	Beaucairw	1709	1735	1808	1707	1364
Sava	Sremska M.	1563	411	1078	881	973
Po	Pontelagoscuro	1514	1108	1589	1424	1210

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Maros	Mako	173	9	95	86	85
Olt	Stoenesti	161	21	62	67	47
Szamos	Satu Mare	126	41	63	81	54
Trent	Colwick	85	67	65	59	61
Thames	Teddington	82	37	47	72	36
<b>Root Mean Square Error</b>			<b>5500</b>	<b>3360</b>	<b>4100</b>	<b>3900</b>

# Example Karkheh, Iran





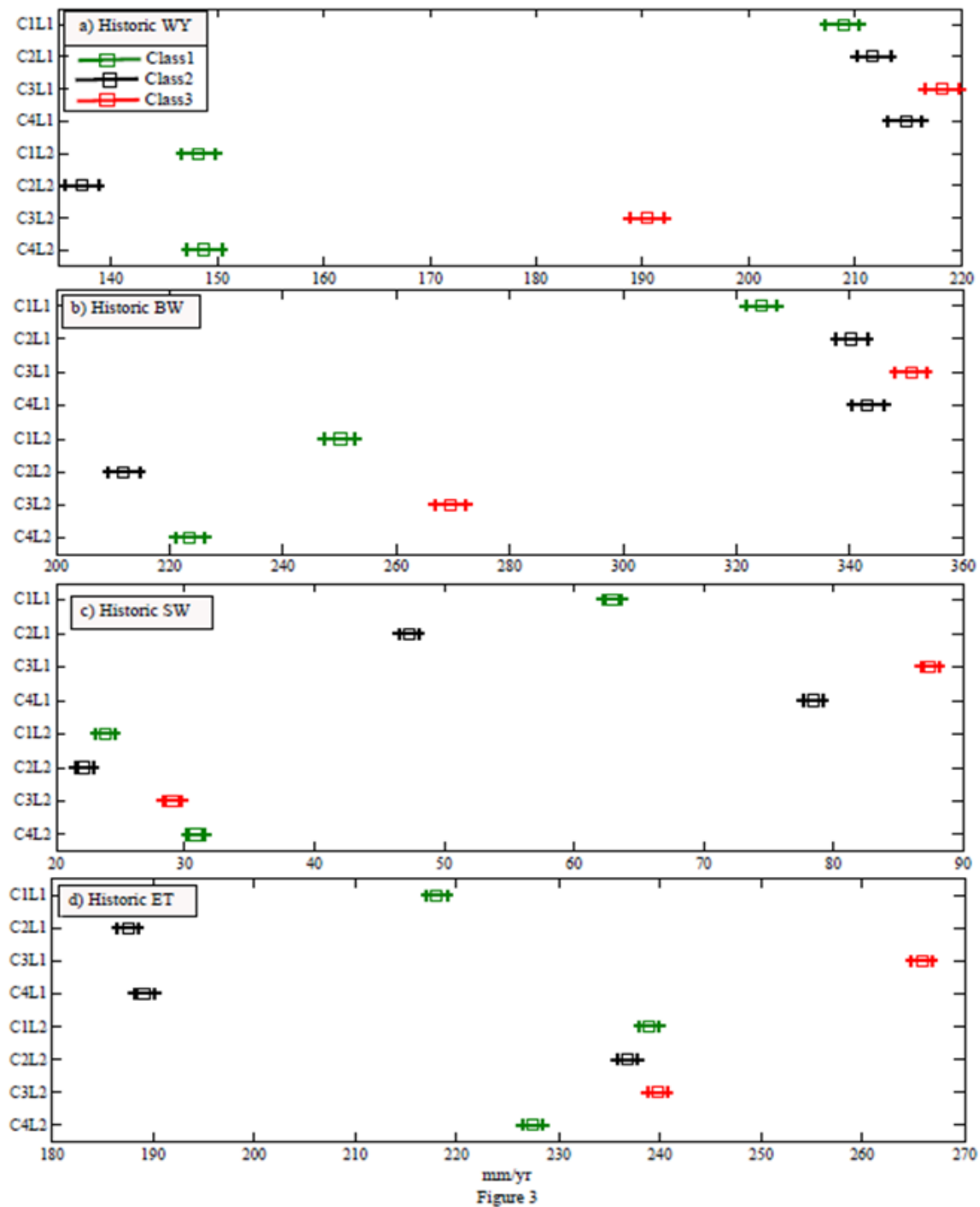
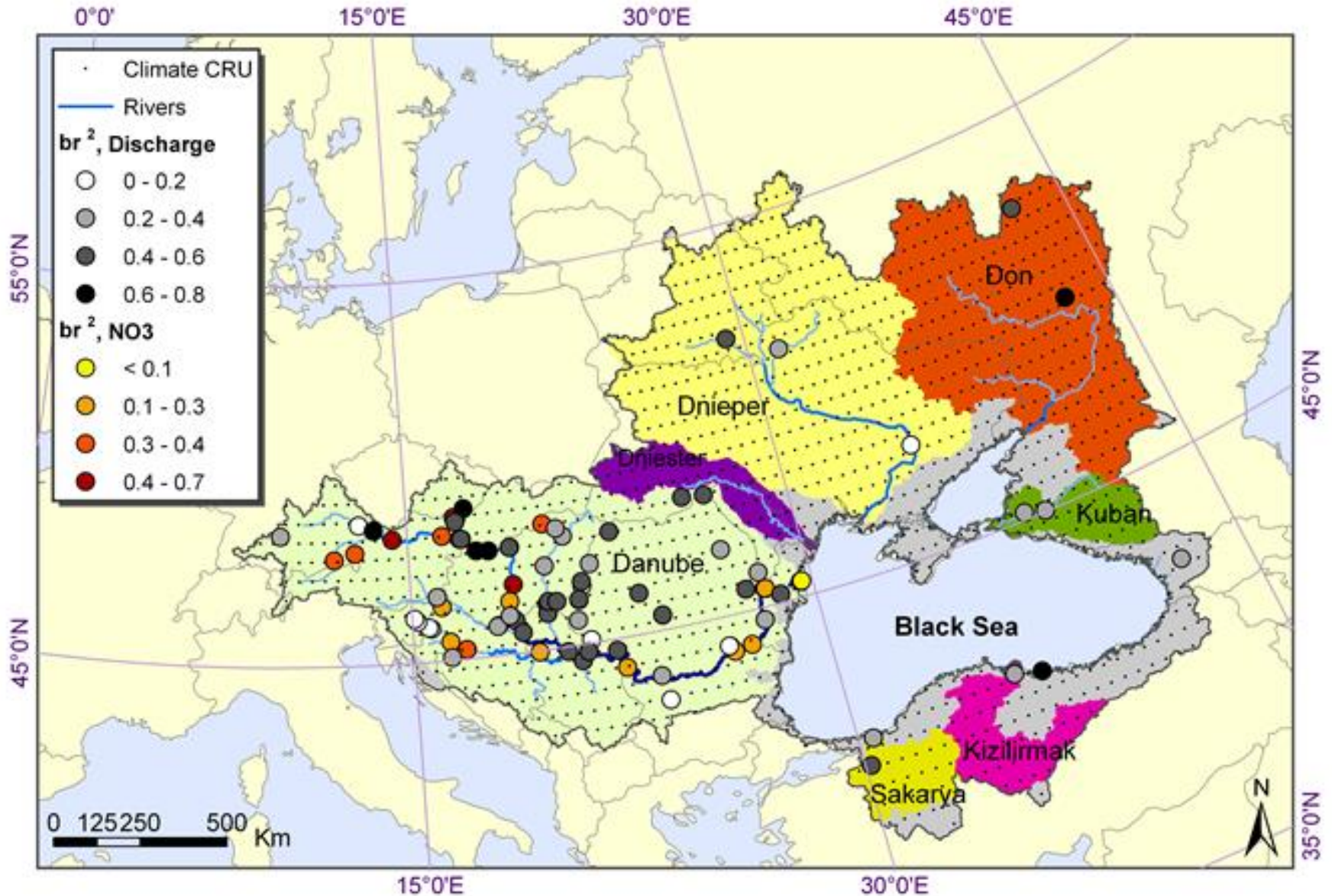


Figure 3

## Conclusion:

This is not a good news!

# Water Quality



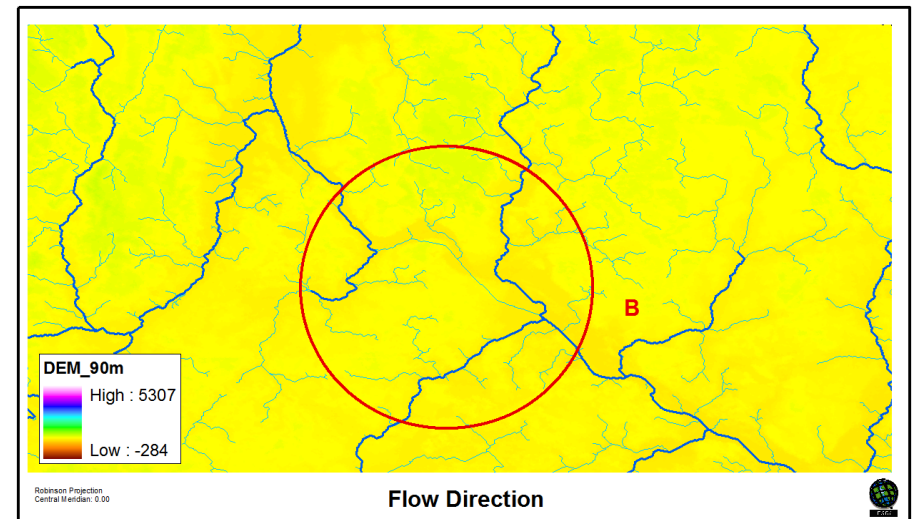
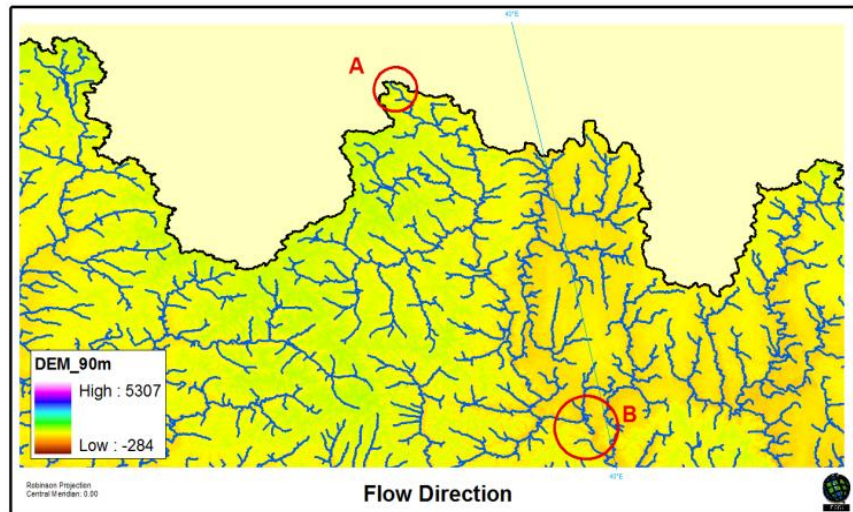
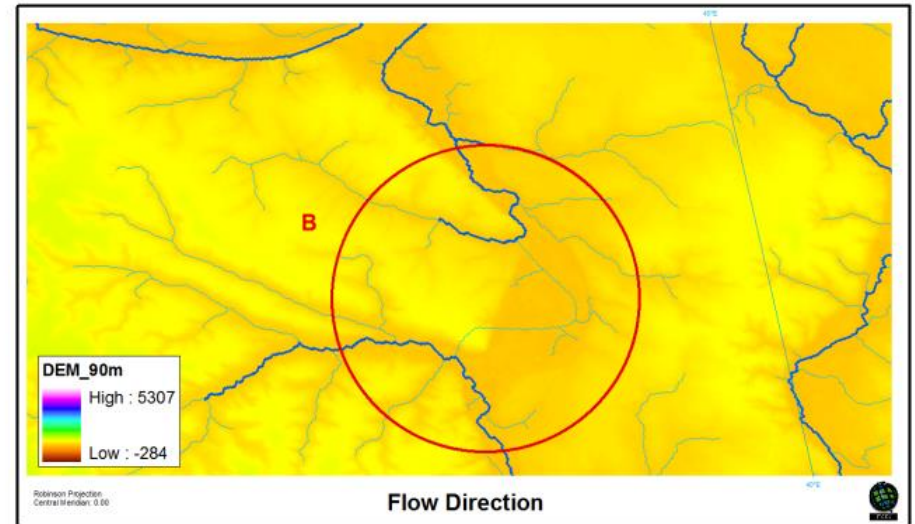
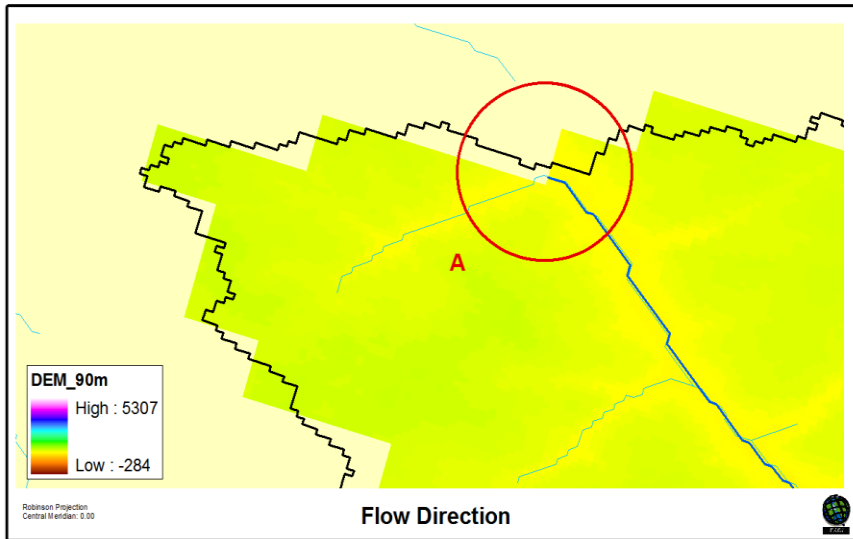


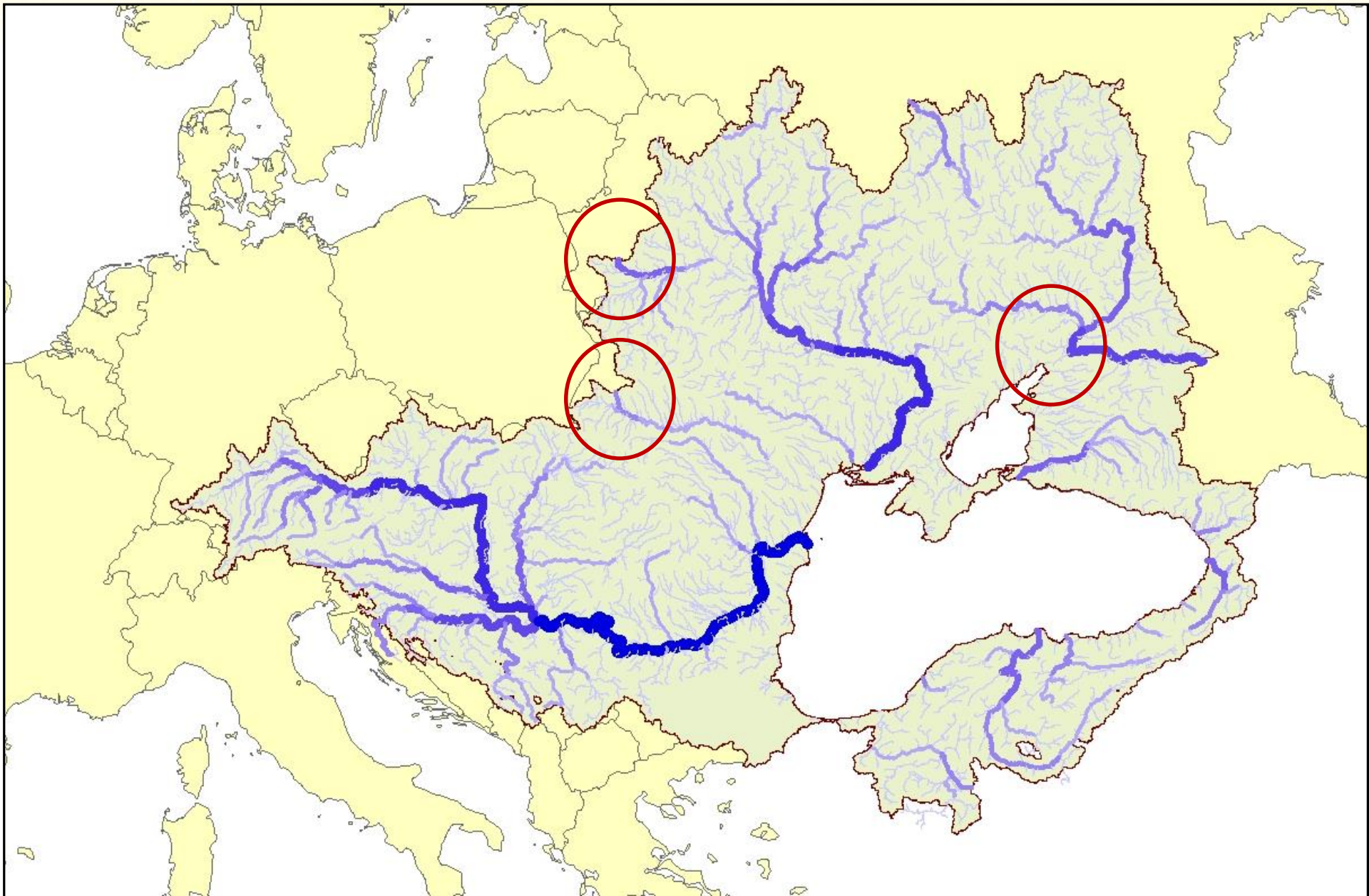
$$NO_3 = \alpha_i * POP_i * \left[ \left( 1 - \frac{S * N}{PE} \right) + \left( \frac{(1 - T_{eff}) * S * N}{PE} \right) \right]$$

