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# Global Impacts of Climate Change on Renewable Energy

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- The intimate relationship between **Energy and Climate**
- How **Climate** impacts **Energy**
- **Climate Services** and decision making in **Energy Sector**

# Energy and meteorology go hand in hand

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**Passing clouds**



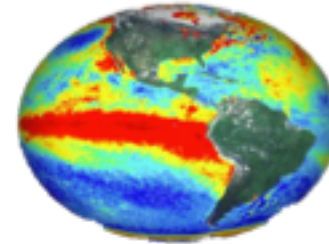
**Drop in  
solar power**



**Hurricanes**



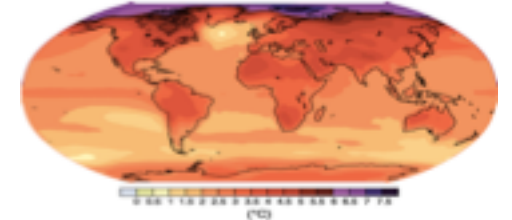
**Disruptions to oil  
rig operations**



**El-Niño**



**Changes in Demand  
Patterns**



**Long term changes**



**Renewable Resource  
Assessment**

Seconds

Minutes

Days

Months

Seasons

Years

Decades

# Energy Decisions & Meteorological Forecasts



*Paul Langrock*

**Operations**



**'Weather' Forecast  
(hours-days ahead)**

**Maintenance**



**Monthly forecasts  
(weeks ahead)**



*Klaus Rockenbauer*

**Management**



**Seasonal Climate  
Forecasts**

**Investment/Planning**



**Climate projections**

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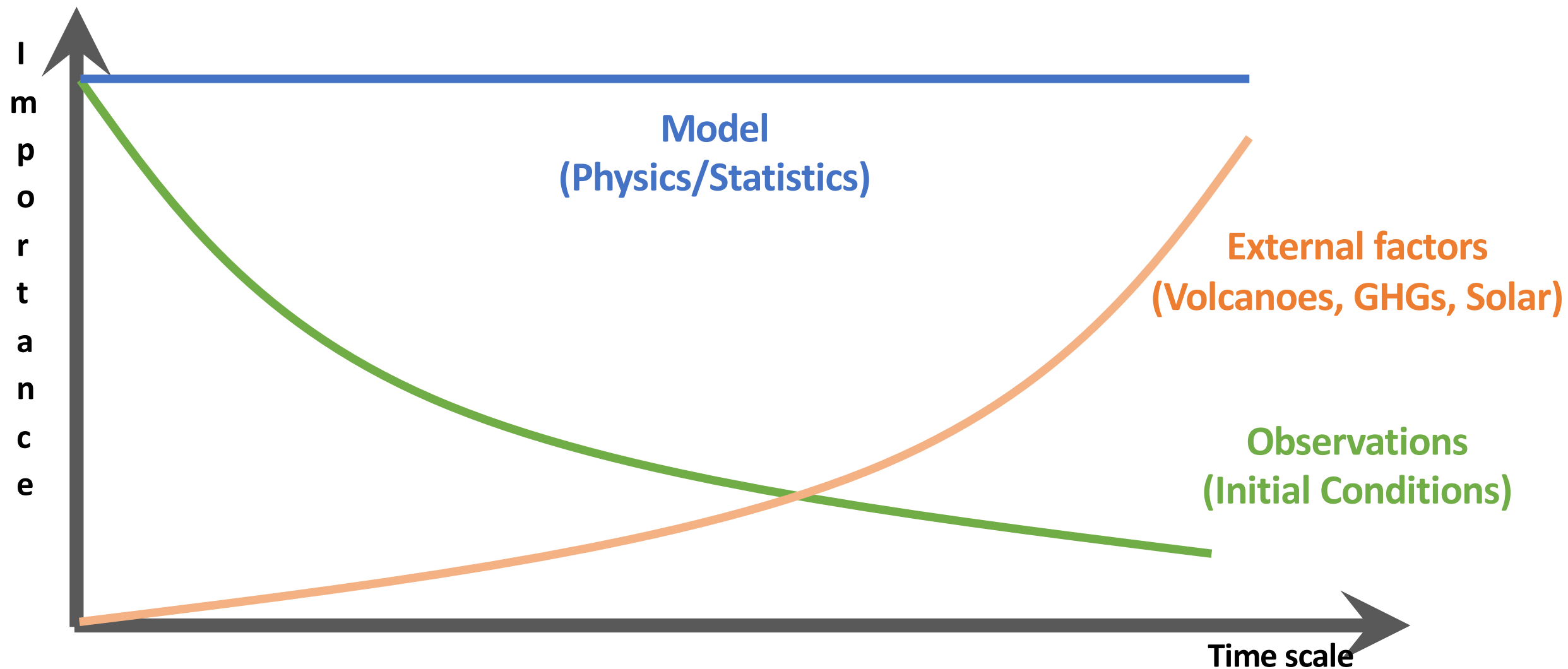
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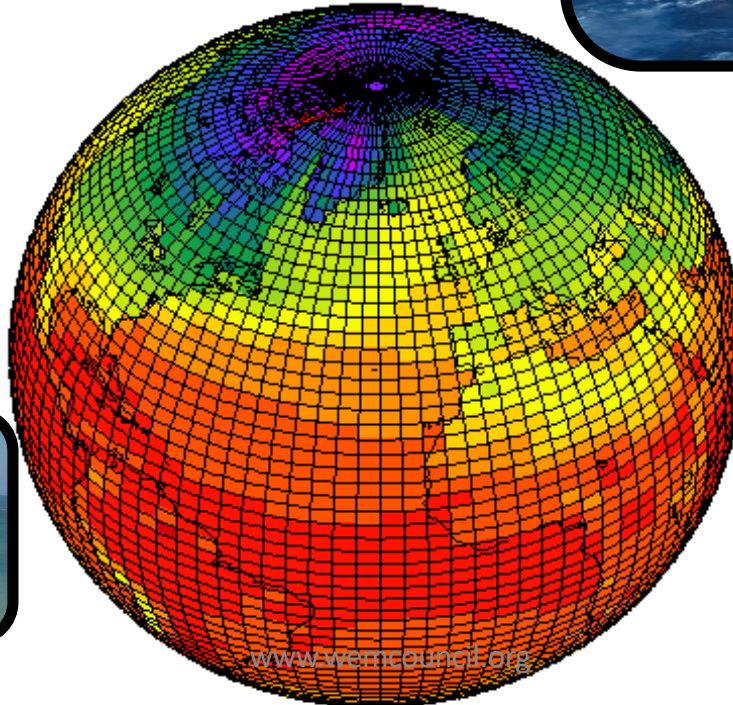


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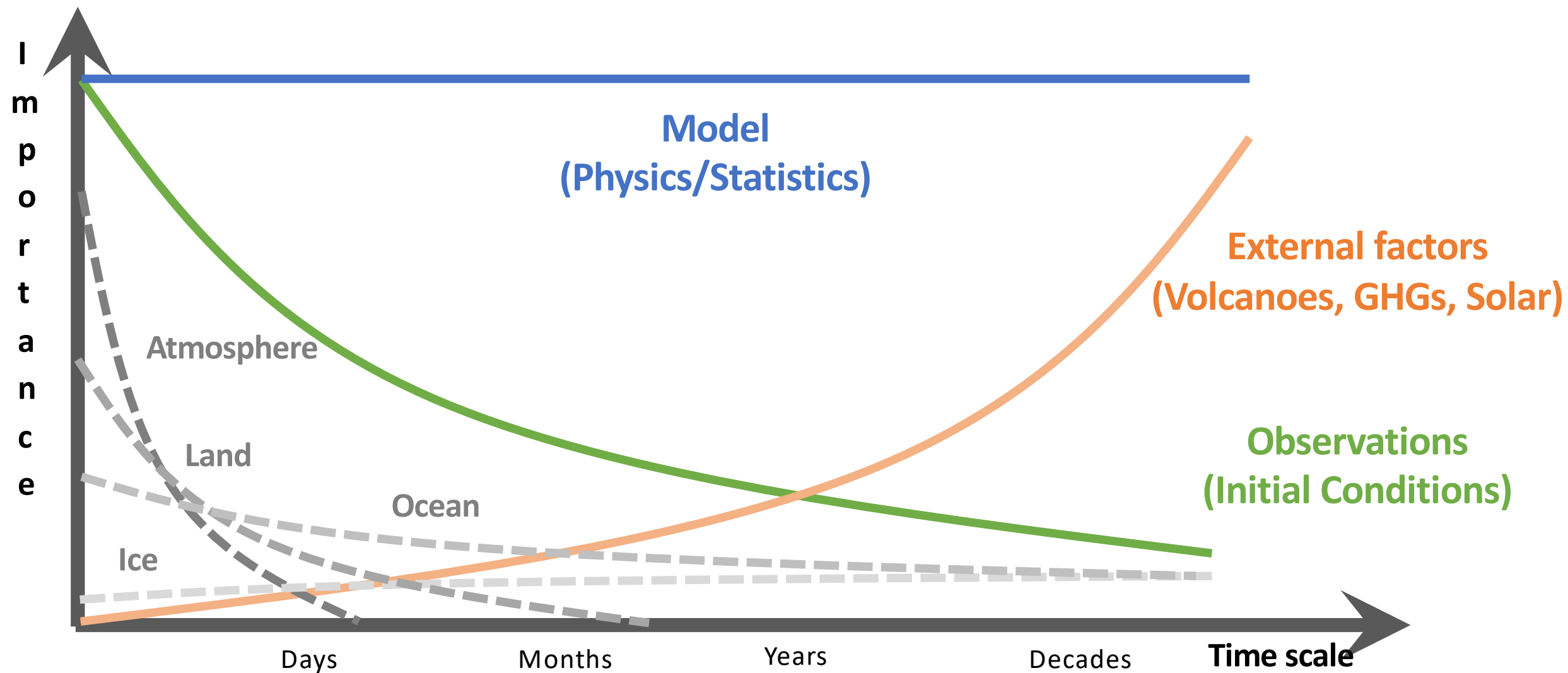


# The complexity of the Earth System

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# Critical components of a prediction system





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**WEMC primary goal is to enable improved**

**Sustainable  
energy**

For a low carbon economy

**Resilience**

Of energy  
infrastructures

**Efficiency**

Of energy systems



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**Under ever changing weather and climate**

1. The **dissemination of information** on products, practices, and experiences in Energy & Meteorology including the promotion of our members' work
2. The **coordination of Special Interest Groups** leading to the production of reports, analyses and syntheses on key topics in Energy & Meteorology
3. The development and maintenance of **climate and energy demonstration tools** for the energy industry and the education of the general public
4. The **organisation of events** such as the International Conference Energy & Meteorology (ICEM), professional workshops, seminars and webinars





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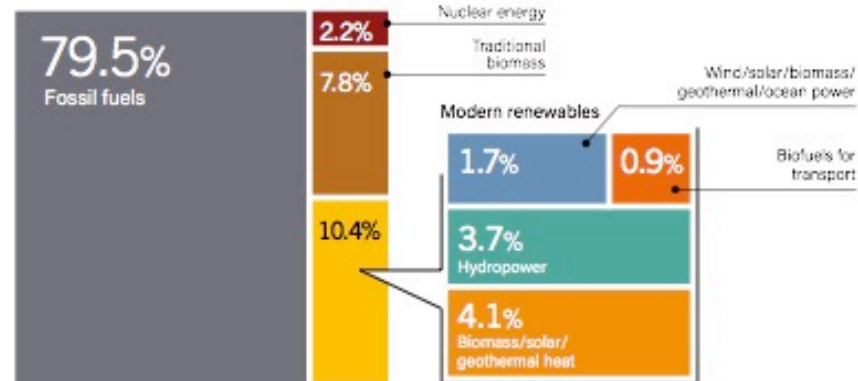
**The energy industry has a multi-decadal experience in dealing with meteorological variables. So, what's the big deal?**

The landscape, in both climate and energy spaces, is changing rapidly.