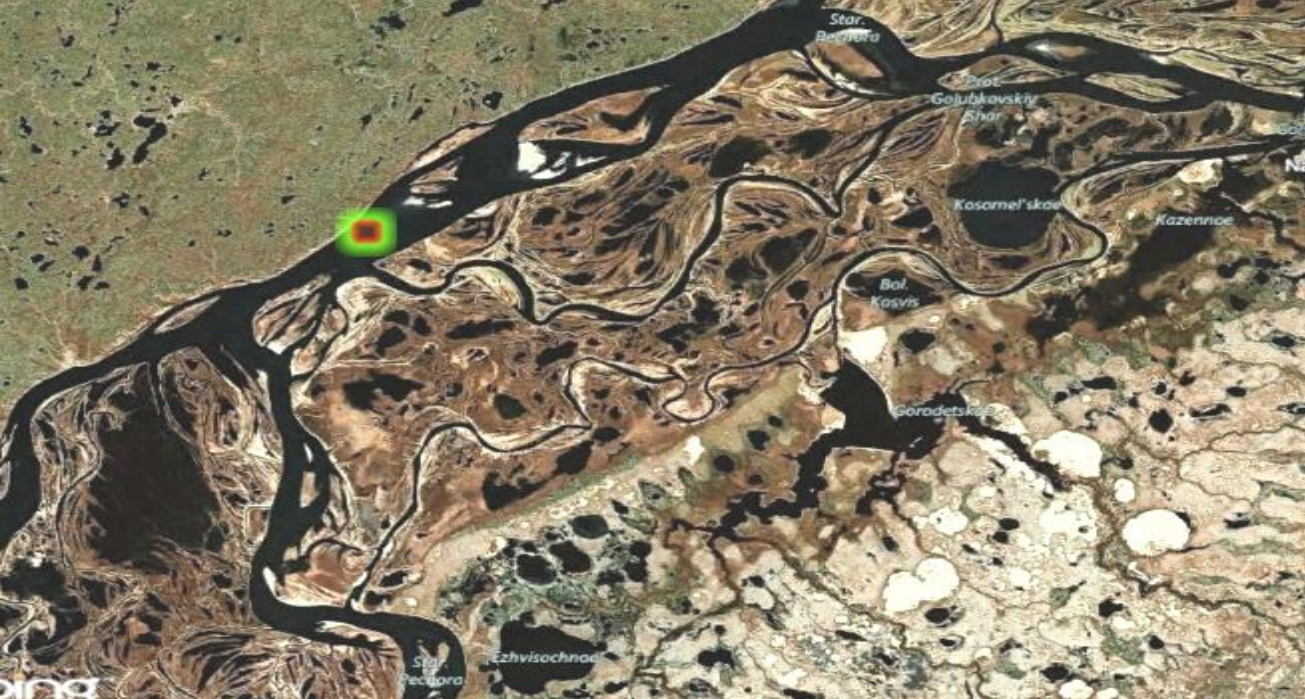
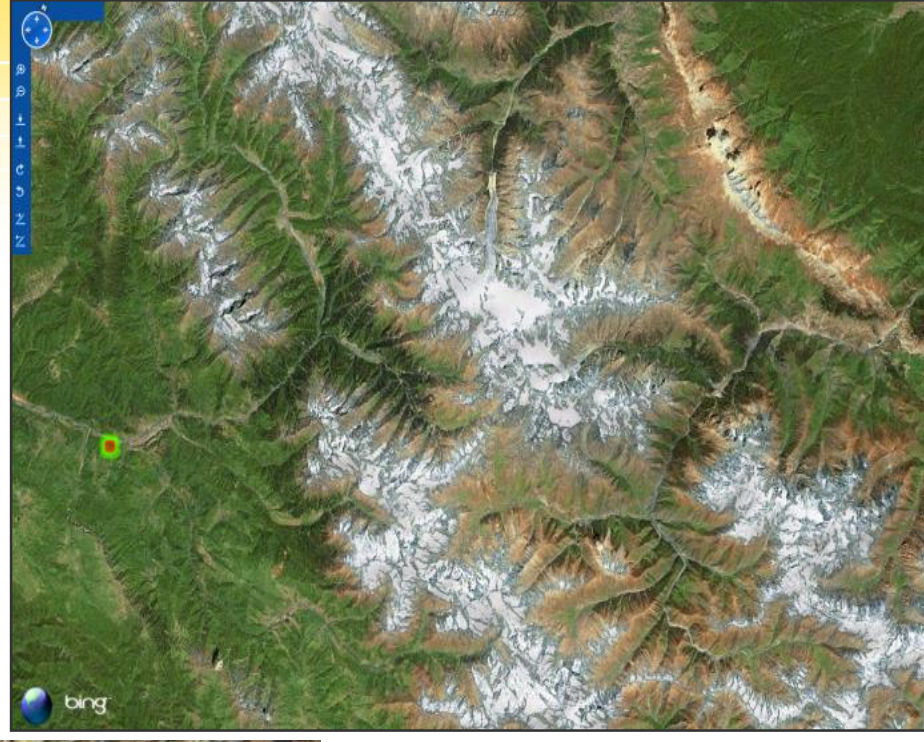
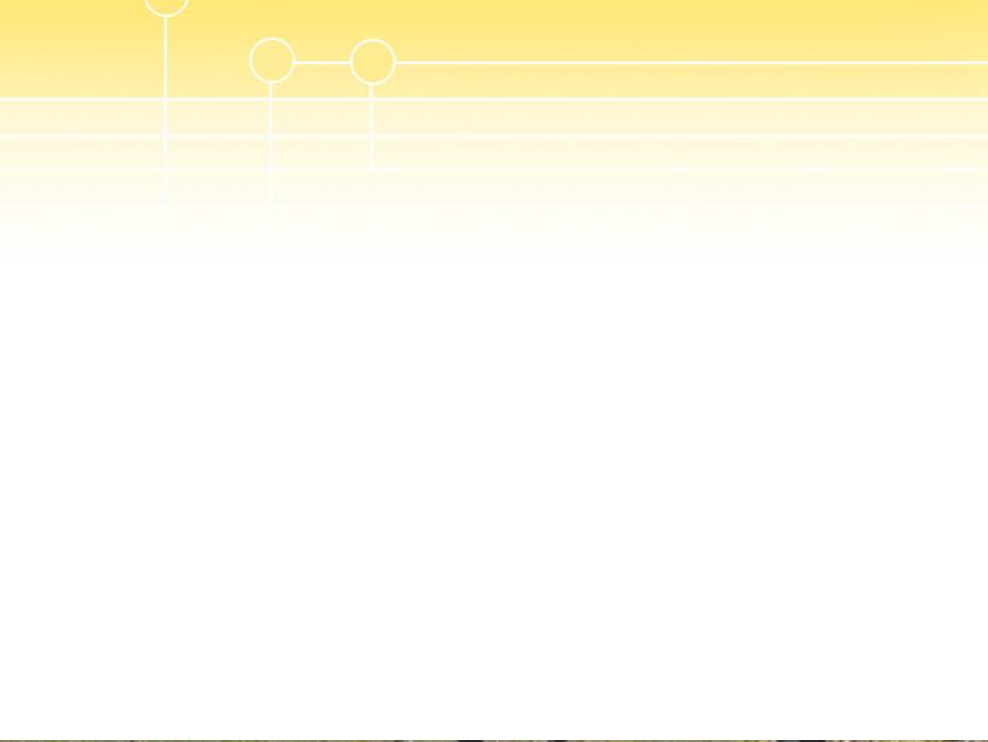
Zessner et al, (2005)

- $NO_3$  is the nitrate loading to river ( $g \text{ day}^{-1}$ )
- $\alpha$ , is a correction factor
- $POP_i$  is the population of subbasin  $i$ ,
- $T_{eff}$  is the wastewater treatment efficiency
- $S$  is percentage of the population connected to any kind of sewage treatment.

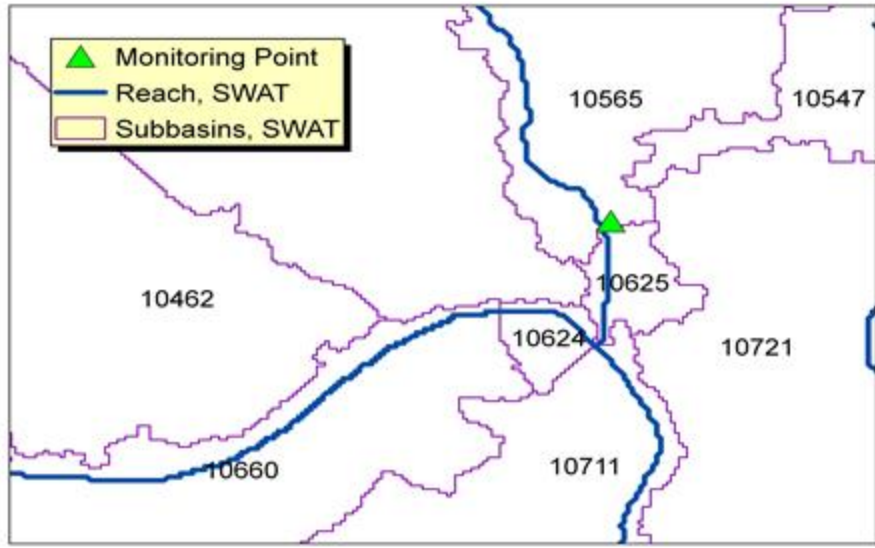
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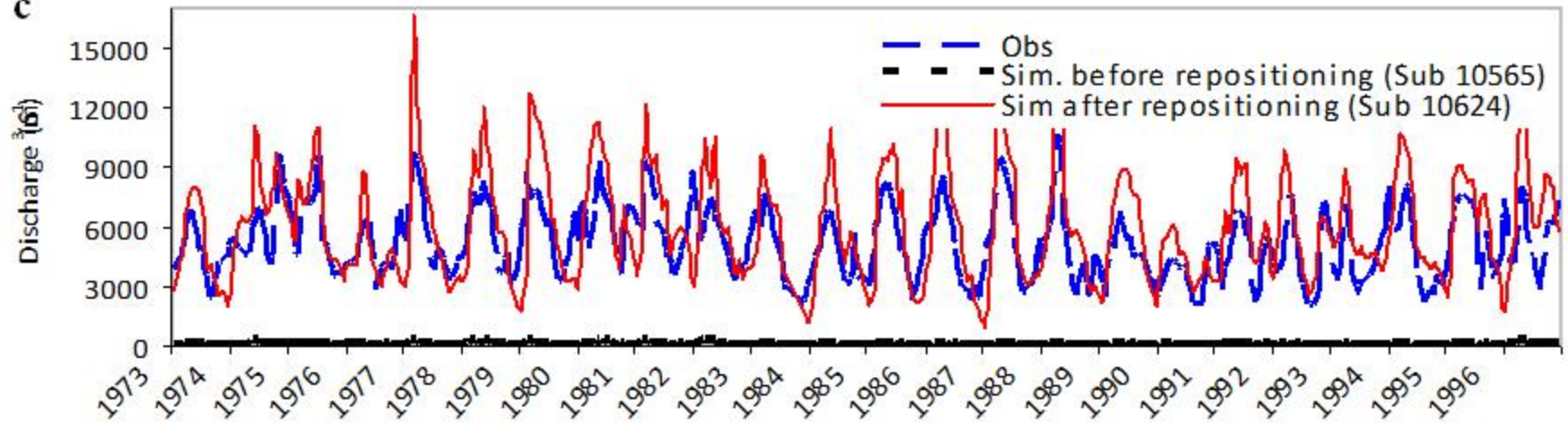
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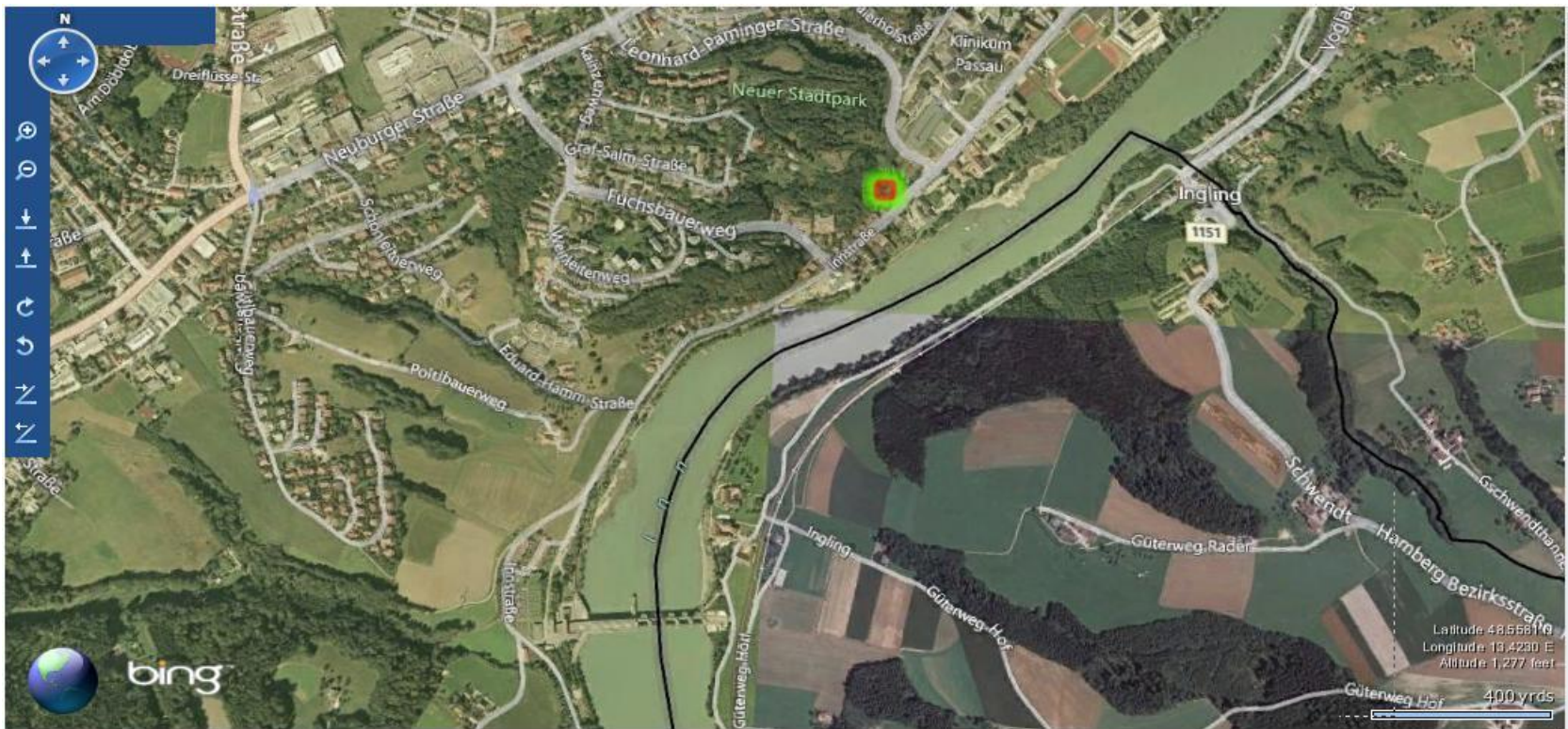
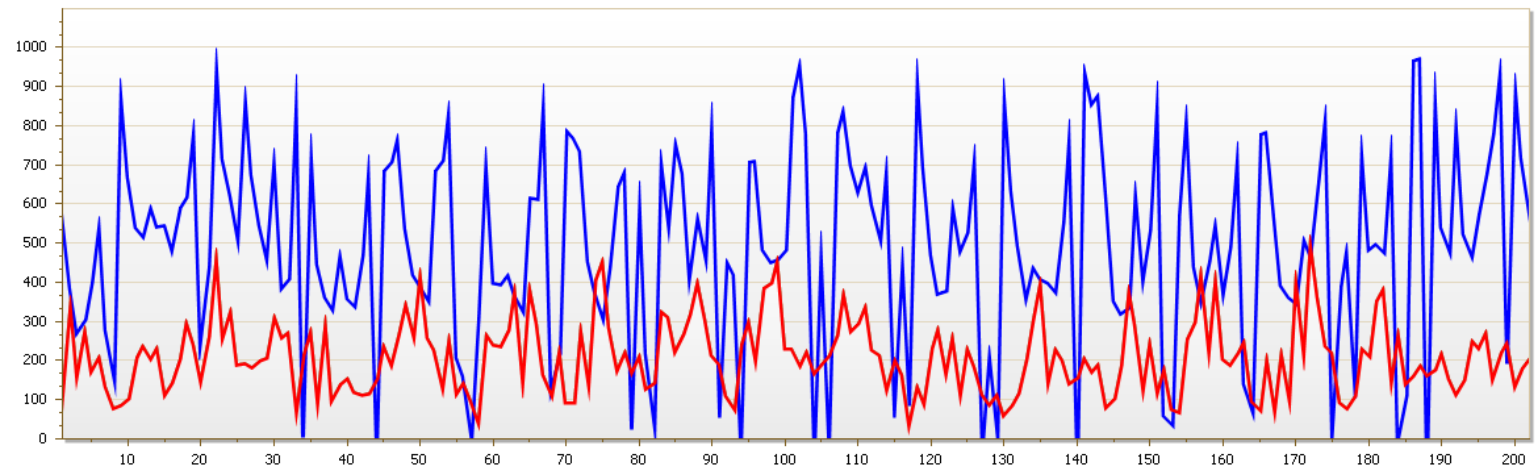
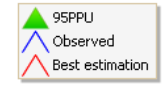
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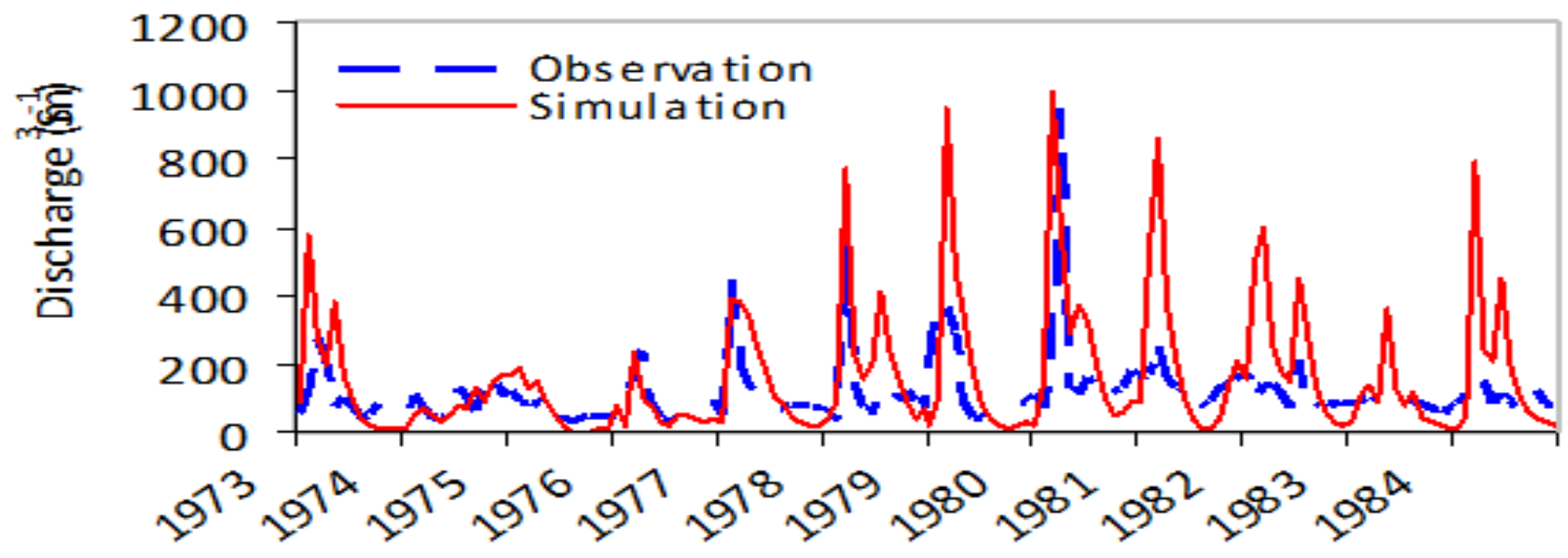
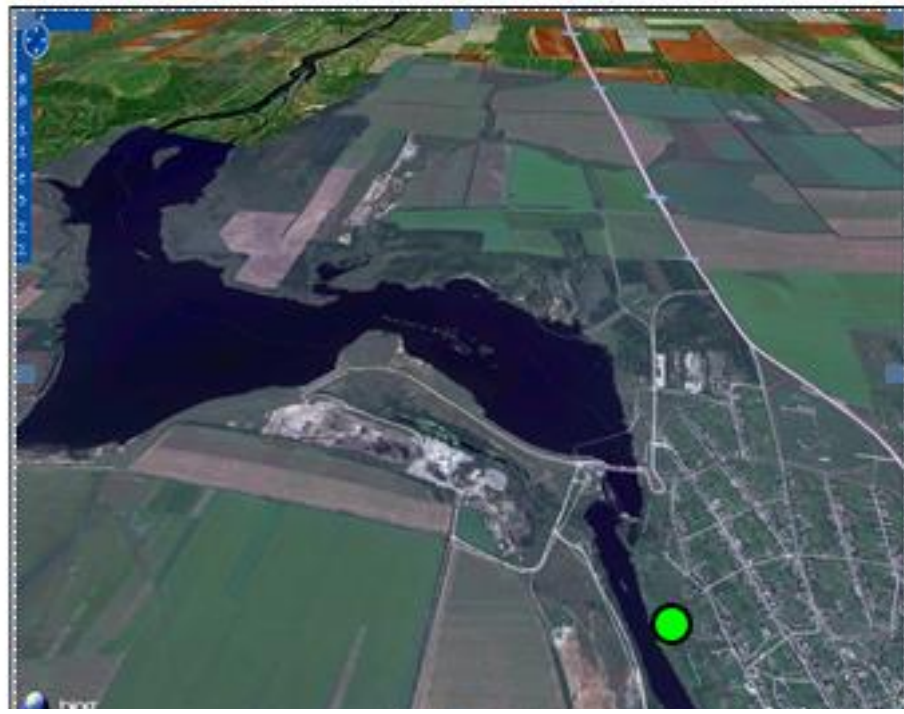
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# Project size