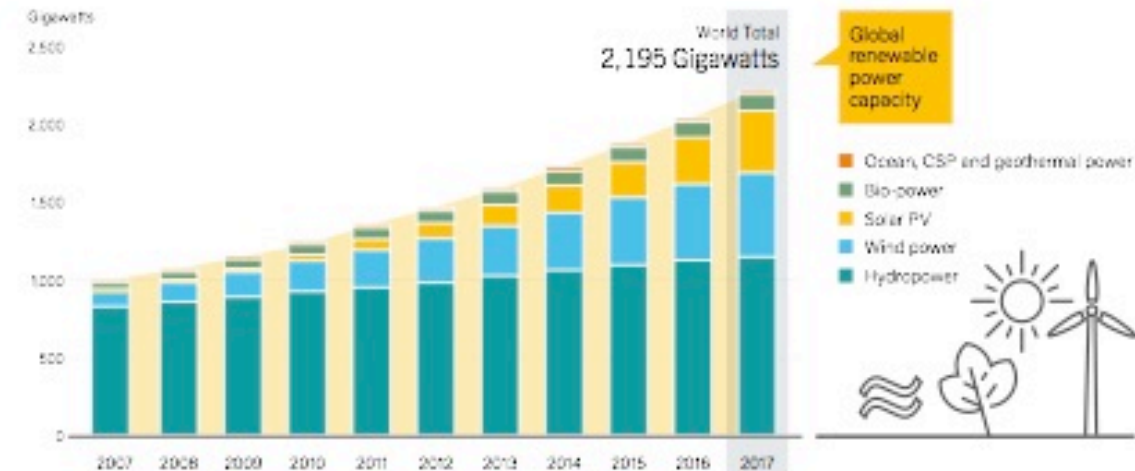
# Strong growth in renewables

## GSR 2018 KEY FIGURES

ESTIMATED RENEWABLE ENERGY SHARE OF TOTAL FINAL ENERGY CONSUMPTION, 2016



ESTIMATED RENEWABLE ENERGY SHARE OF TOTAL GLOBAL ELECTRICITY PRODUCTION, END-2017

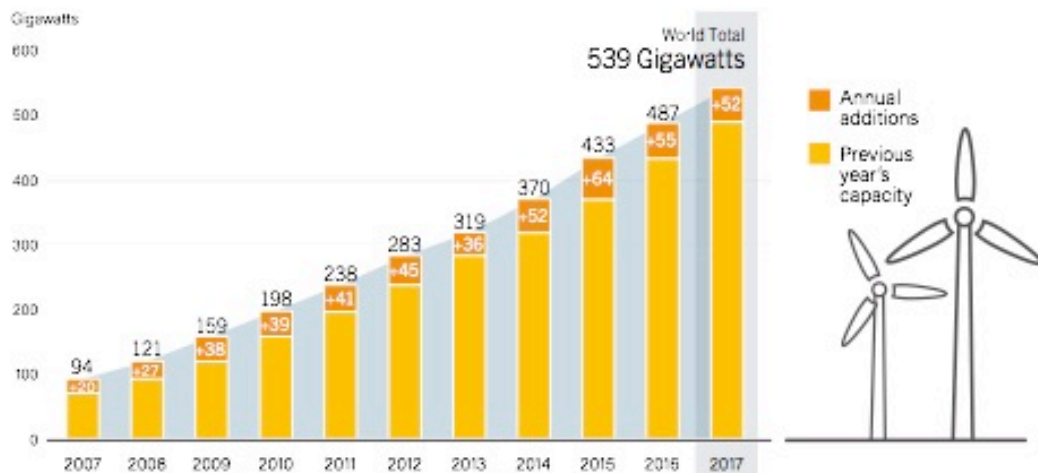


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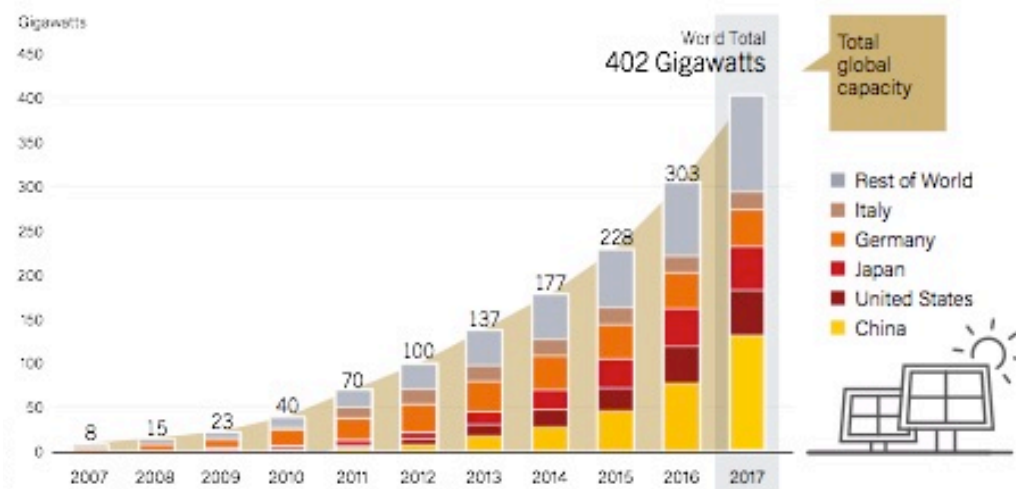
# Impressive growth in Wind and Solar