## Black Sea Project: 640,000 files

Area: 2M Km<sup>2</sup>

Subbasins: 12,982

HRUs: 89,202

Approximate time for a 30-year simulation run 27 hours

## European Project:

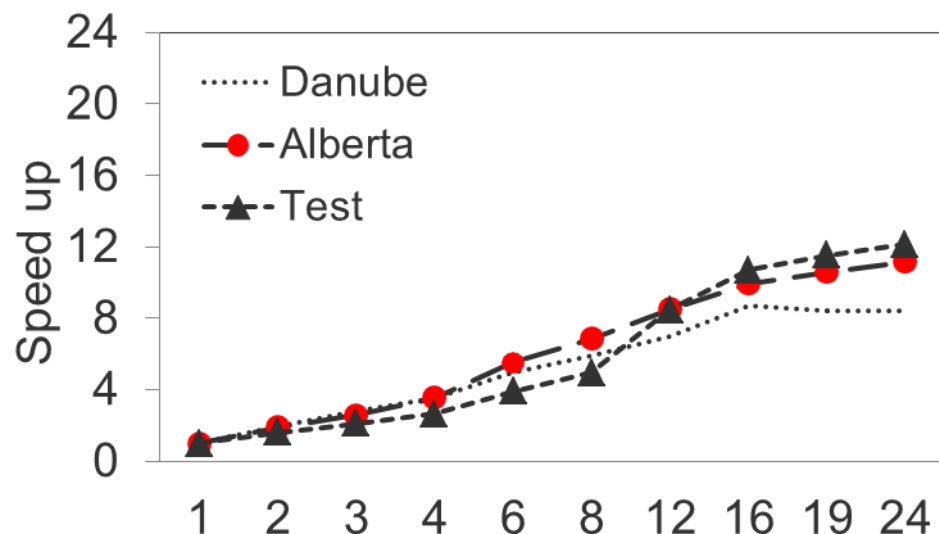
Area: 10 M Km<sup>2</sup>

Subbasins: 8,952

HRUs: 60,021



# Parallel Processing



1 iteration of 200 simulation

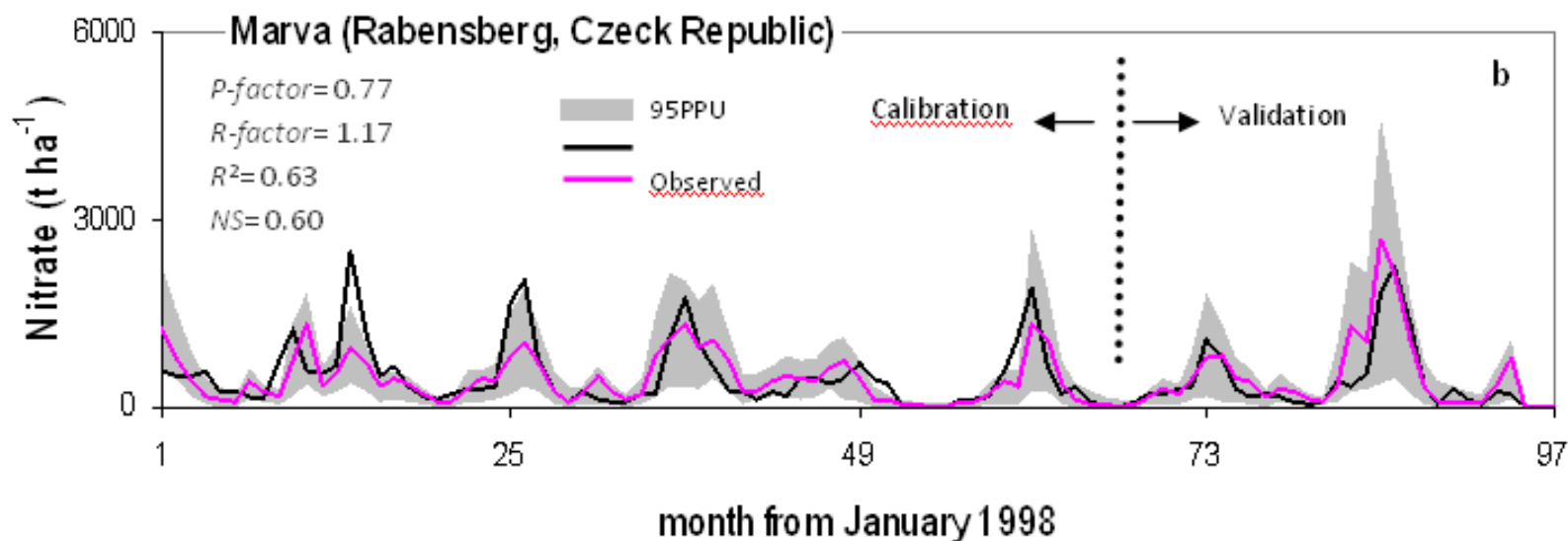
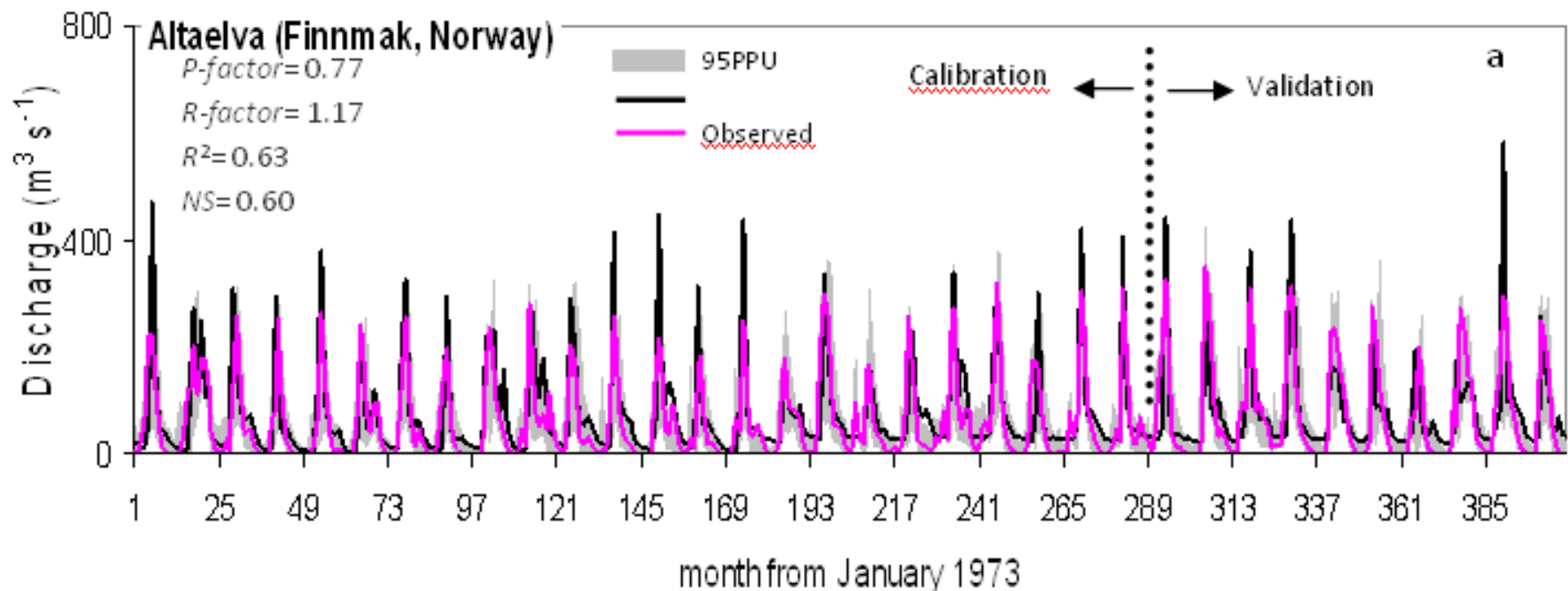
(4 blocks of 50 worker node)

→ 2 weeks

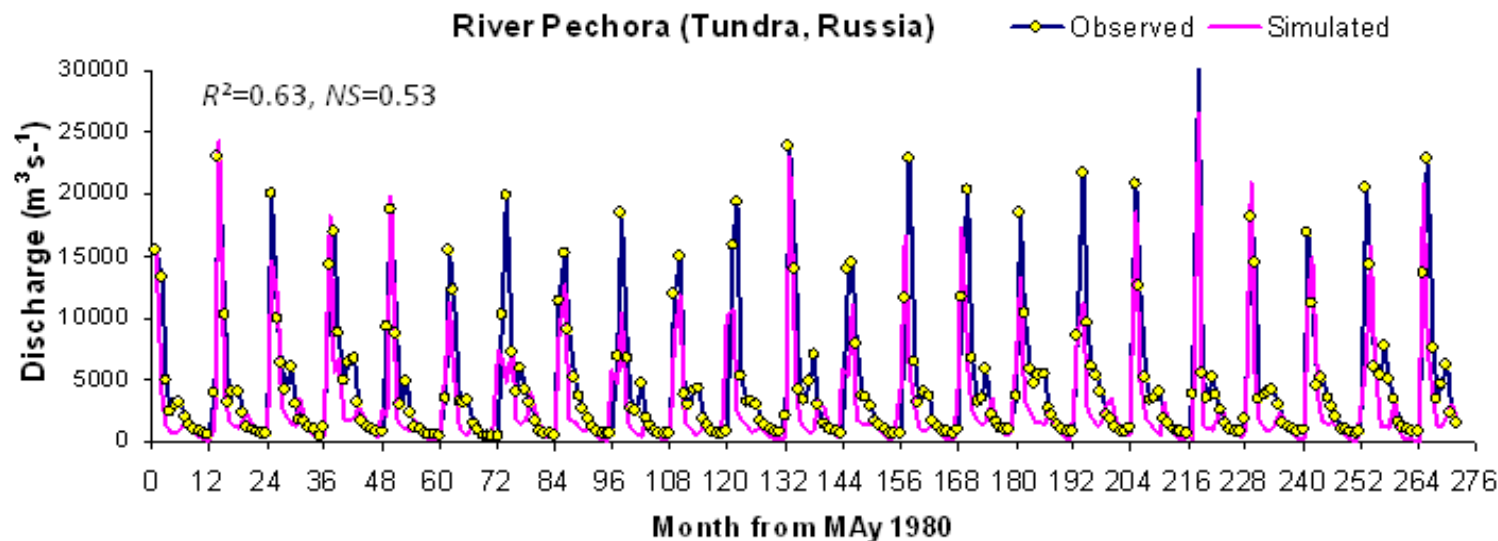
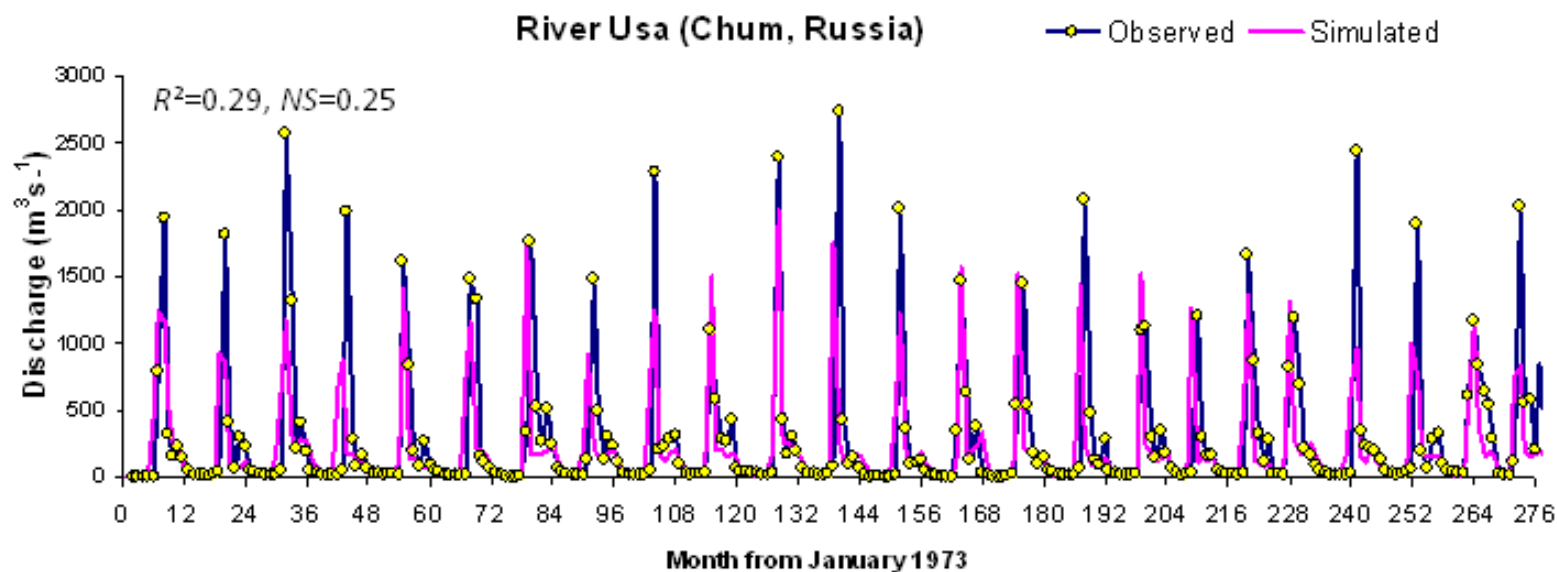
Instead of 7.5 months!