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WIND POWER GLOBAL CAPACITY AND ANNUAL ADDITIONS, 2007-2017



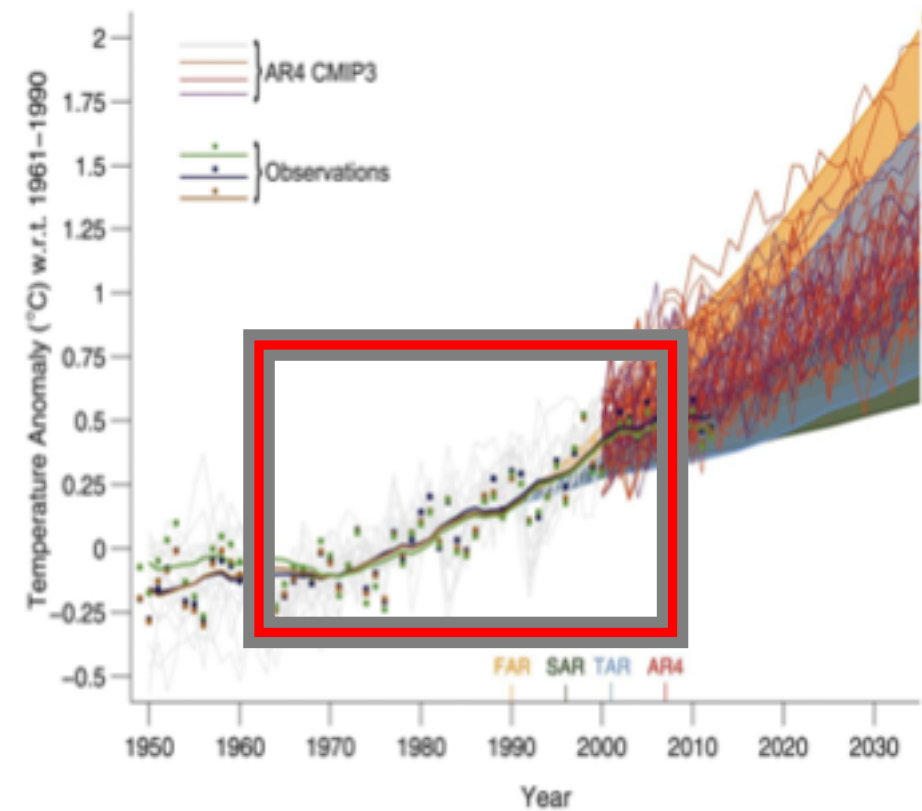
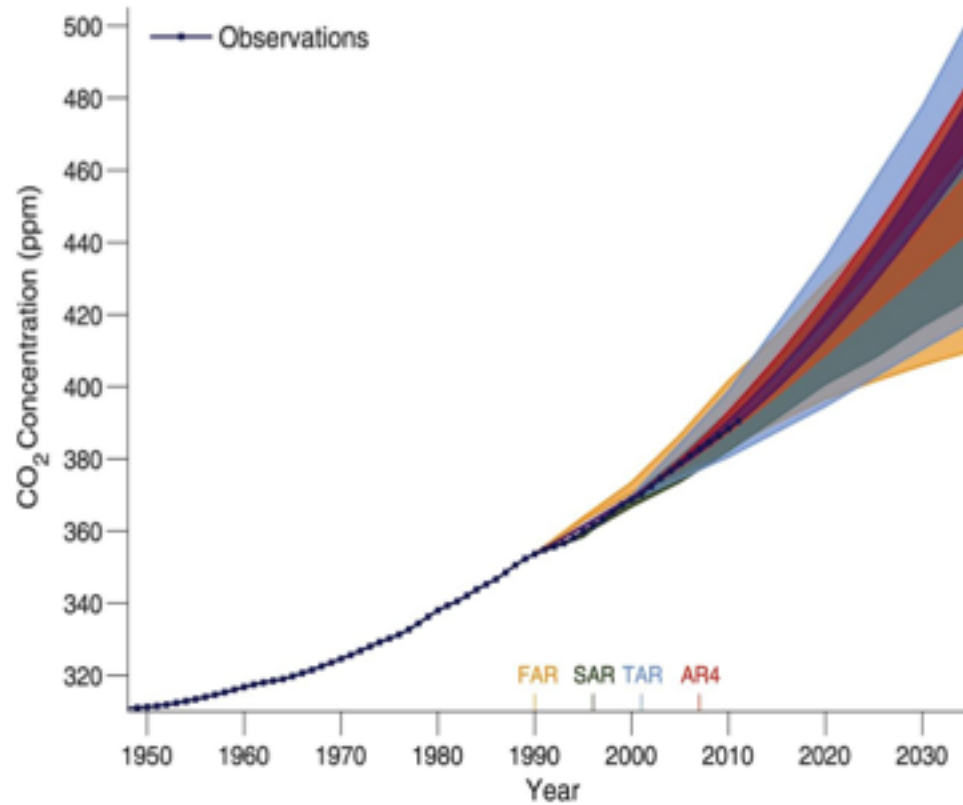
SOLAR PV GLOBAL CAPACITY, BY COUNTRY OR REGION, 2007-2017



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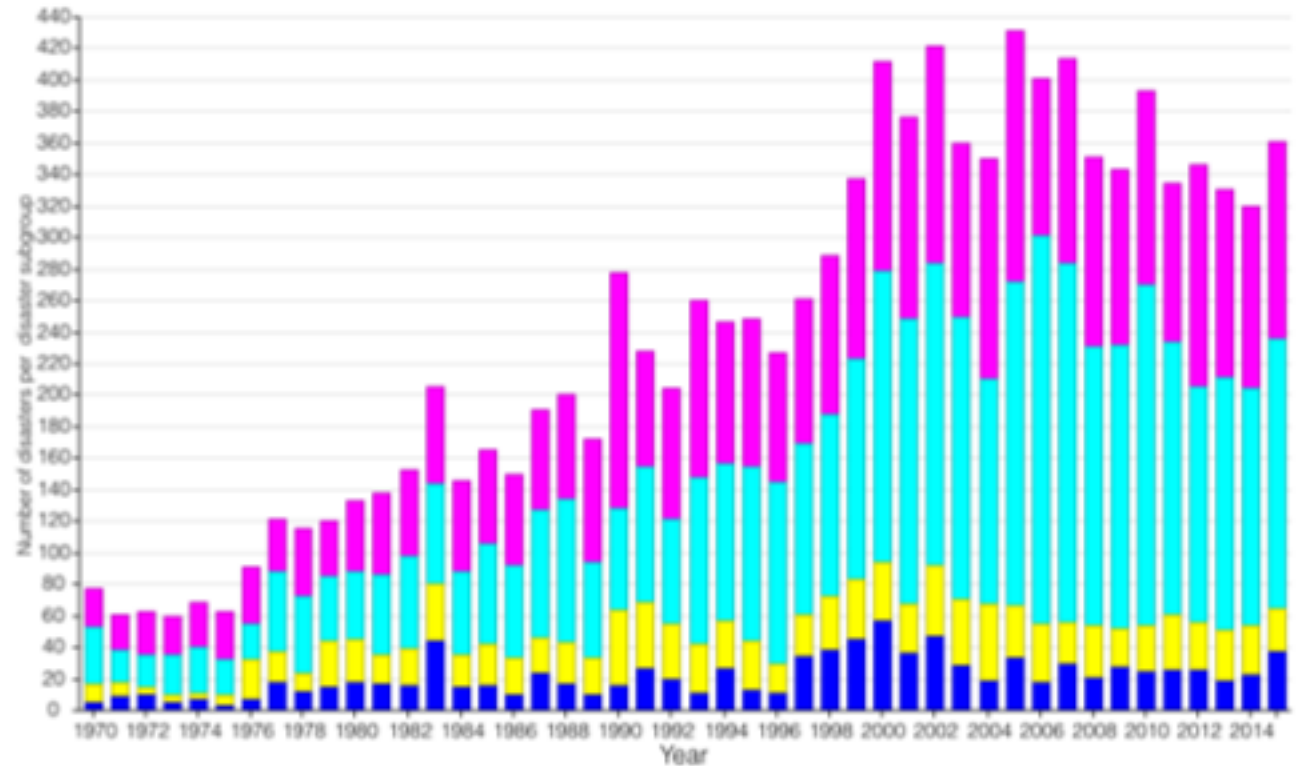
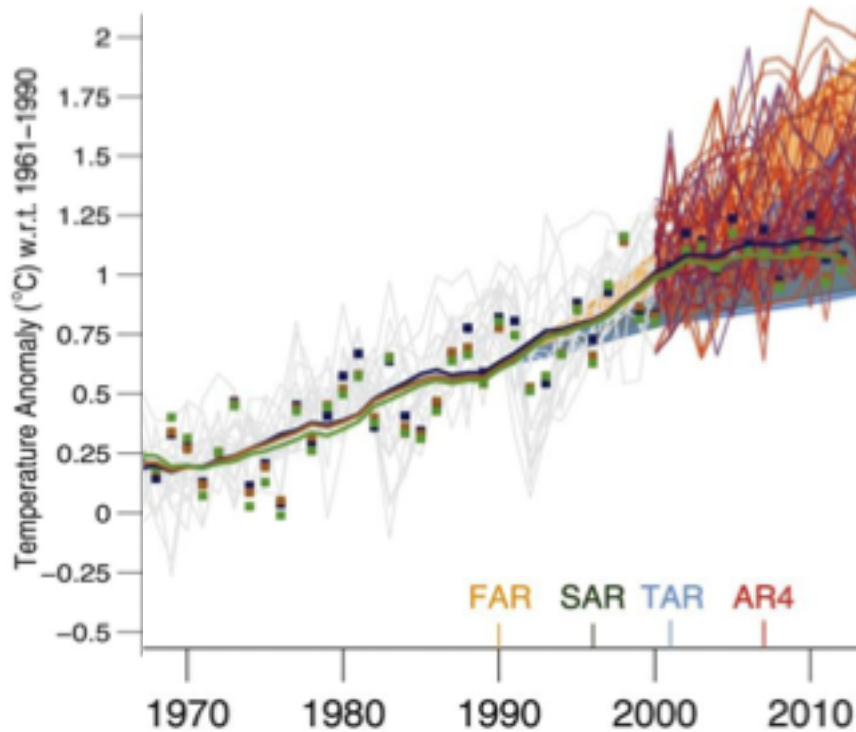


# CO<sub>2</sub> emissions and temperature



IPCC AR5 (2013)

# Disasters due to natural events



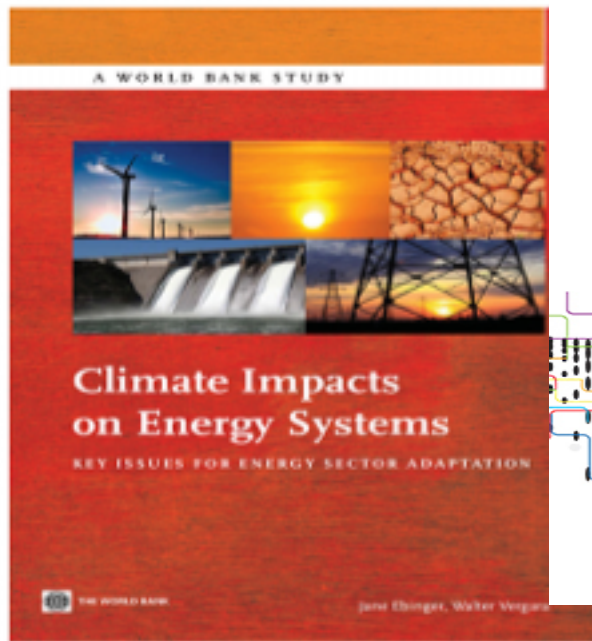
EM-DAT (2016)

See also Diffenbaugh et al. (2017, PNAS)



# A selection of publications

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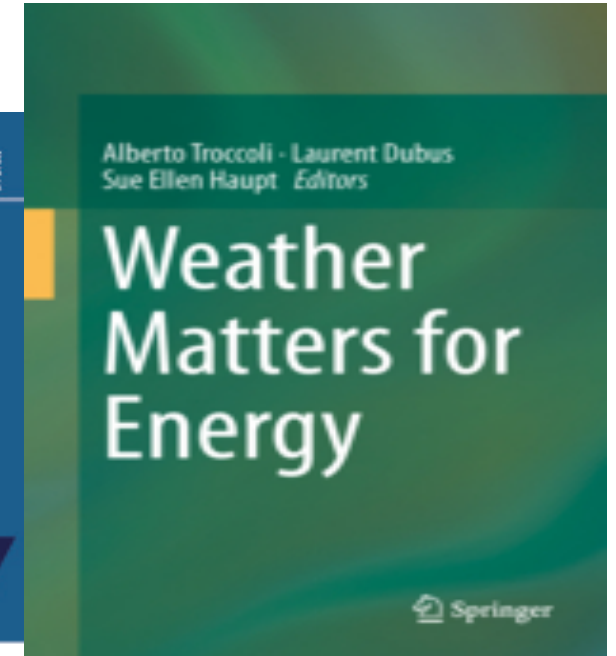
World Bank (2010)



WBCSD (2014)



WEC (2014)

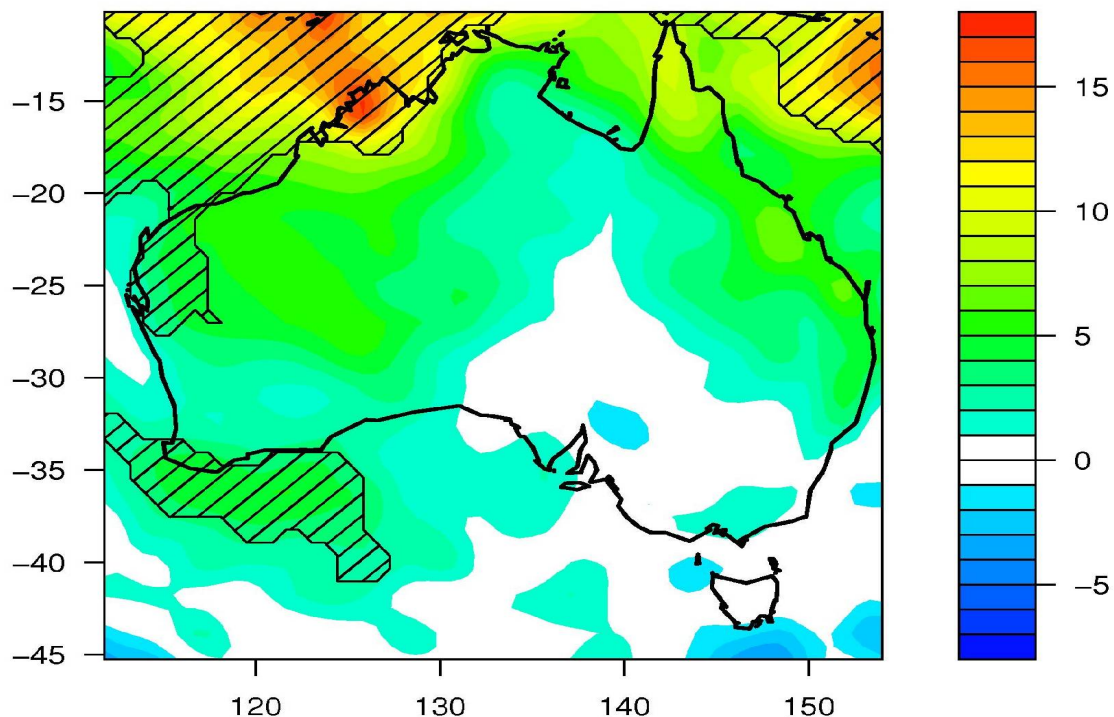


ICM (2014)