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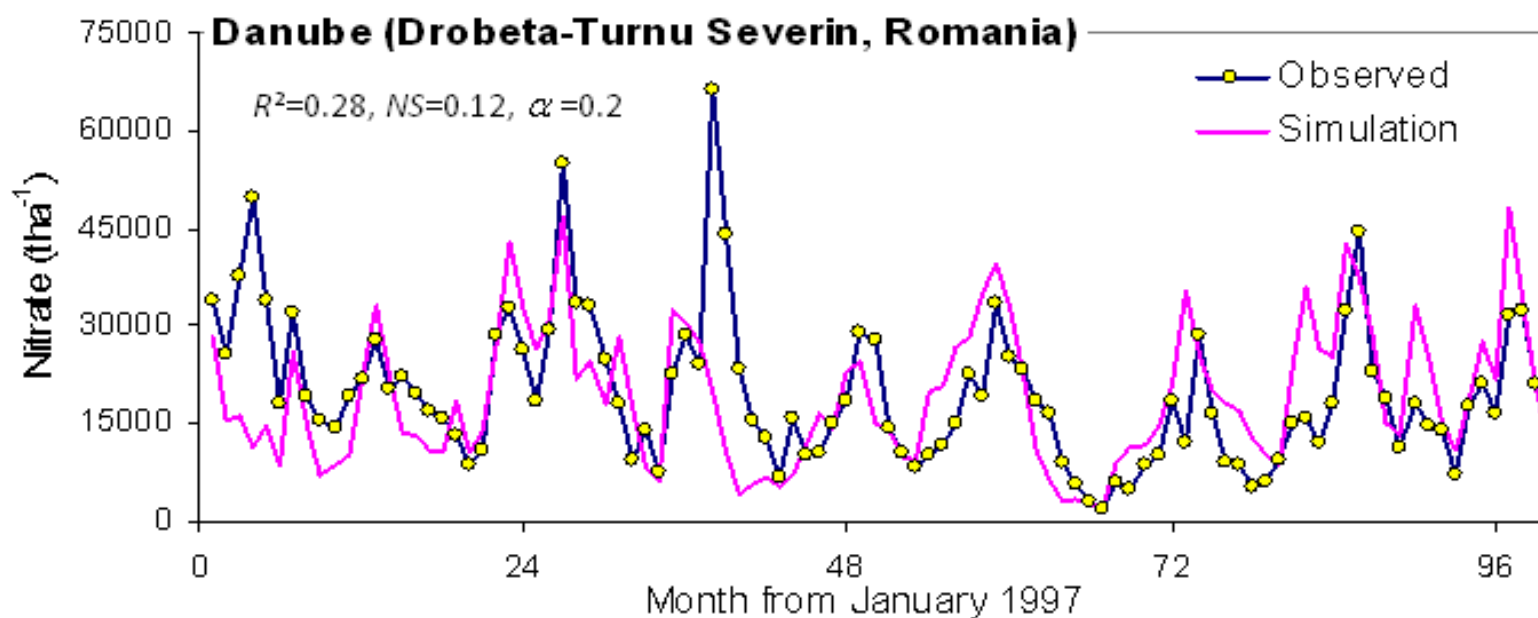
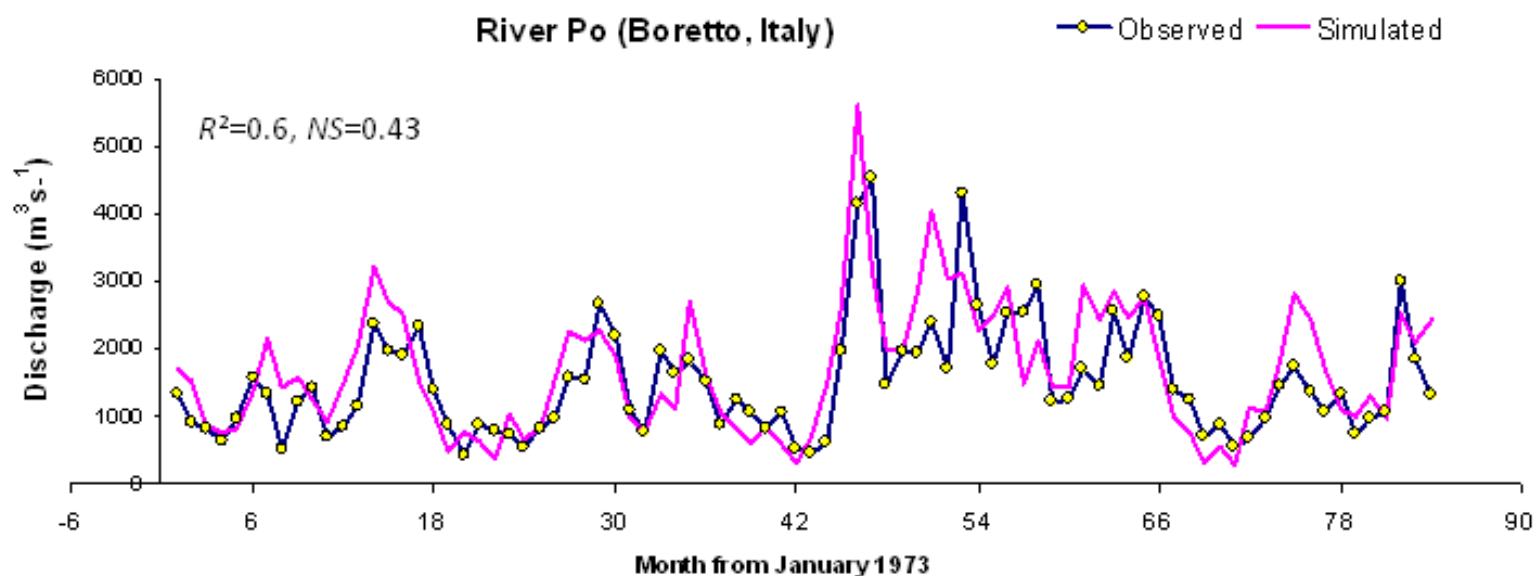
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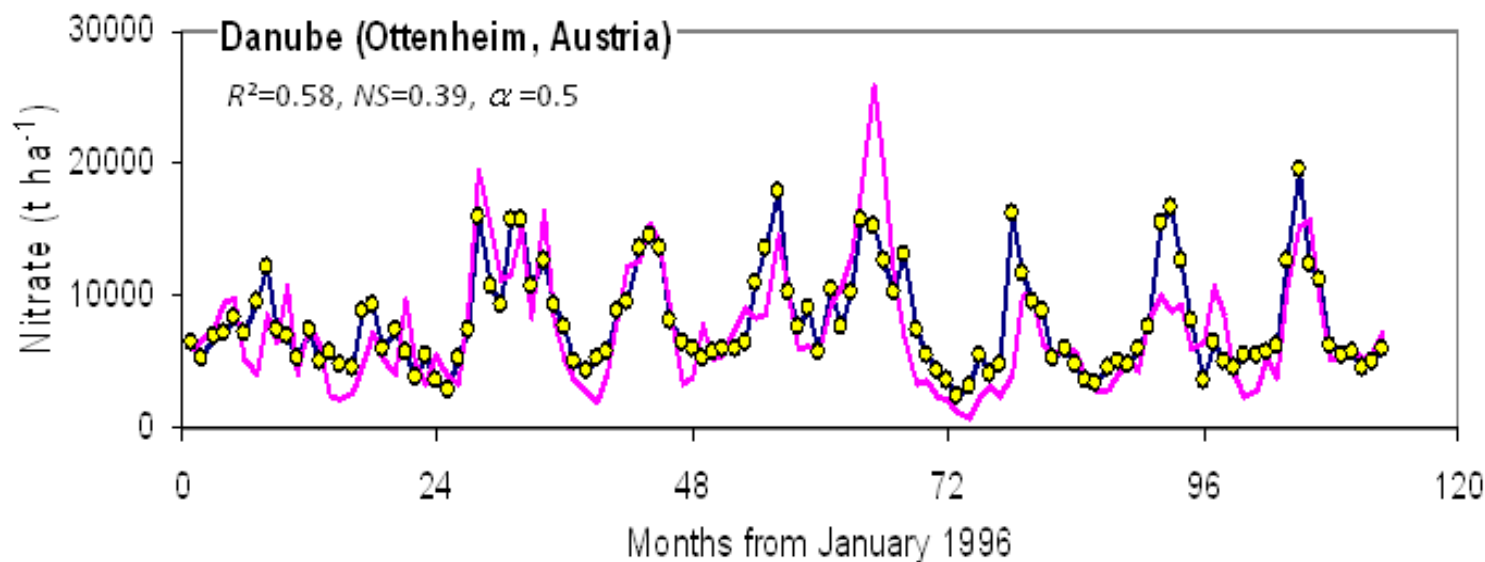
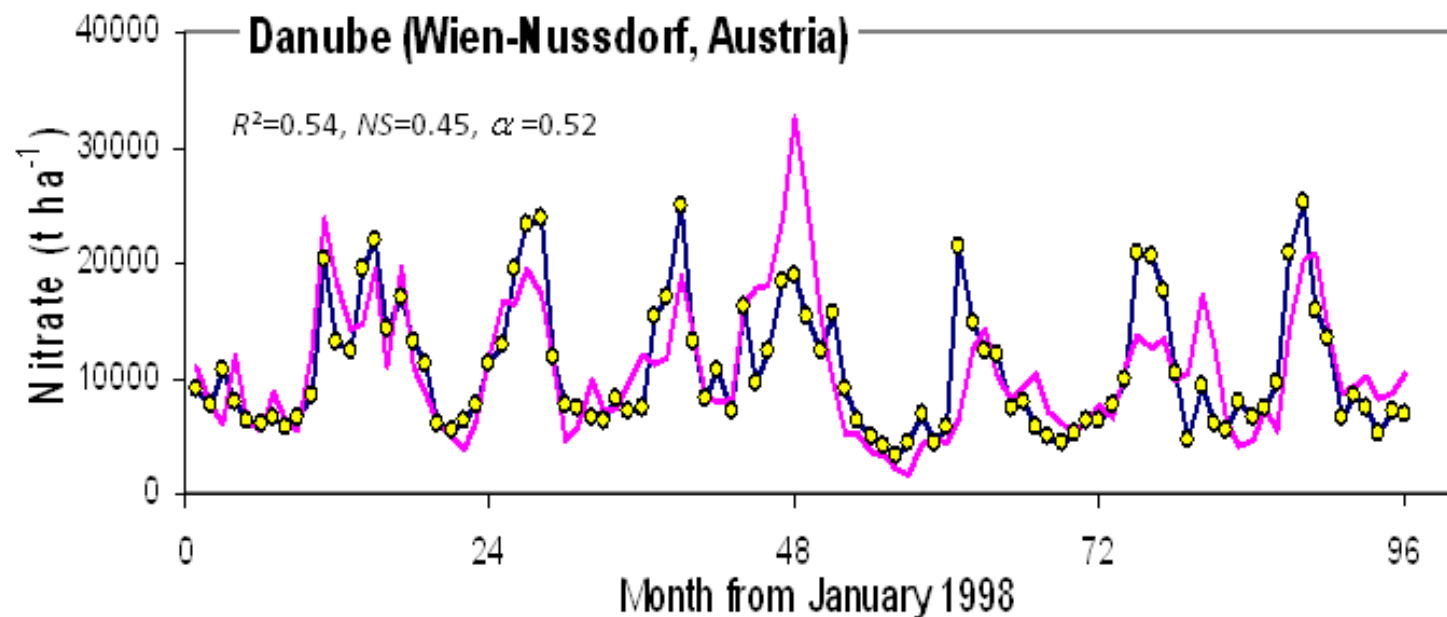
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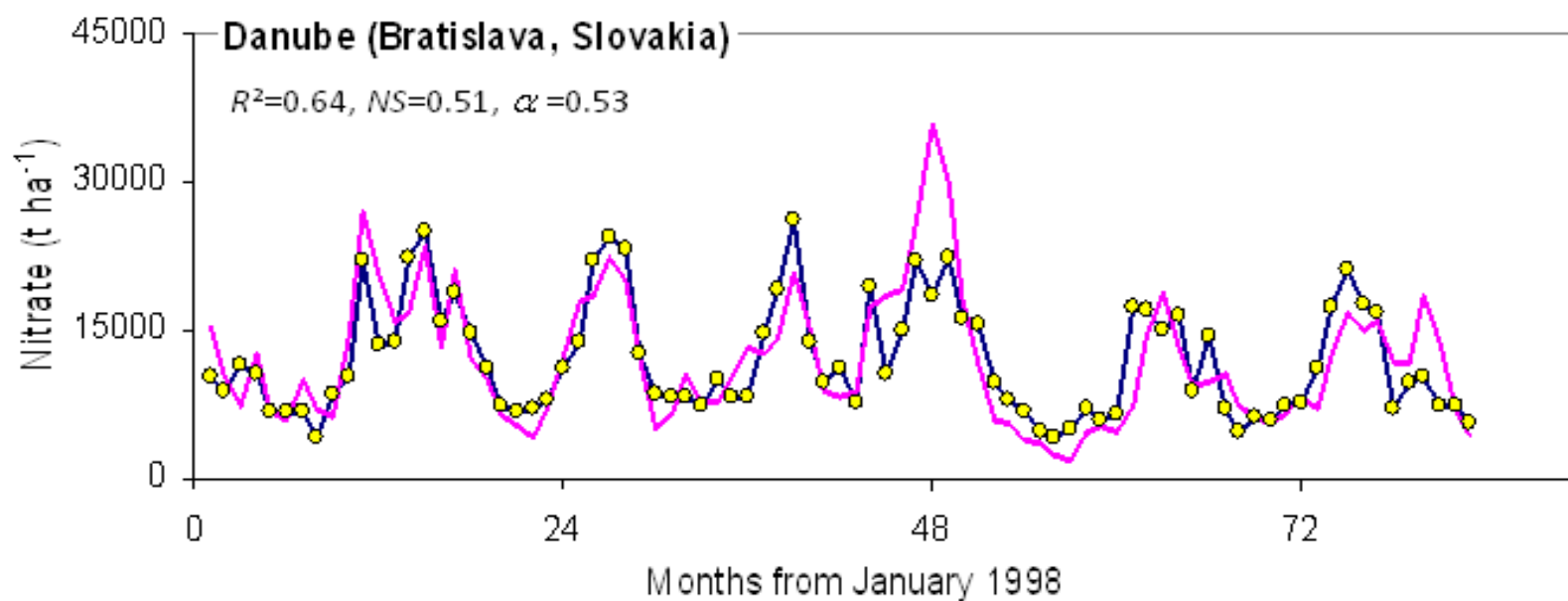
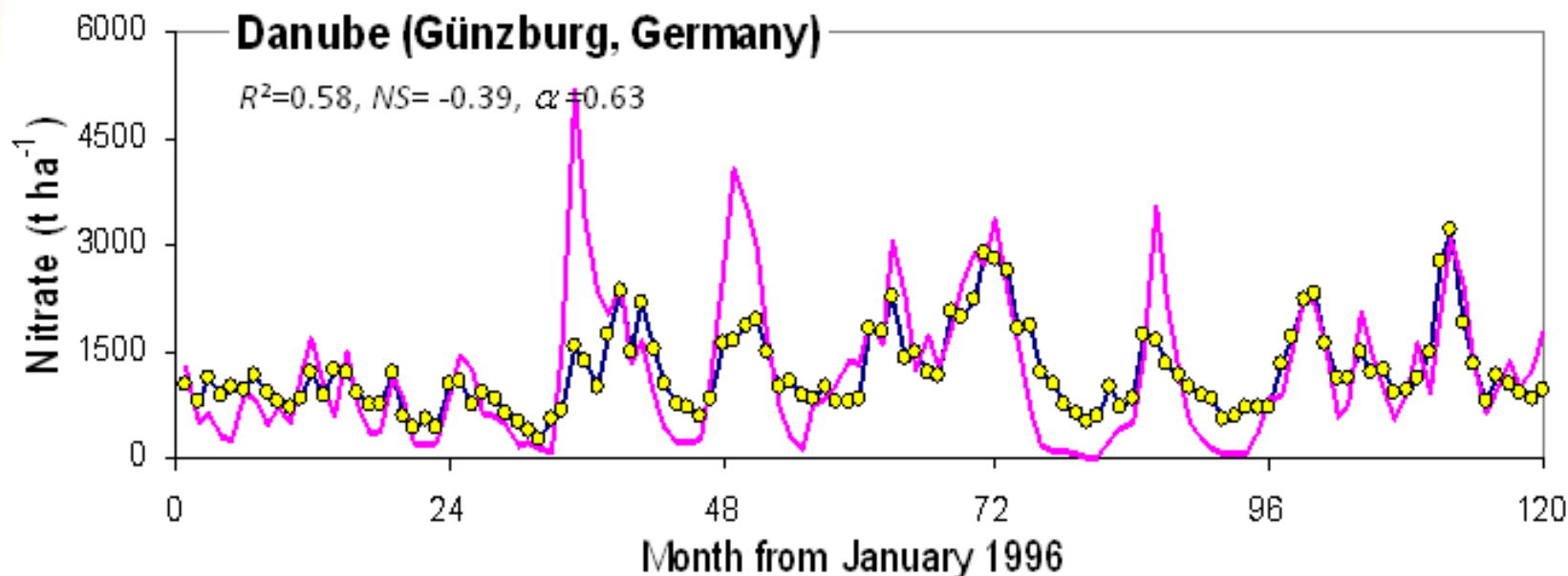
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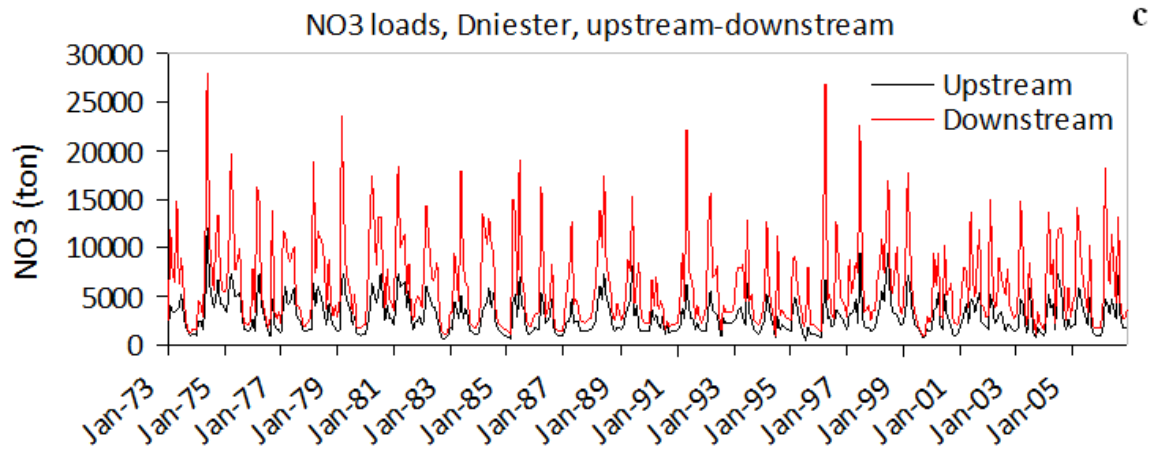
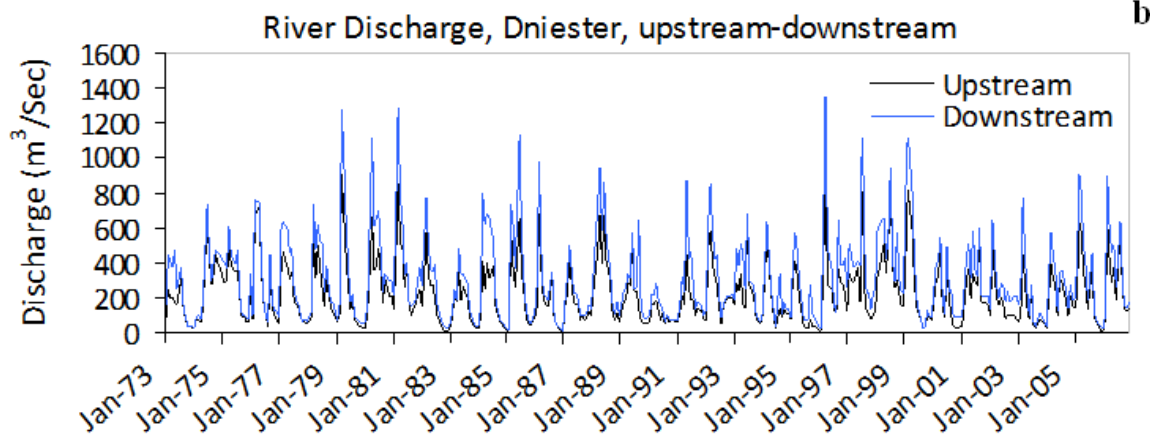


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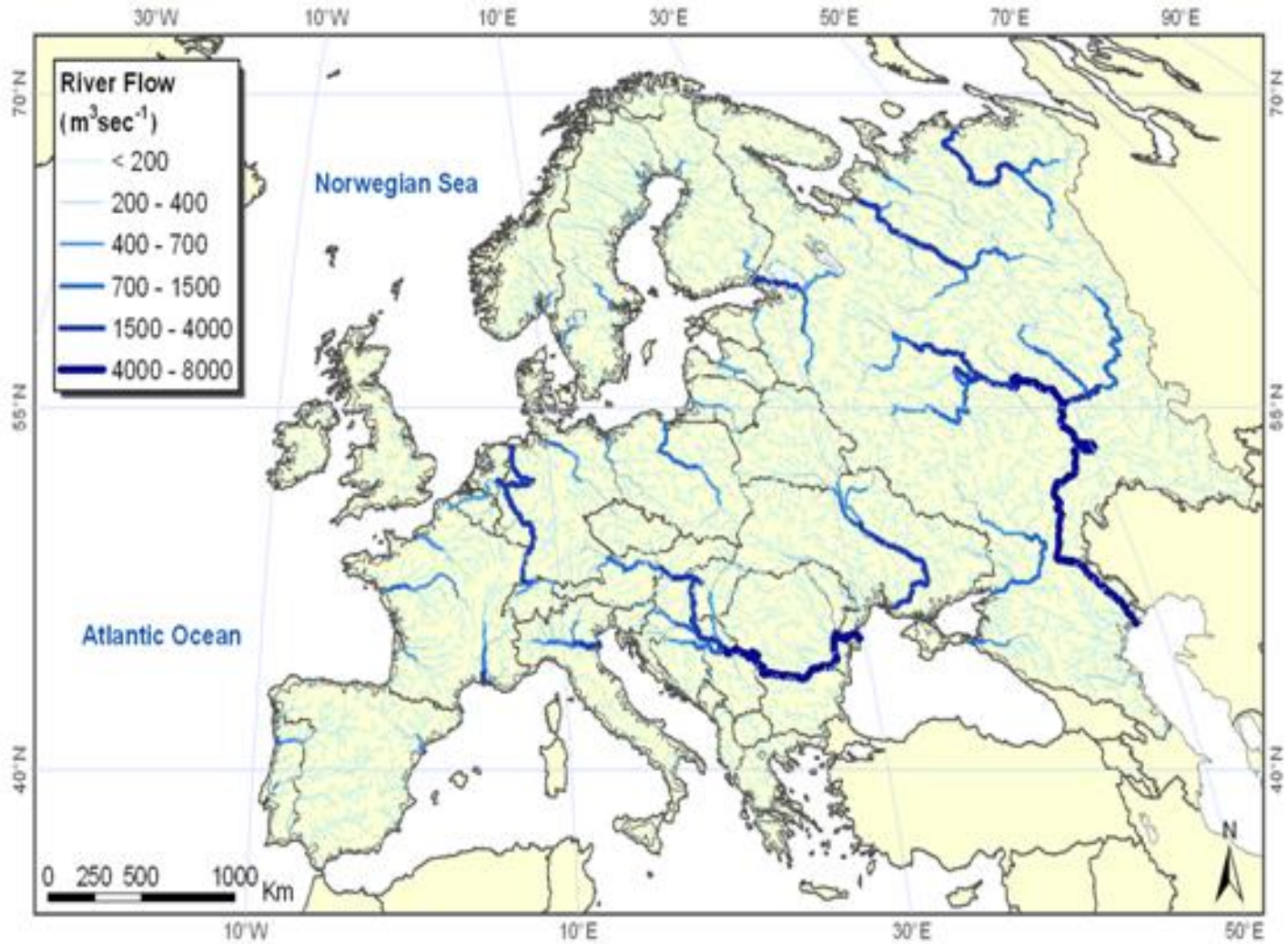


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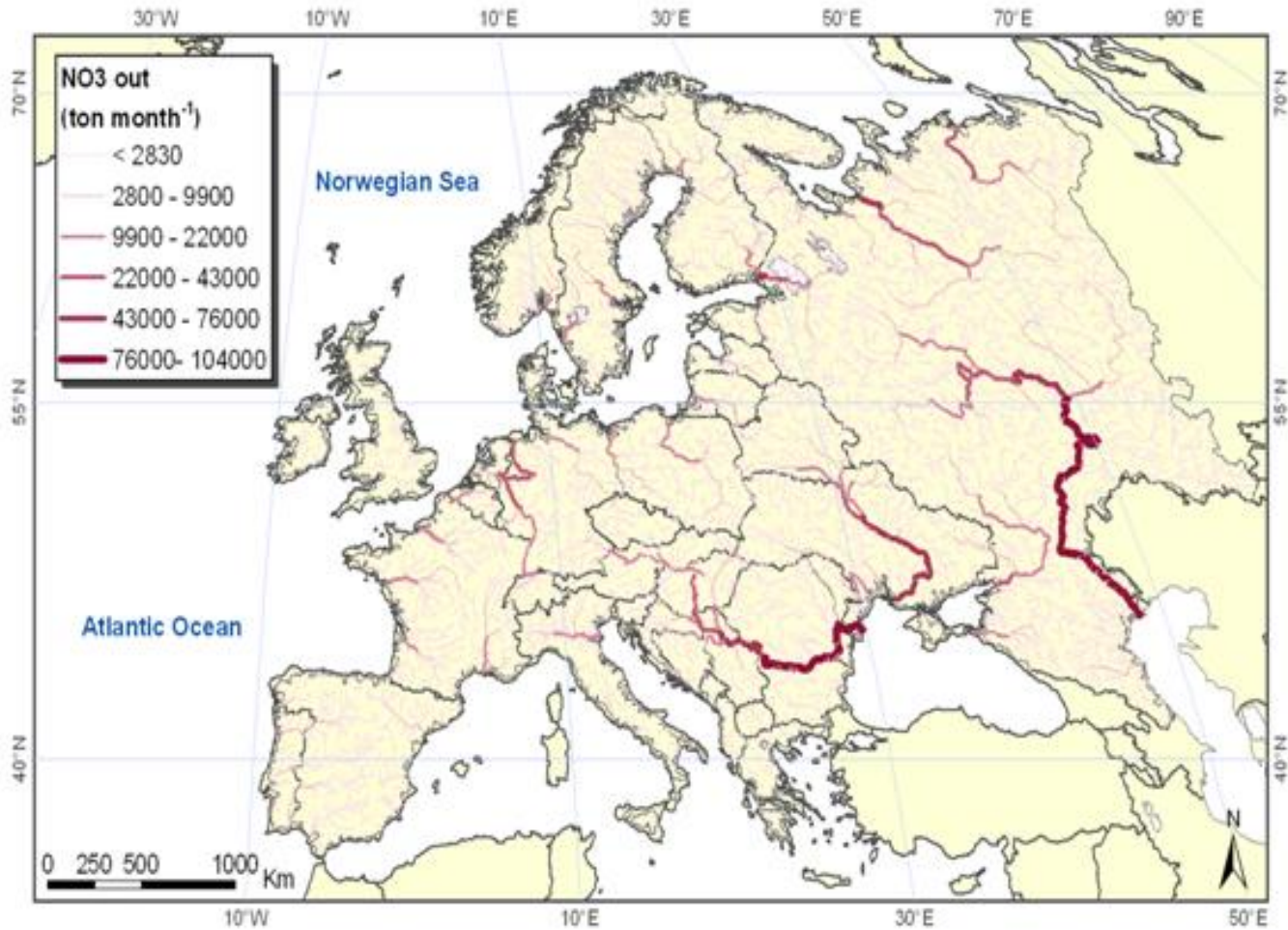


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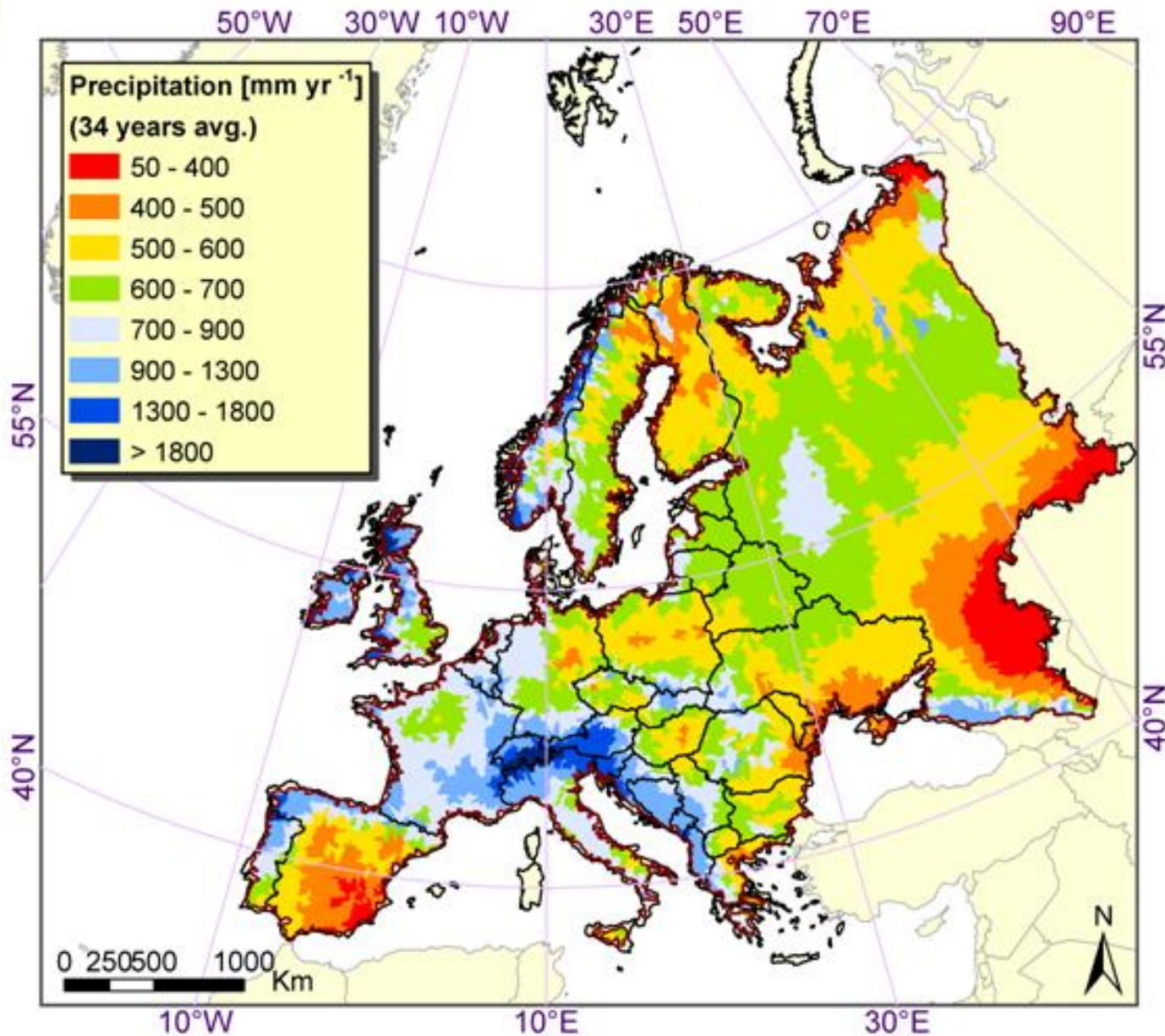




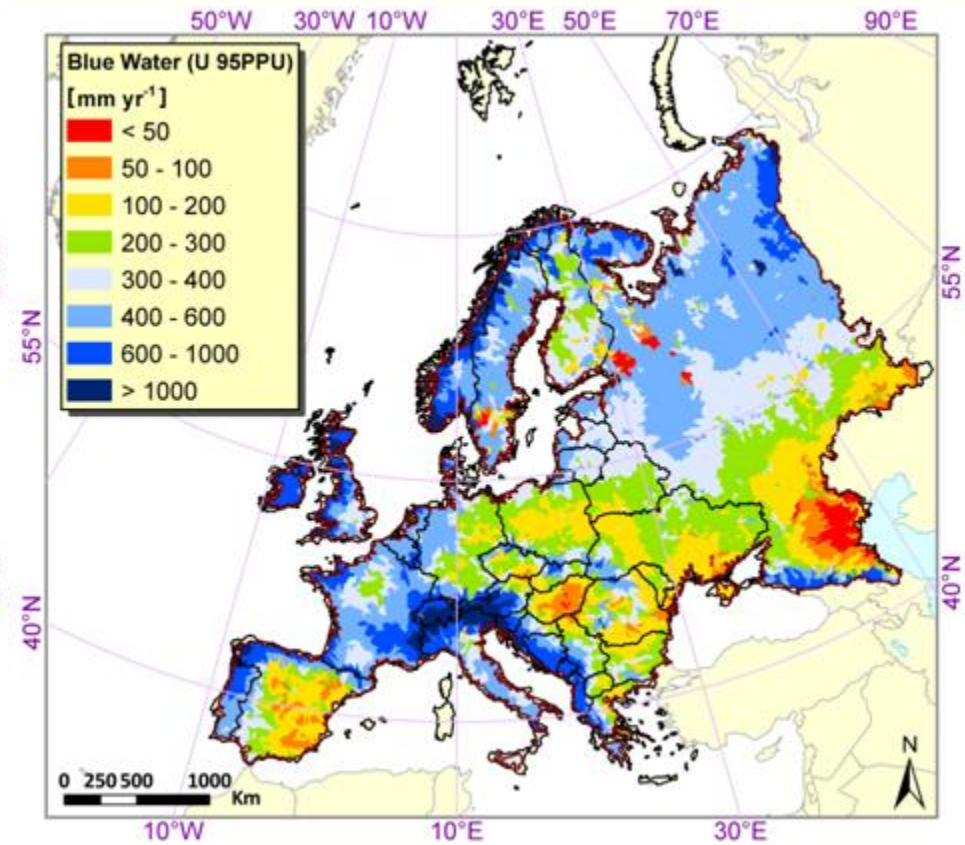
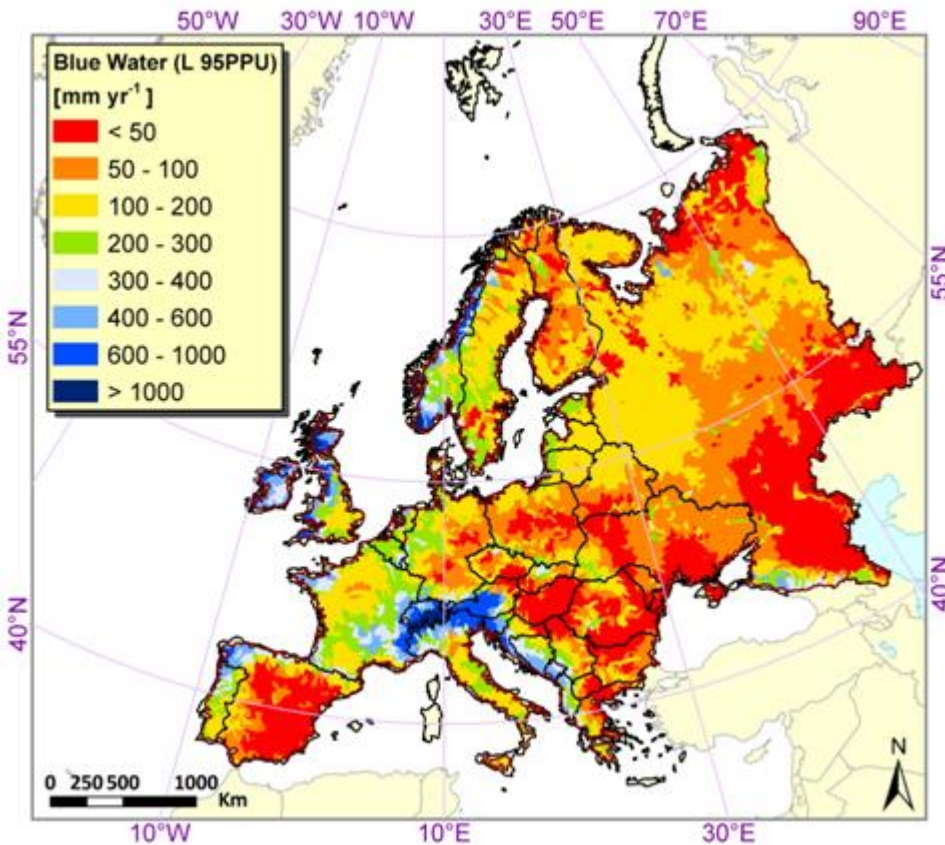
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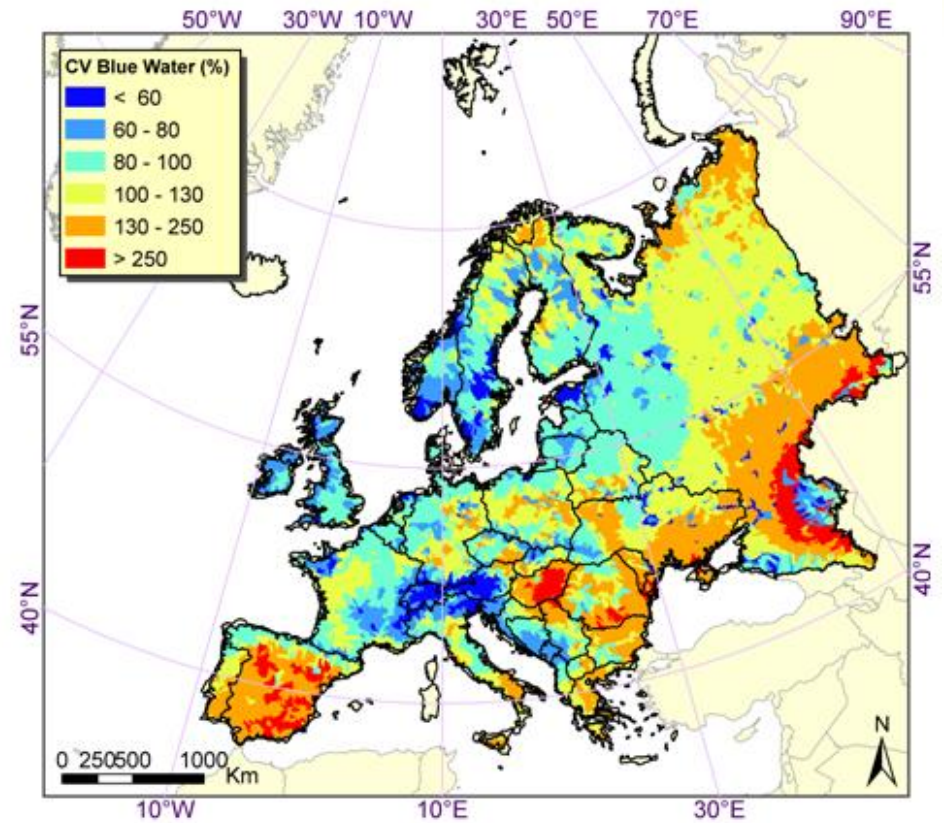
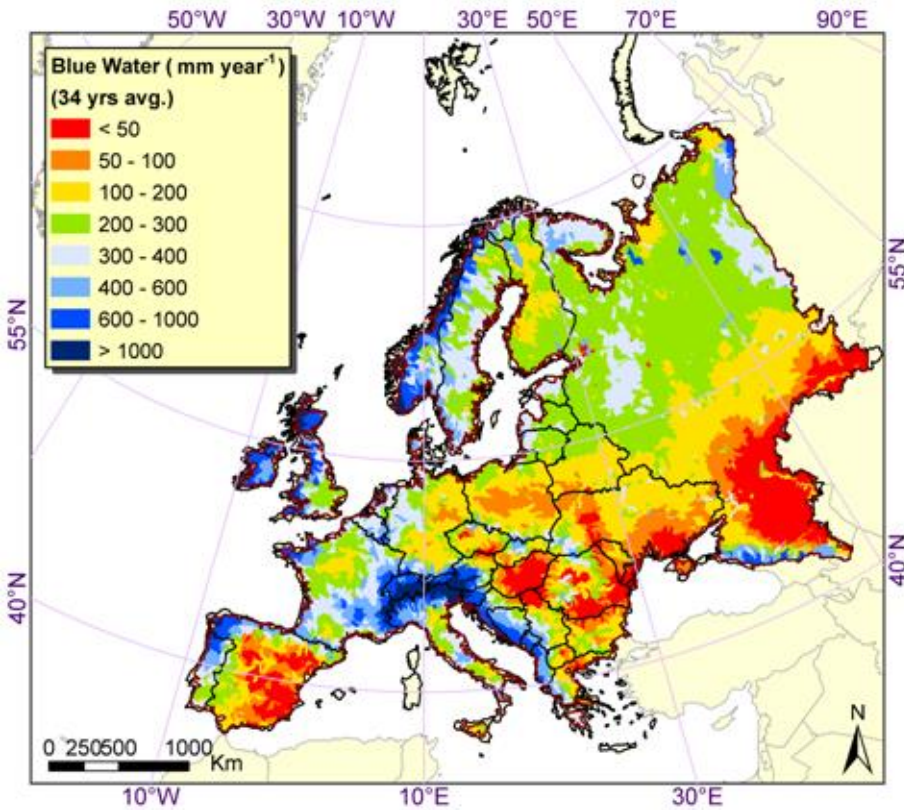
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# Blue Water



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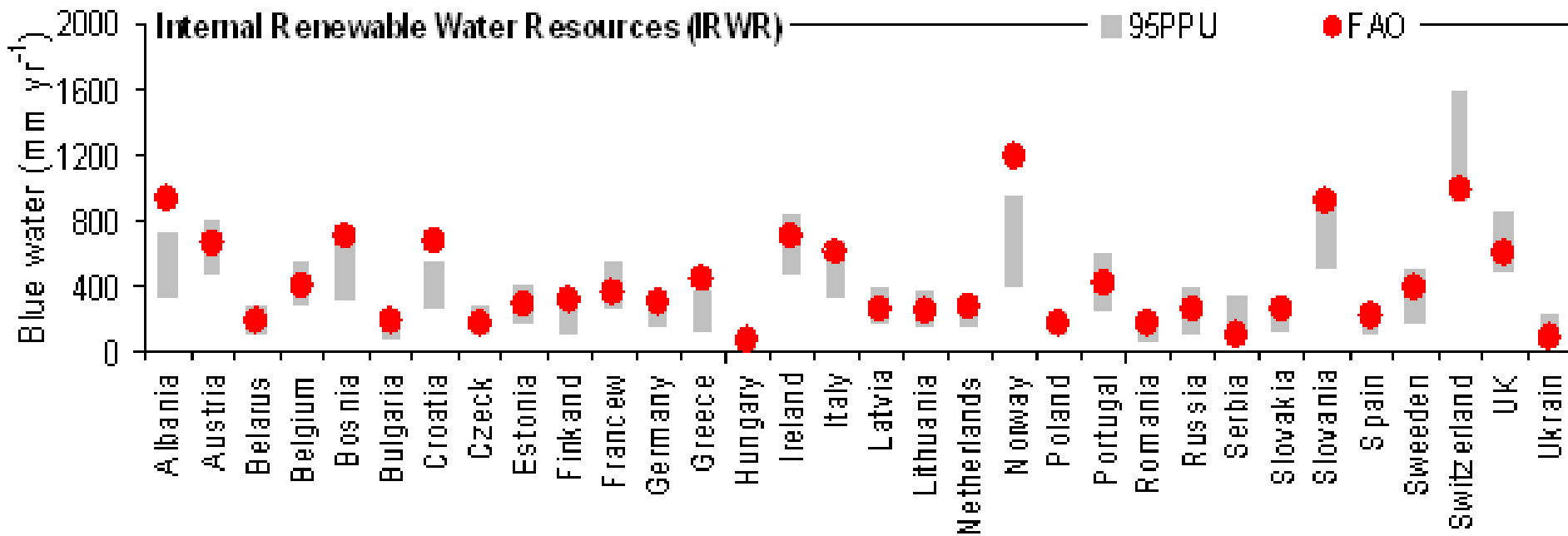
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Country	Area (km <sup>2</sup> )	Precipitation (km <sup>3</sup> yr <sup>-1</sup> )	Blue water flow (km <sup>3</sup> yr <sup>-1</sup> )	<u>Greenwater storage (km<sup>3</sup>)</u>	Green water flow (km <sup>3</sup> yr <sup>-1</sup> )
Albania	28,750	29	9-21	17-91	10-12
Austria	83,870	95	39-67	64-267	36-42
Belarus	207,600	128	20-58	211-429	80-92
Belgium	30,530	27	8-17	24-84	13-15
Bosnia	51,210	54	16-35	45-113	27-32
Bulgaria	111,000	68	7-27	72-272	44-53
Croatia	56,590	58	14-32	42-71	23-27
<u>Czech</u>	78,870	51	8-21	67-151	32-37
Denmark	43,090	34	3-6	9-22	3-4
Estonia	45,230	30	8-18	25-65	9-11
Finland	338,420	186	33-117	330-602	85-100
France	549,190	465	144-301	398-842	192-227
Germany	357,130	254	56-128	283-699	139-160
Greece	131,960	88	16-49	48-138	27-35
Hungary	93,030	55	1-11	69-158	40-47
Ireland	70,280	76	33-60	47-85	15-17