# Solar Radiation Inter-annual Variability

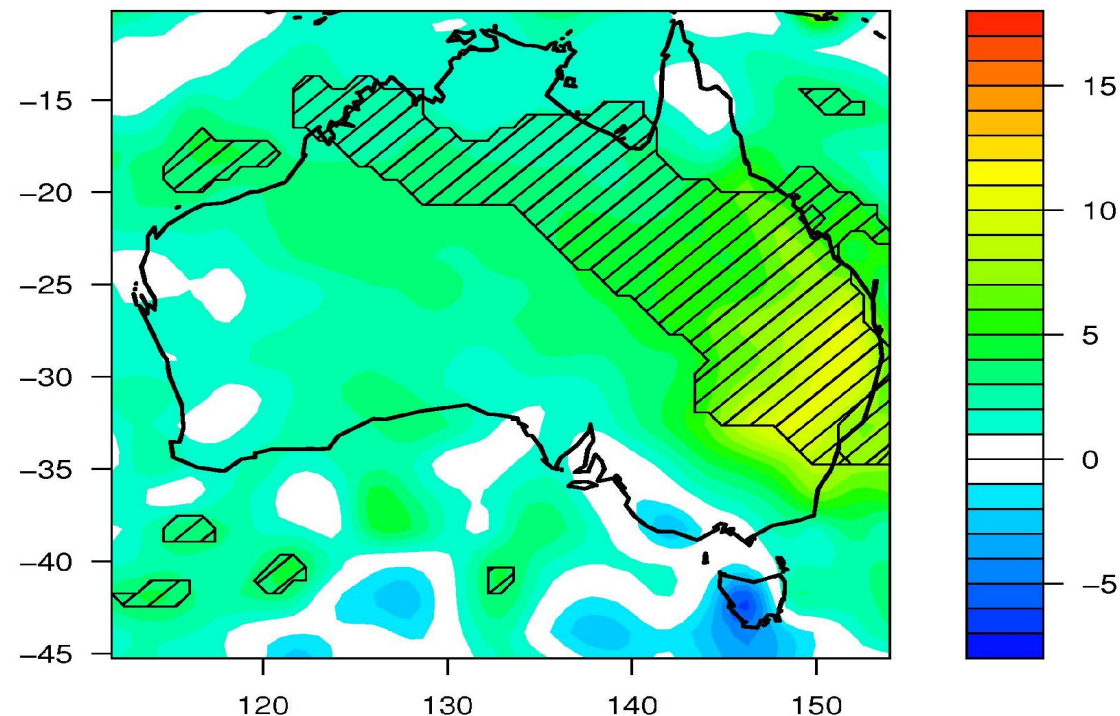
**Winter (JJAS)**

percent



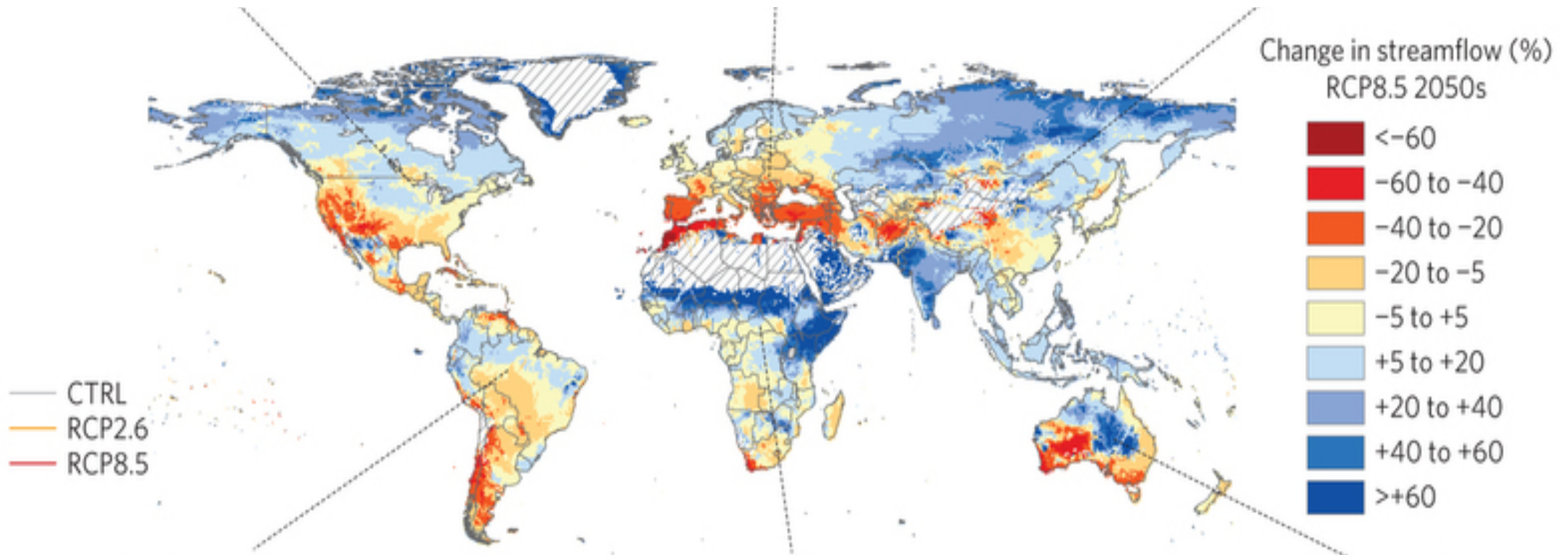
**Summer (DJFM)**

percent



Percentage difference in monthly solar radiation in El Niño relative to La Niña

# Global changes in streamflow projections

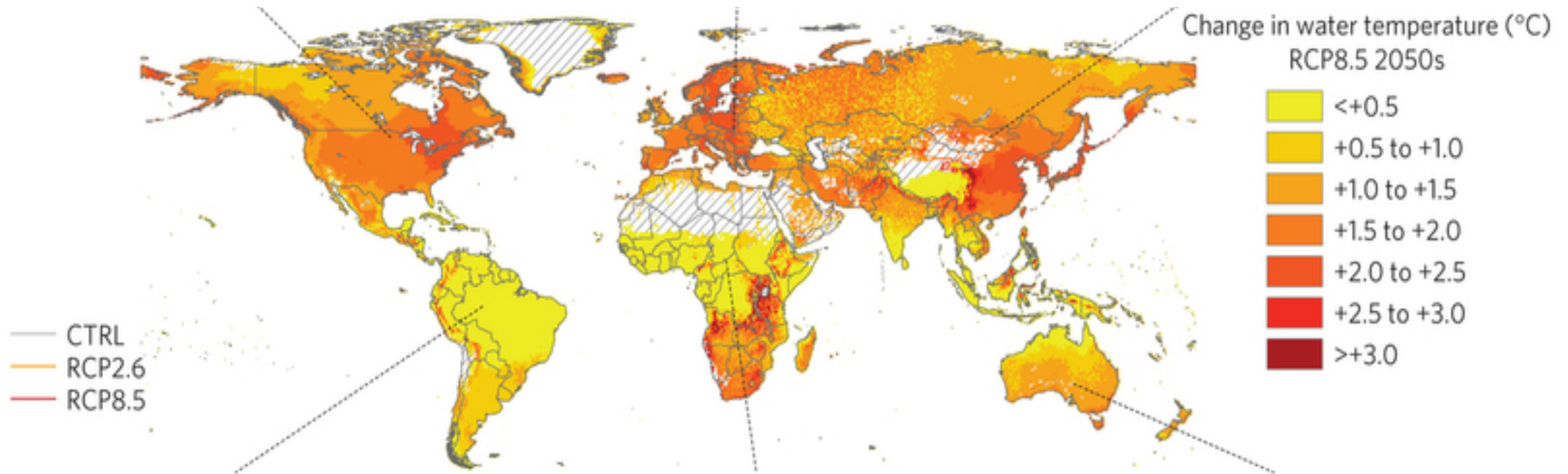


Change in streamflow for RCP8.5, 2040–2069 (2050s) vs 1971–2000

Reductions in usable capacity for 61–74% of the hydropower plants



# Global changes in water temperature projections



Change in water temperature for RCP8.5, 2040–2069 (2050s) vs 1971–2000

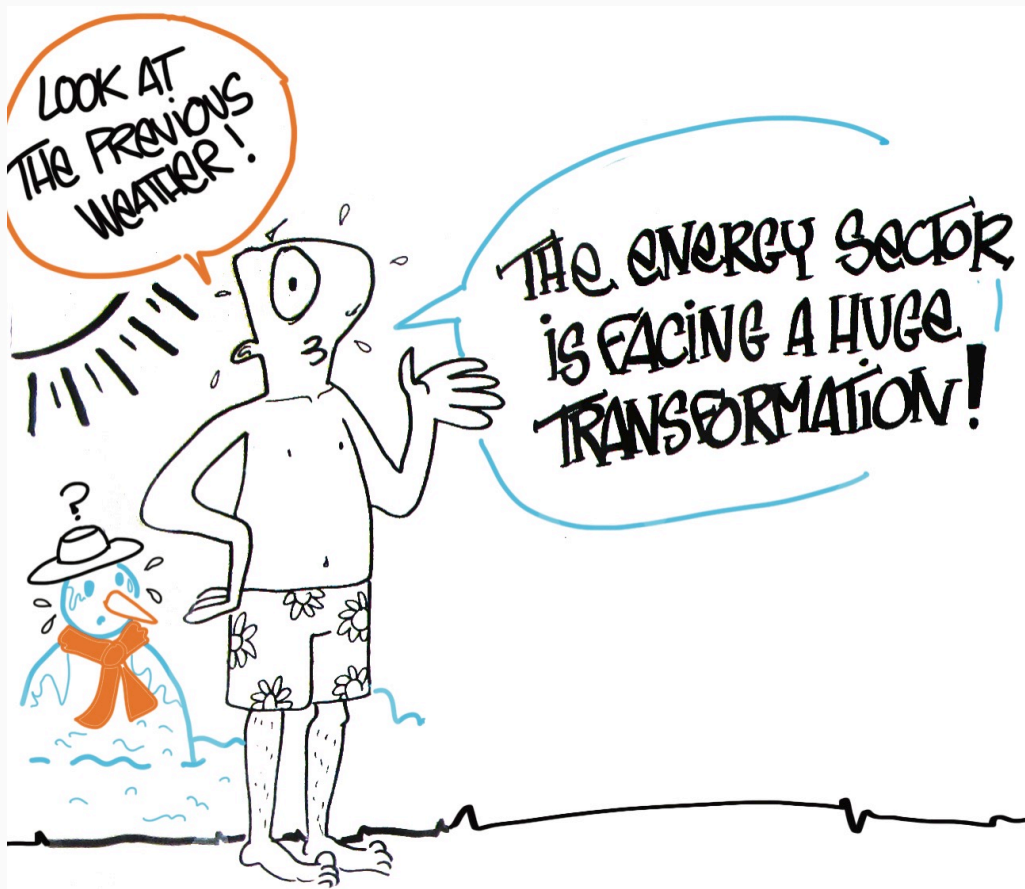
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# Addressing the ever variable nature of climate





Increasing share of power supply from variable renewable energy (RE) sources. Demand variability is also increasing. The transformation is taking place against a **variable and changing climate**.

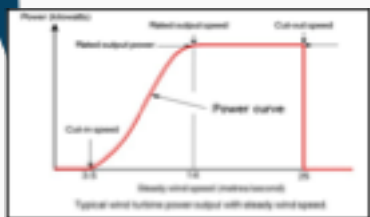
The Copernicus Climate Change Services (C3S) European Climatic Energy Mixes (ECEM) developed a **demonstrator** to assess how well **different energy supply mixes** in Europe will meet demand, over different time horizons, focusing on the role climate has on the mixes.

## Calibrated Climate Variables

Temperature  
Rainfall  
Wind Speed  
Cloud Cover  
Solar Radiation  
Others ?  
River Discharge