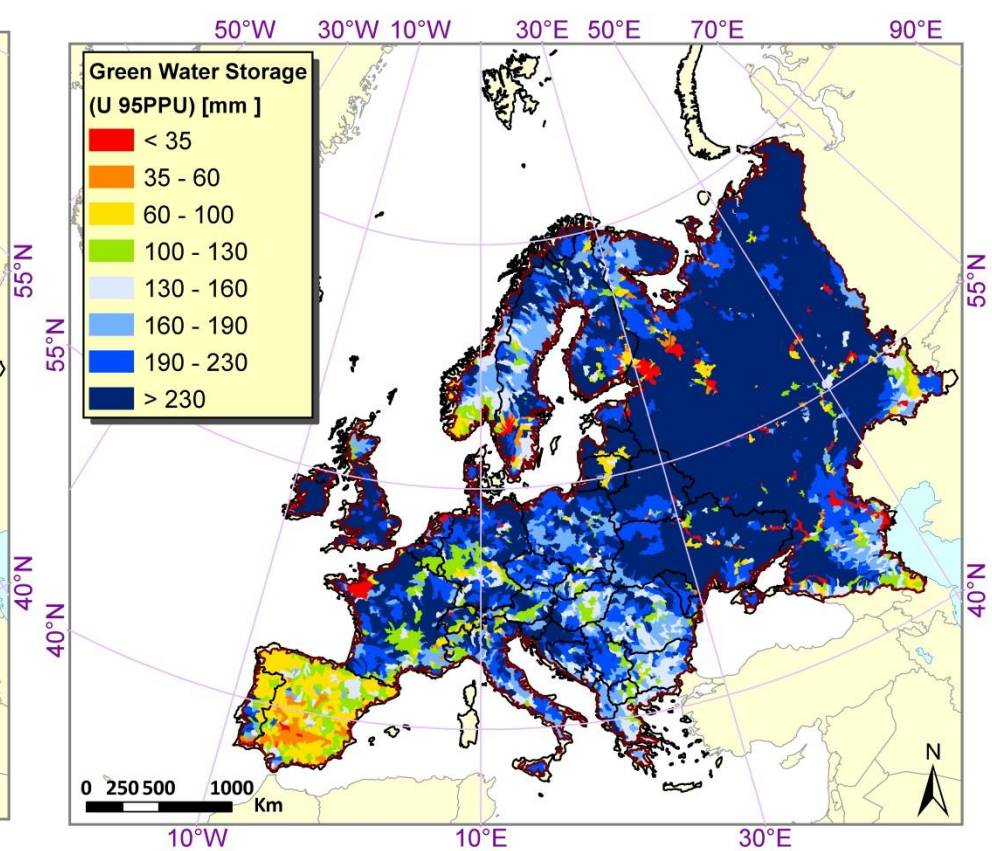
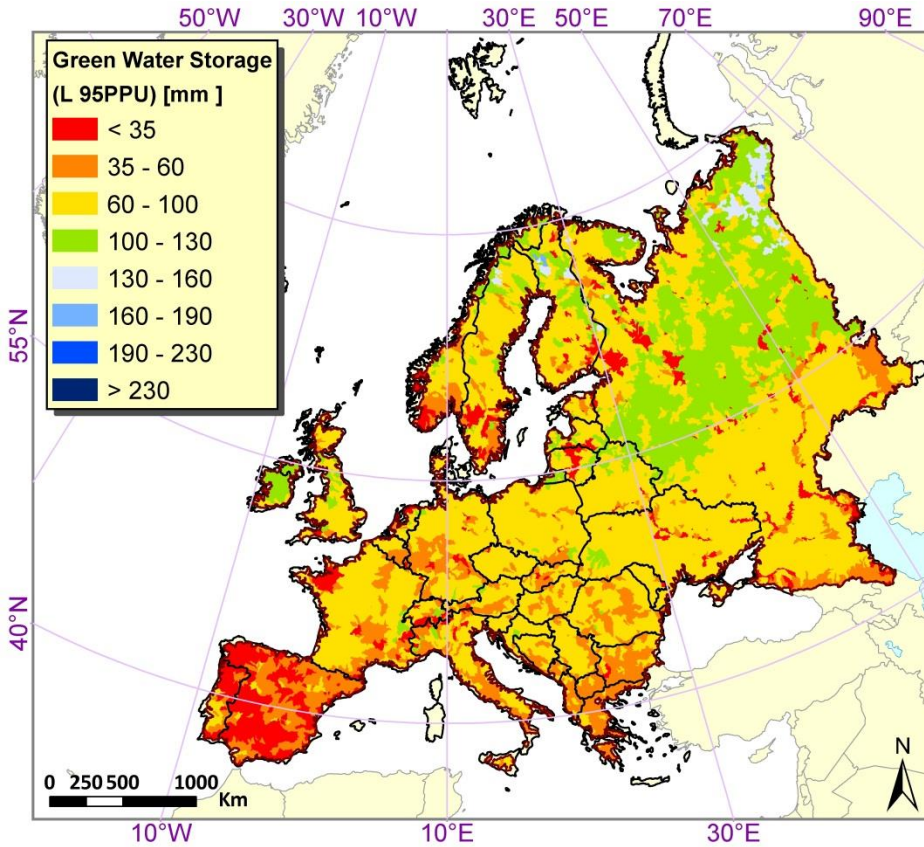
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Spain	505,600	293	50-150	200-961	158-199
<u>Sweeden</u>	450,300	295	76-222	364-526	107-125
Switzerland	41,280	69	38-65	31-83	15-18
<u>Ukrain</u>	603,550	346	42-135	541-540	212-245
UK	243,610	257	119-209	208-433	82-98

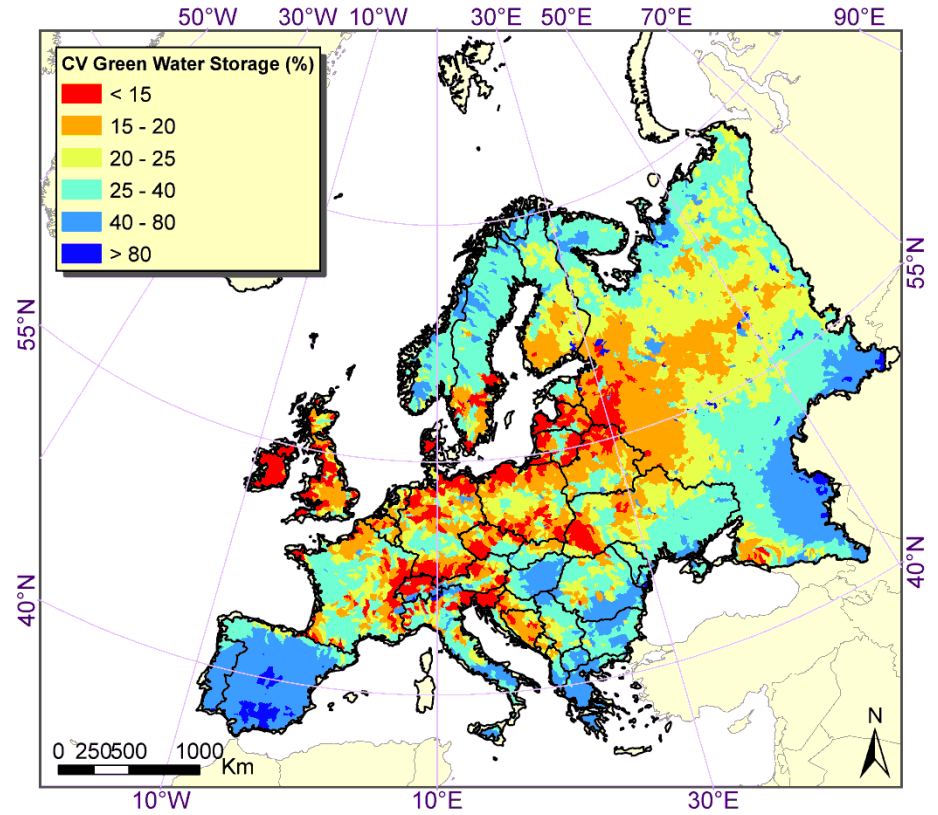
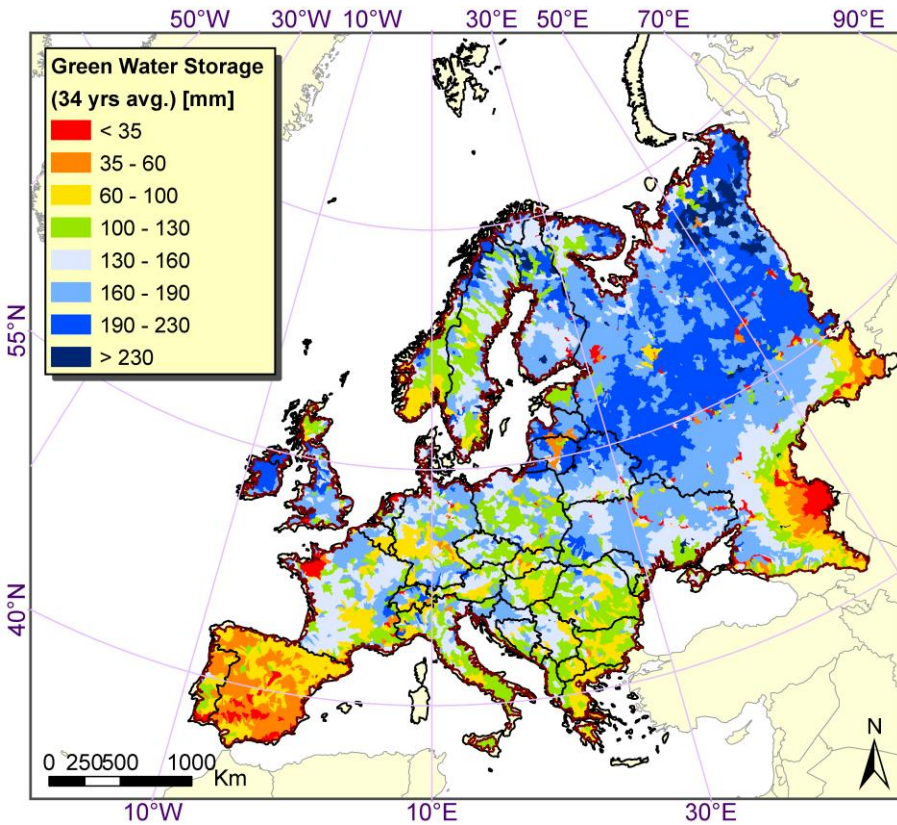
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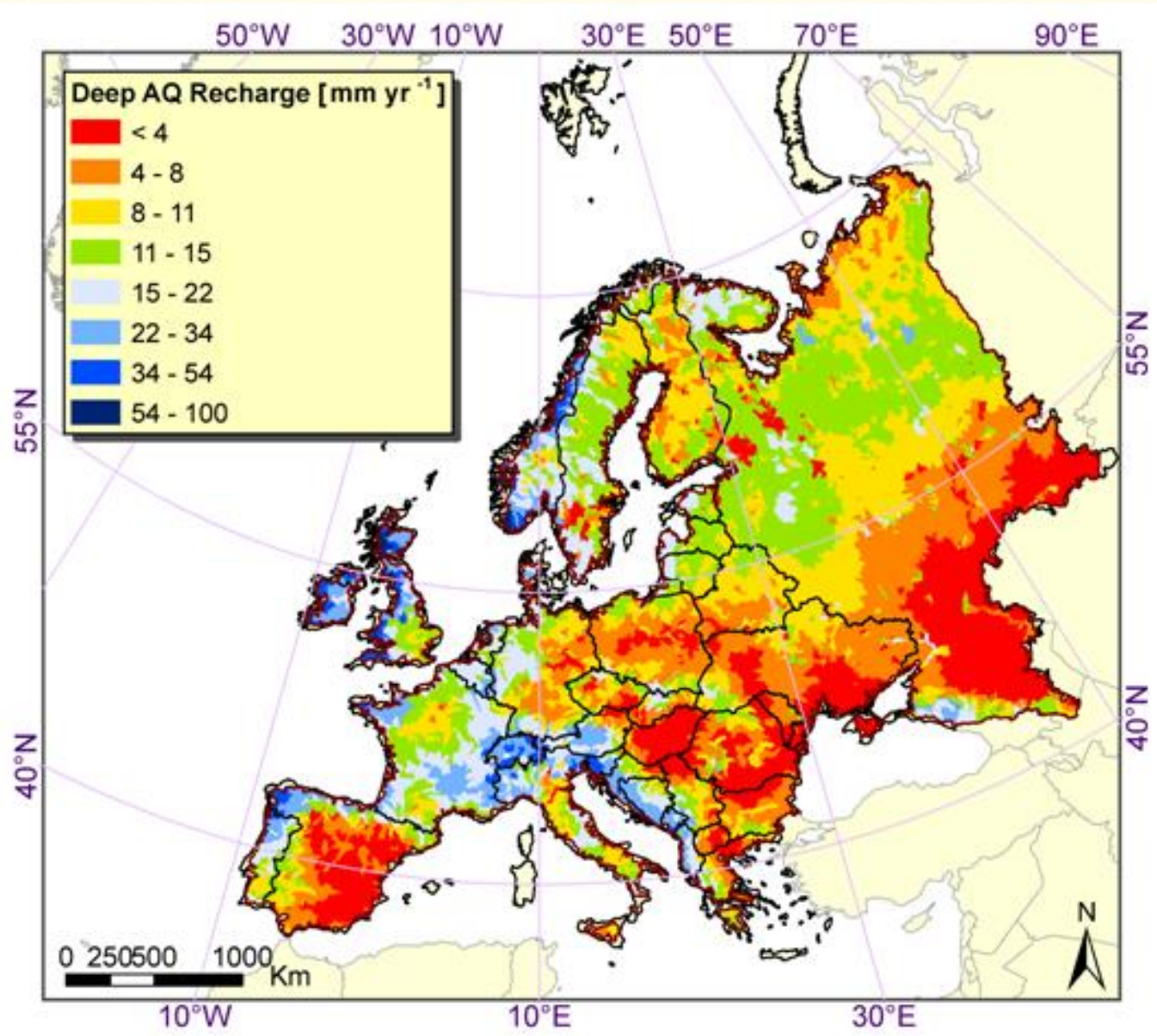


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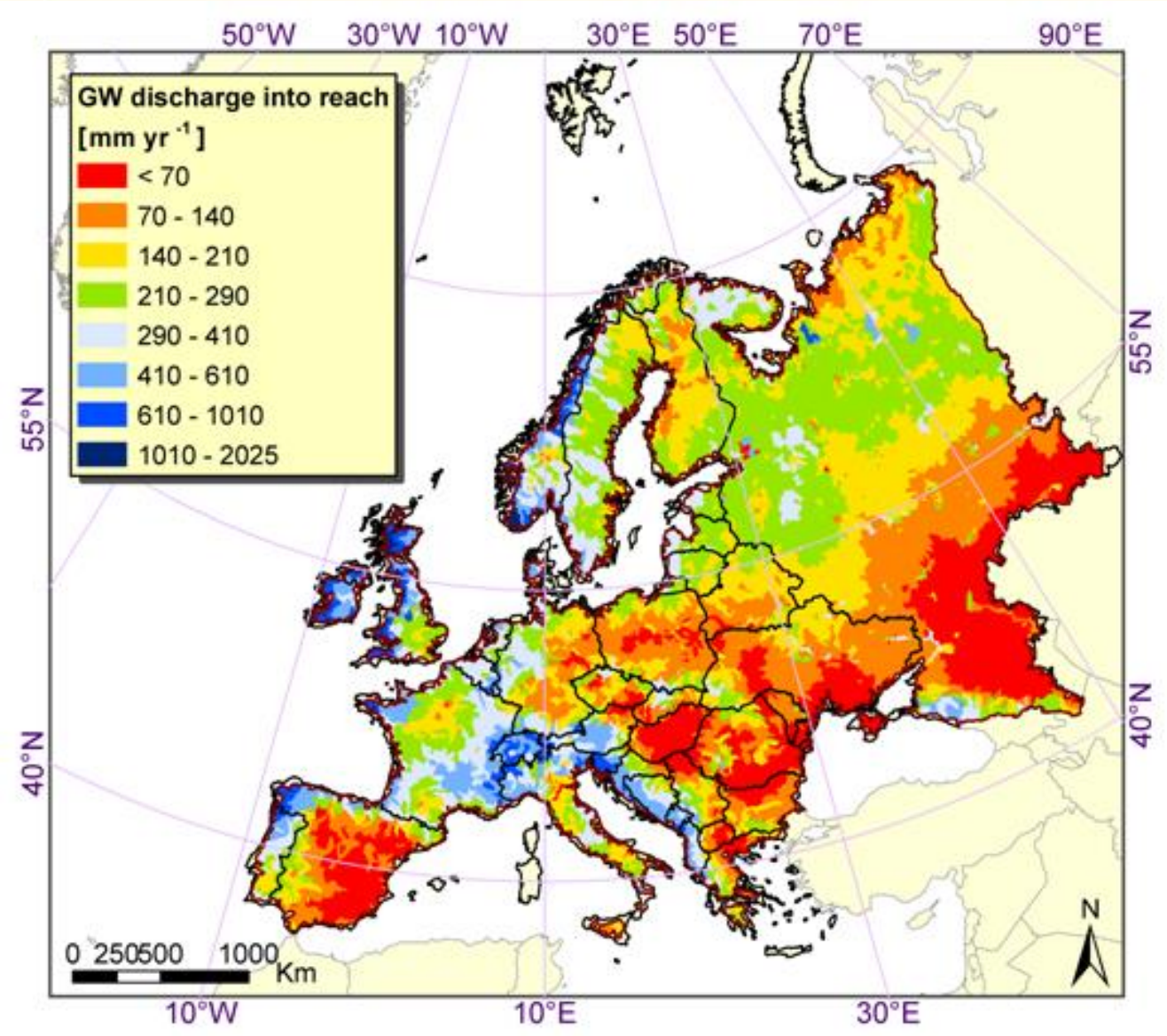




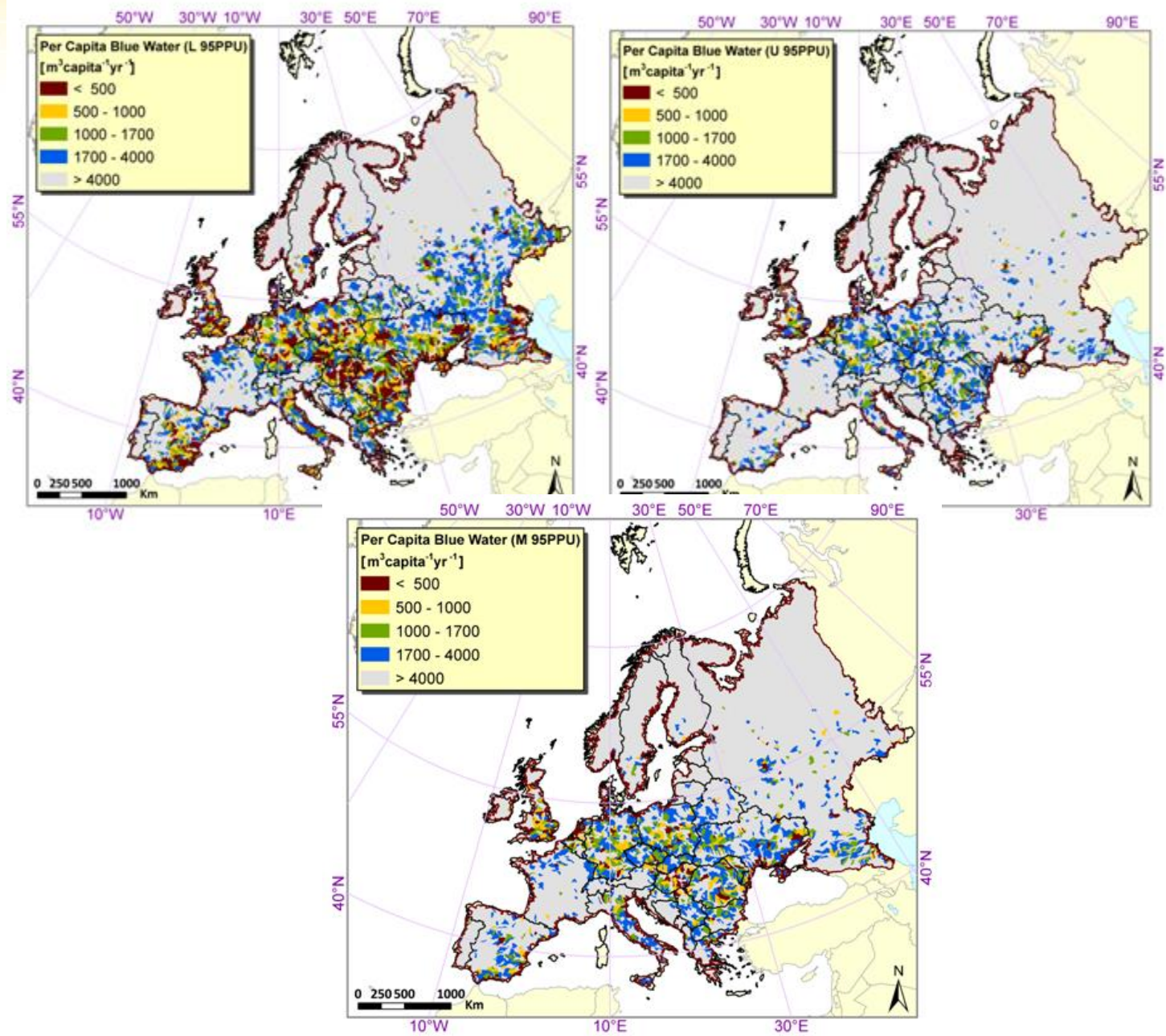
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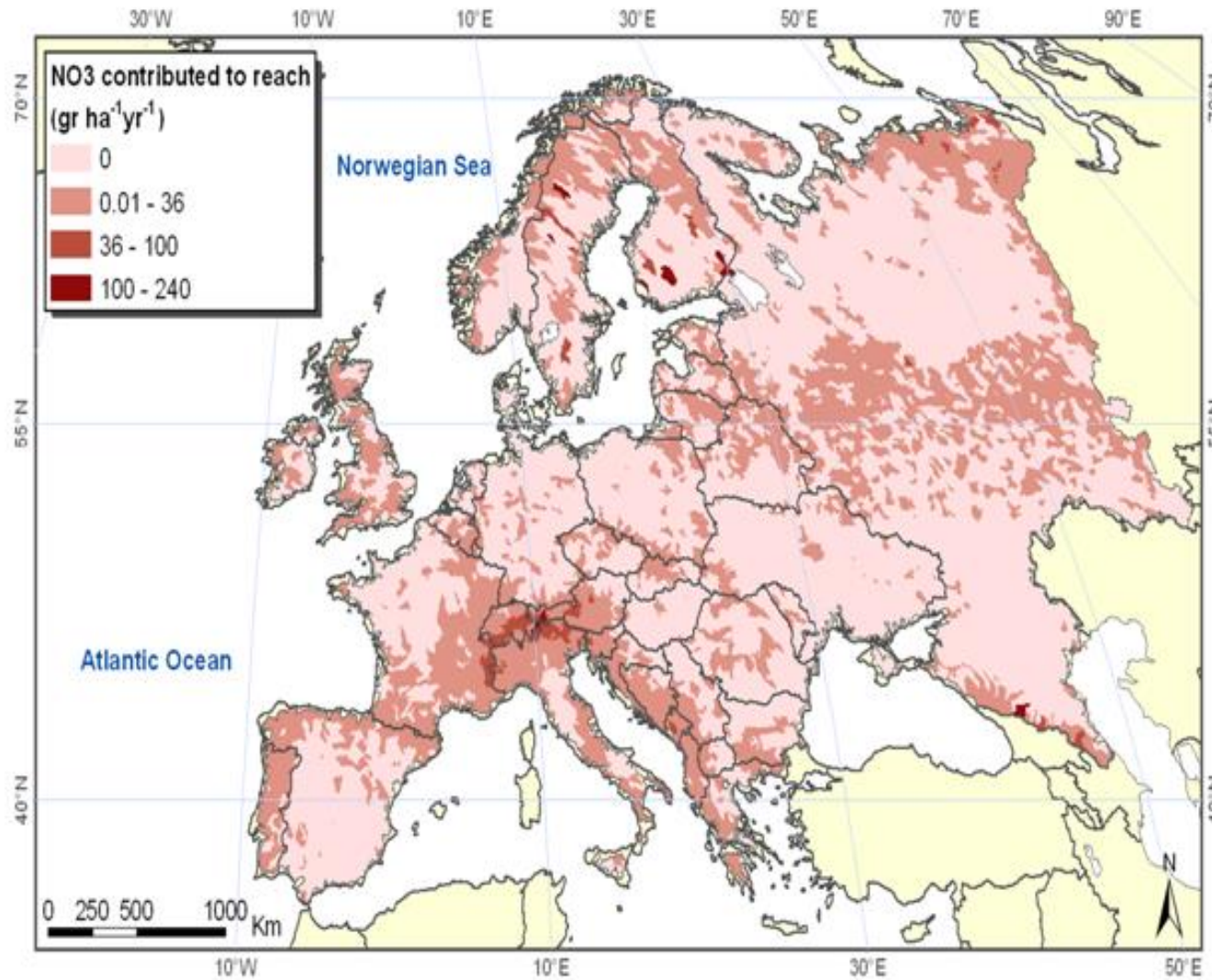
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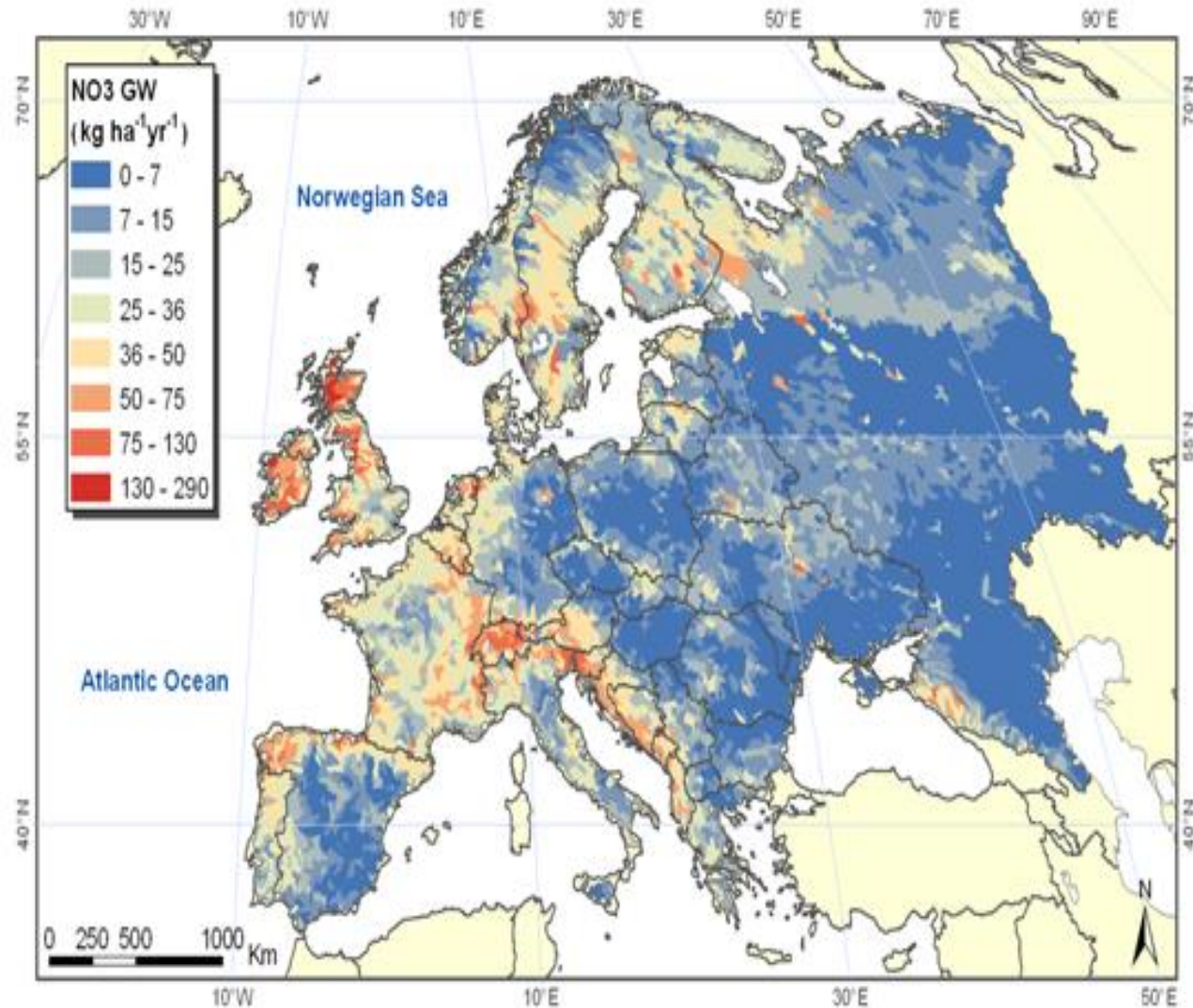
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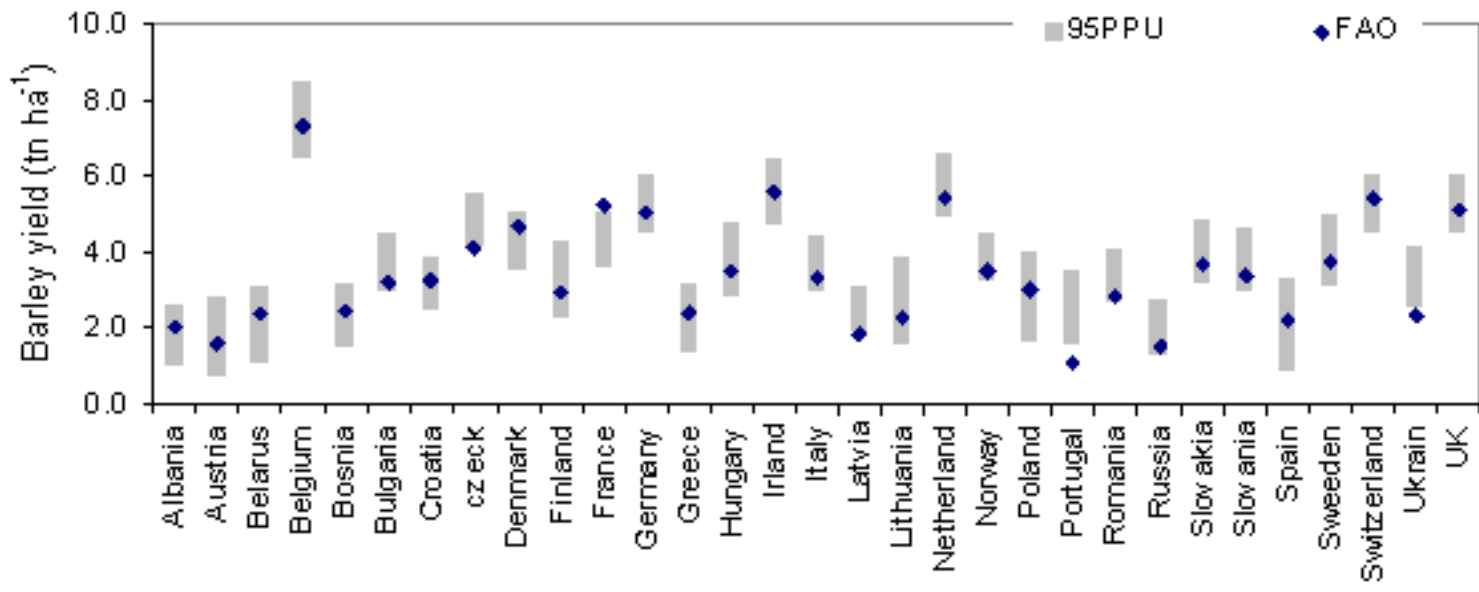
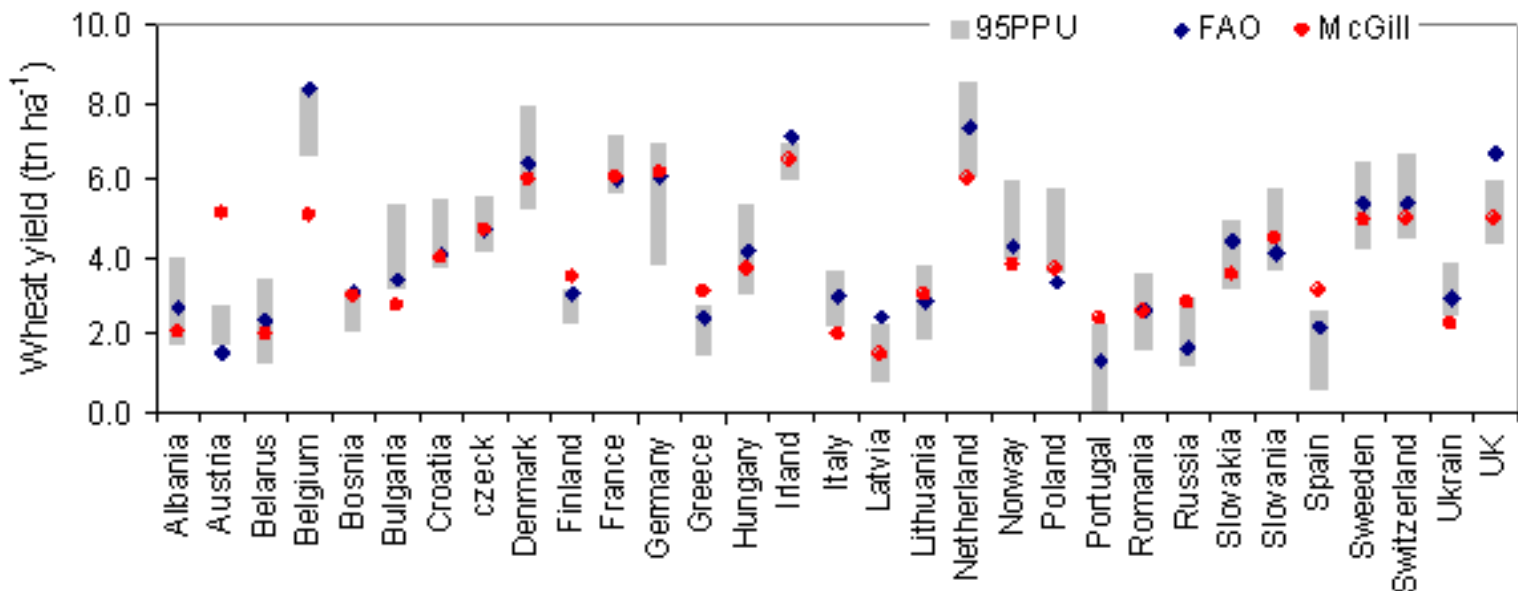
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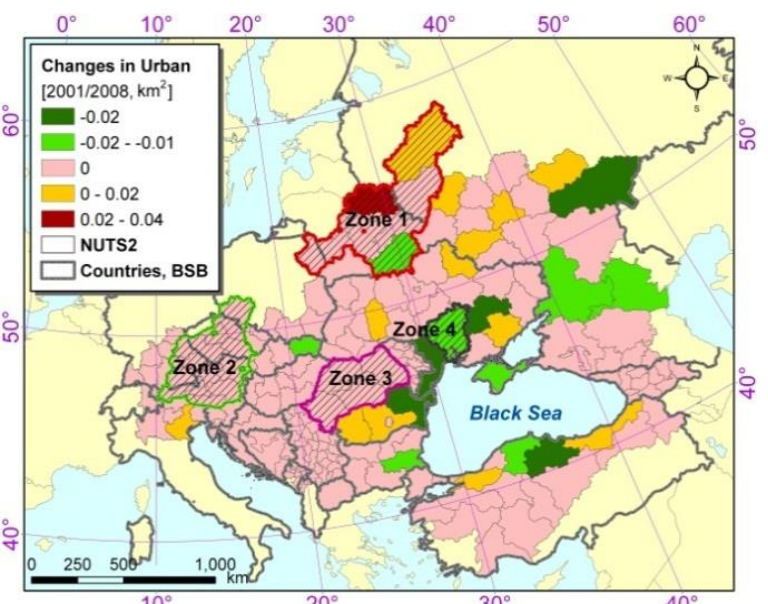
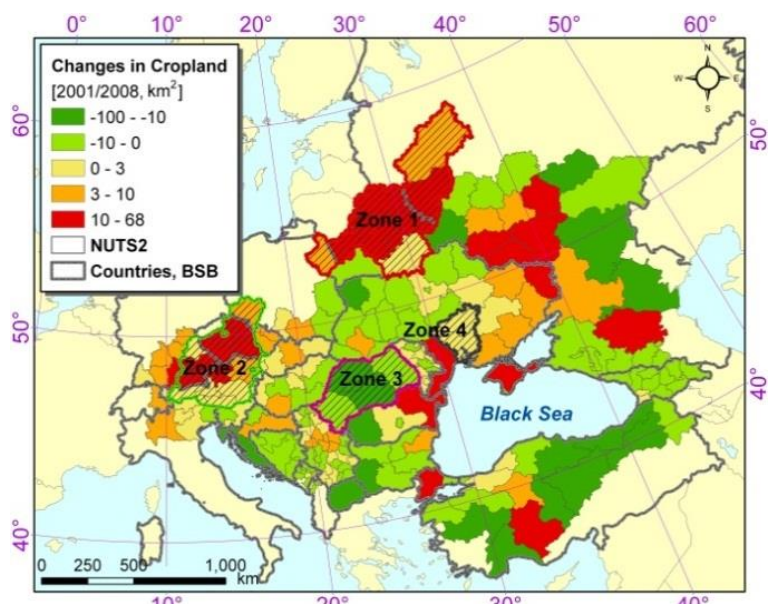
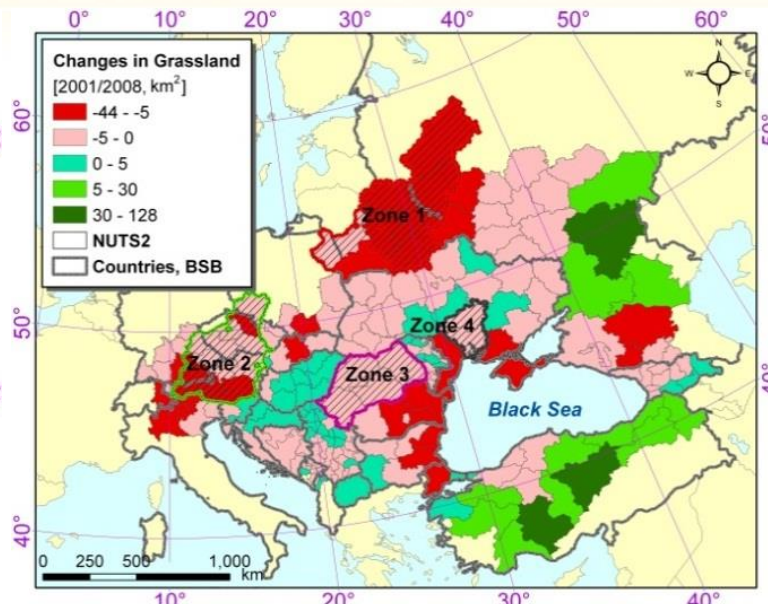
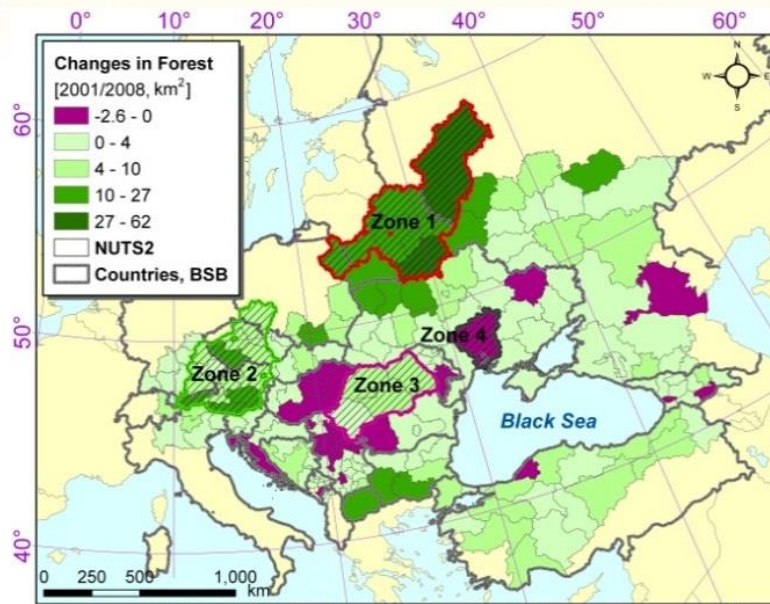
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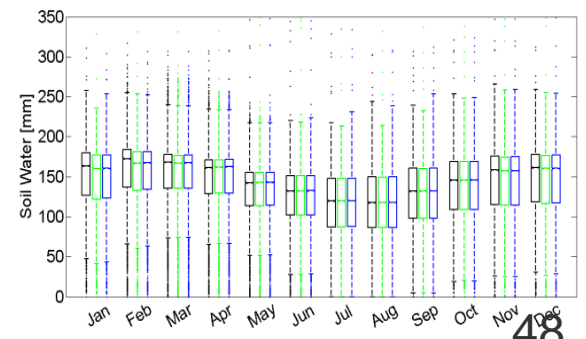
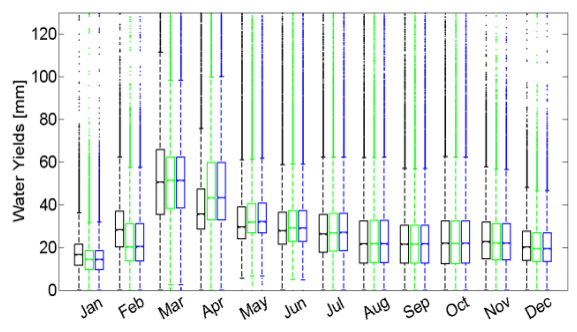
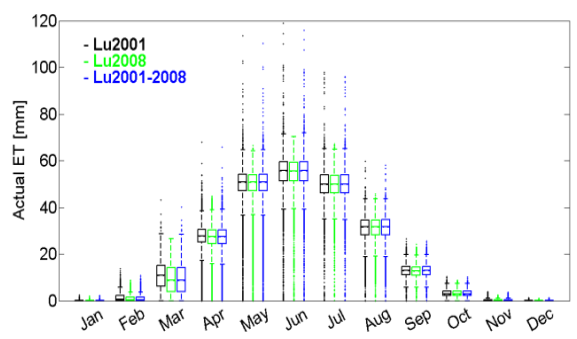
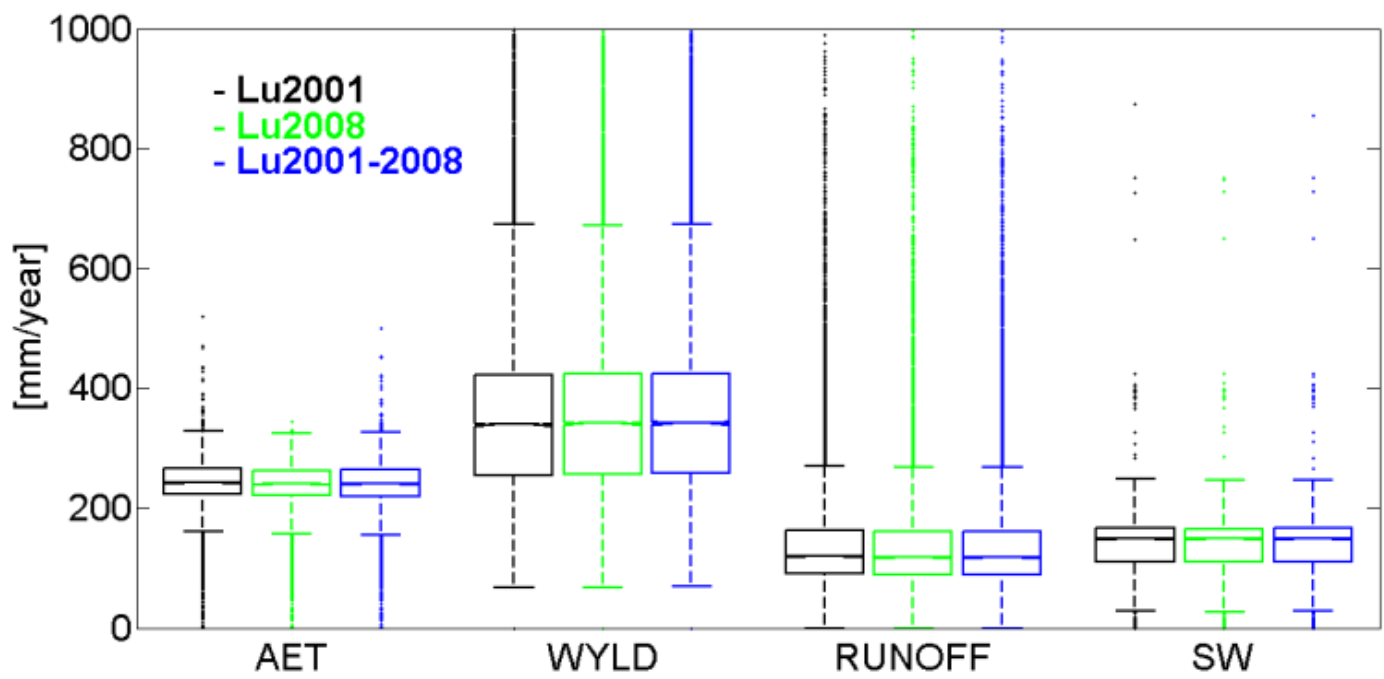
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# Landuse change, 2001 to 2008 (Metronomica)



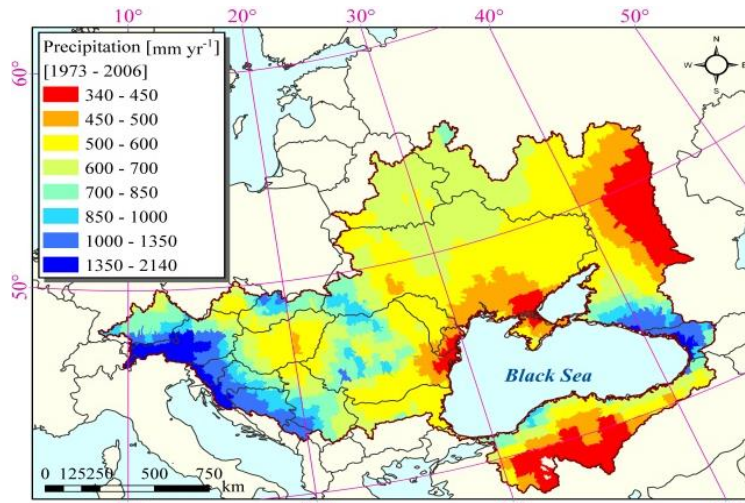
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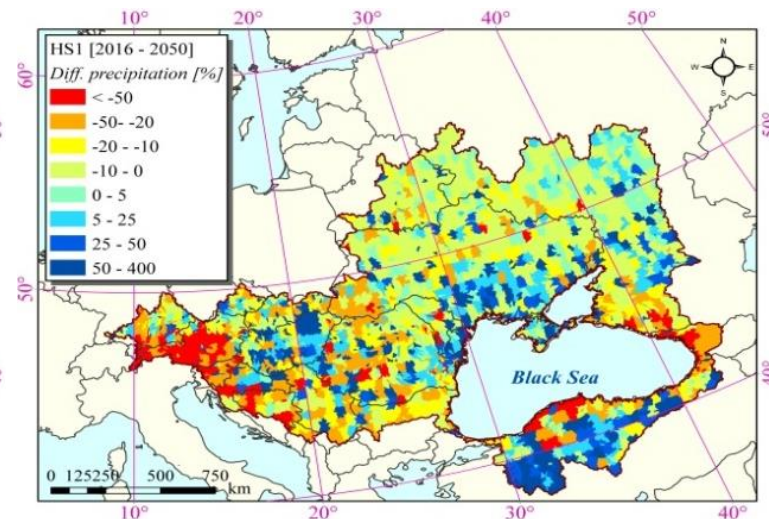
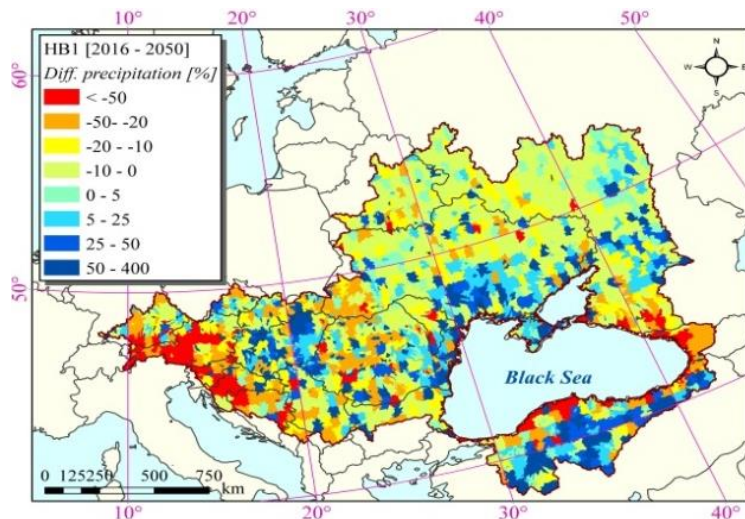
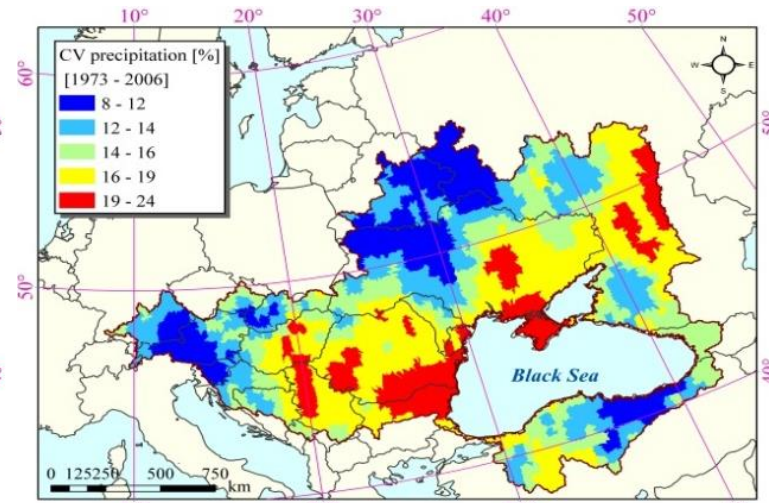


# Future climate scenarios (precipitation)

Historic



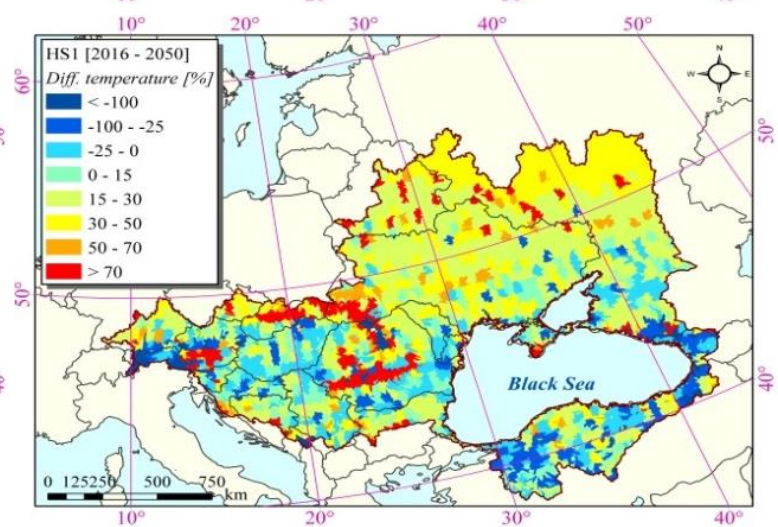
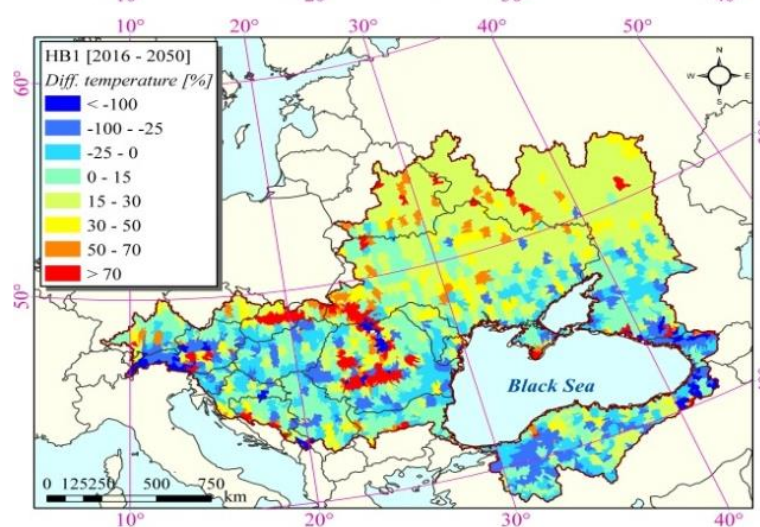
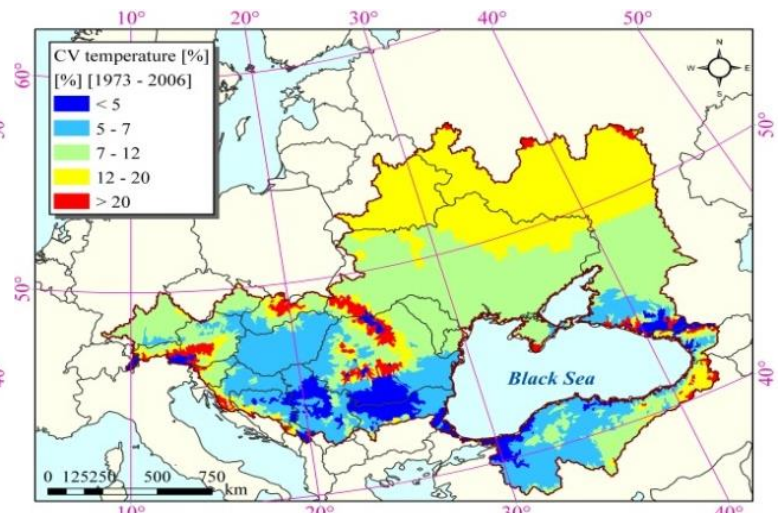
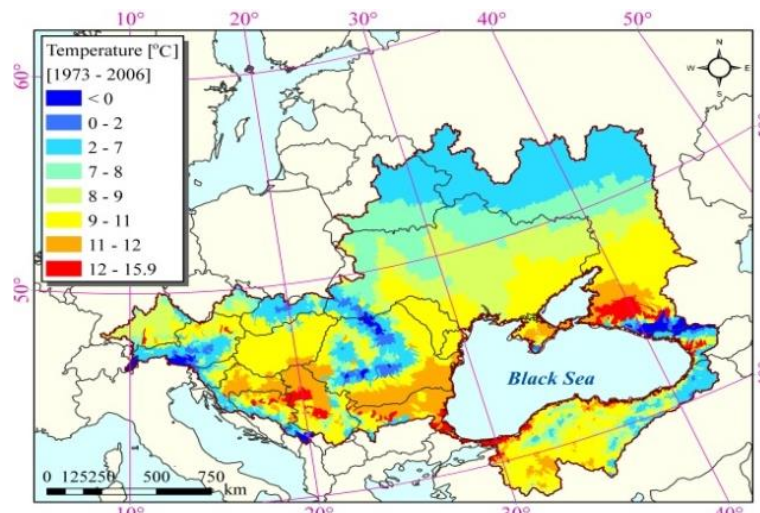
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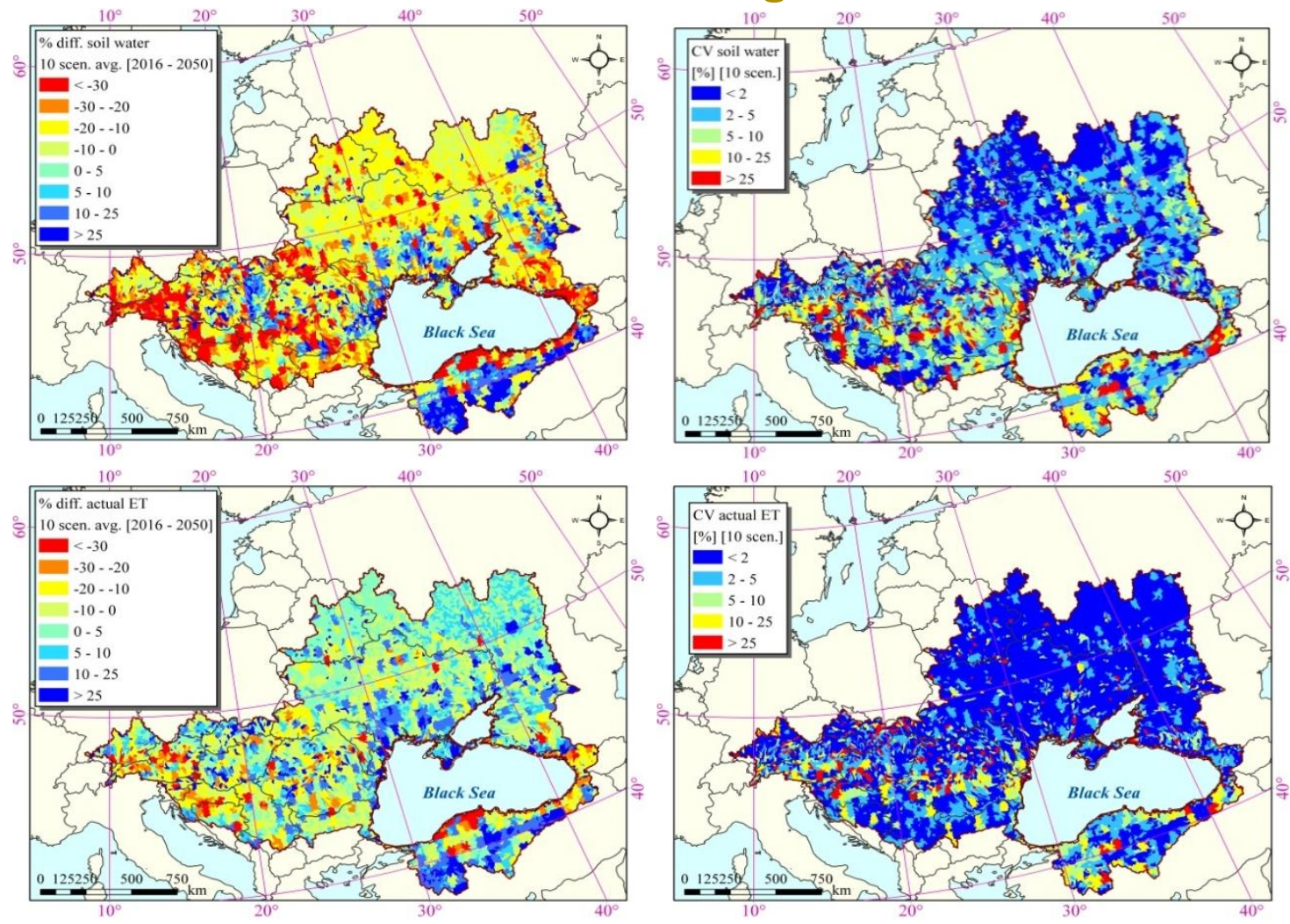
# Future climate scenarios (temperature)

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Temporal variation

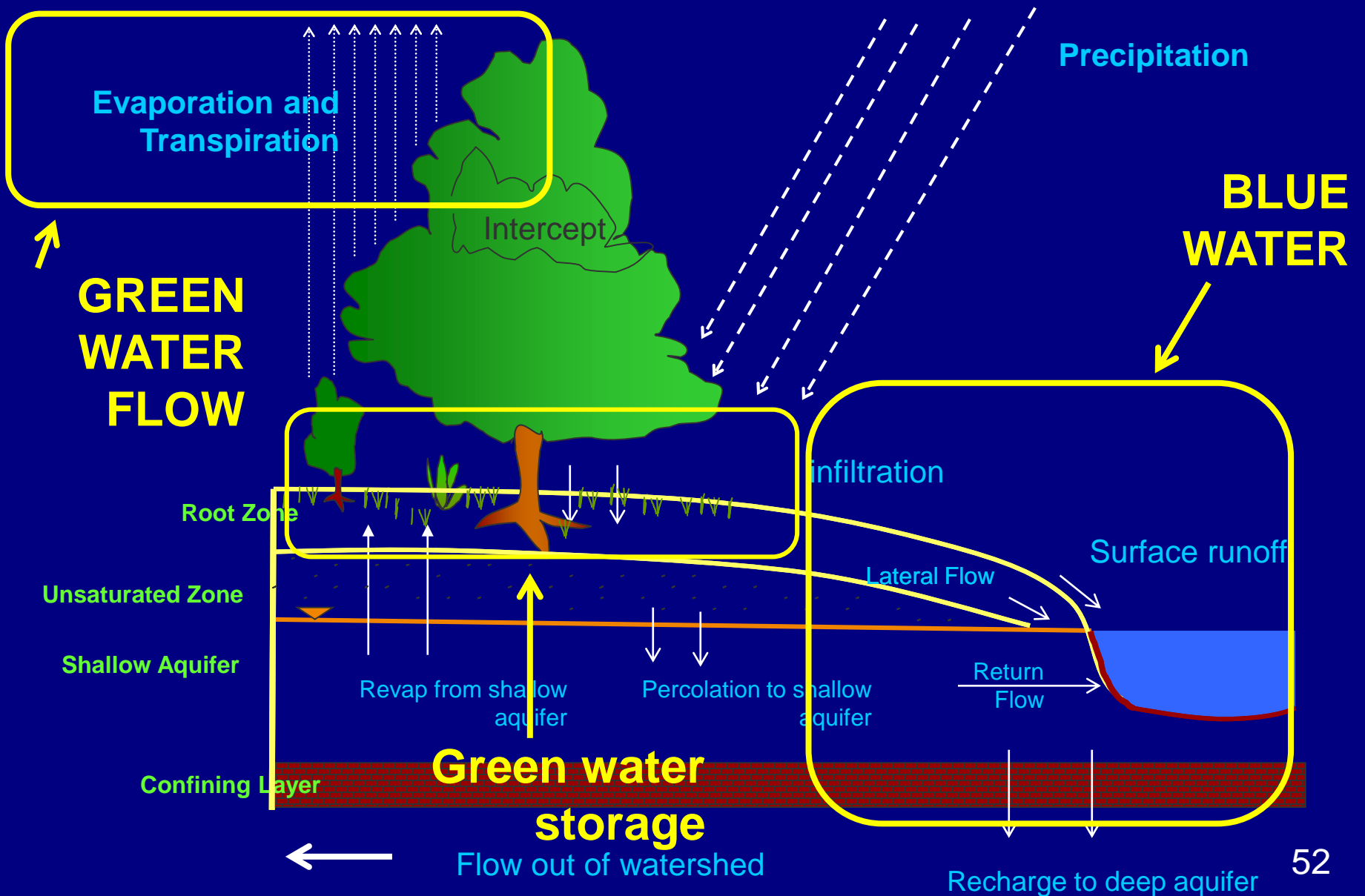


# Green water storage and green water flow, deviation from historic, 10 scenarios average



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