**+Ancillary**

Define models & transfer functions  
Select / Gather relevant datasets



## Energy Variables

Demand  
Wind Power  
Solar Power  
Thermal Power  
Hydro Power

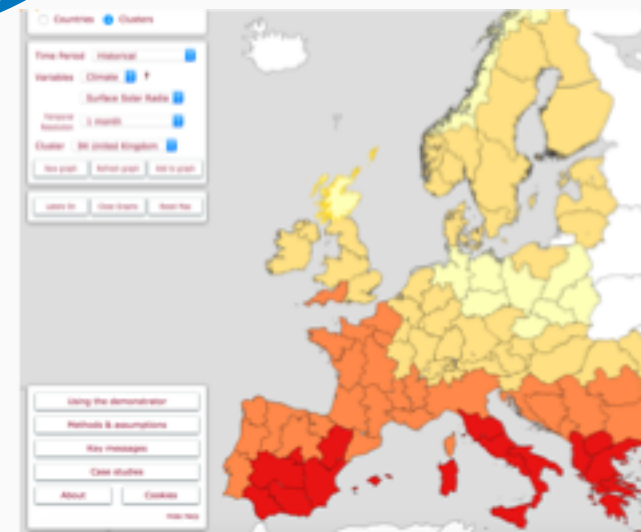
• Skill & Reliability

• Assessment of Seasonal Forecasts of Energy Variables

**+ Extreme Events Case Studies**

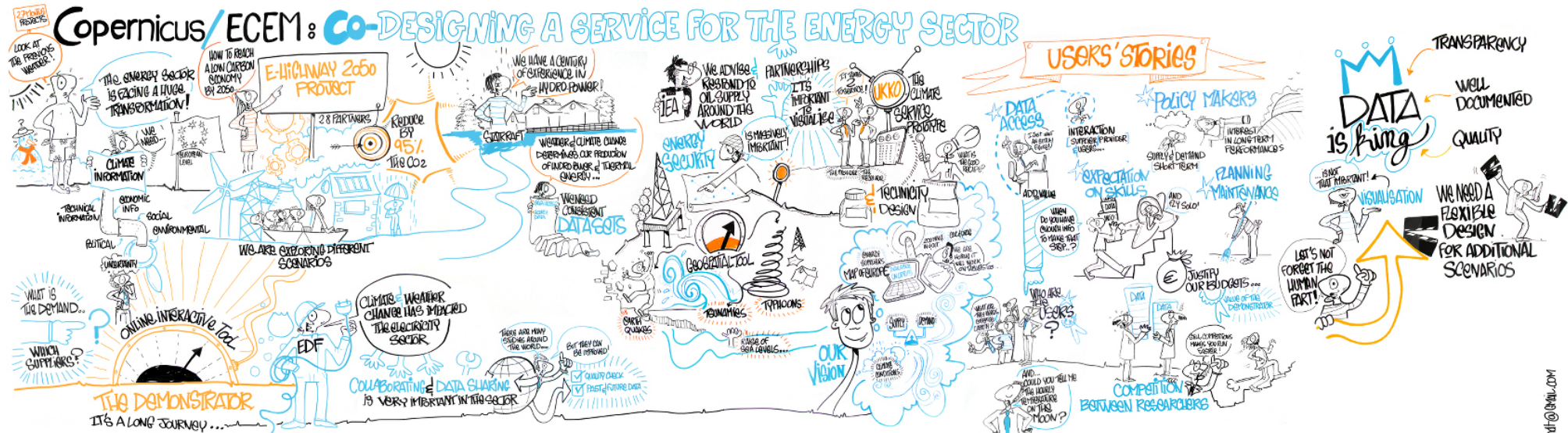


- Sub-Country Scale
- Historical Period
- Seas. Fcst
- Clim. Proj.





# Stakeholder Engagement: Workshops



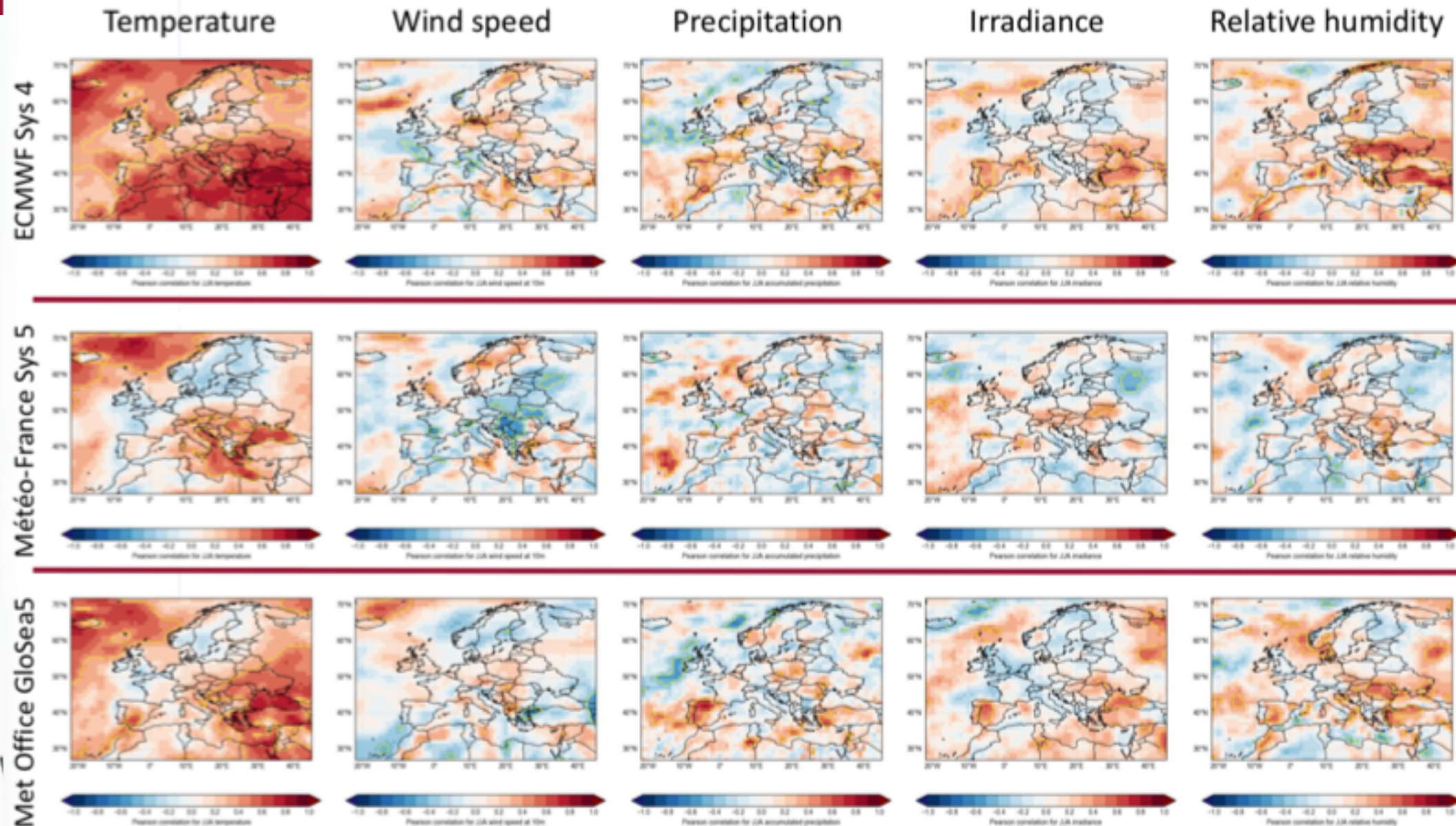
# Seasonal Forecasting systems used in C3S ECEM

Originator	Forecast System	Model	Spatial resolution	Hindcast period	Hindcast ensemble size	Forecast ensemble size
ECMWF	System 4	IFS Cyc36r4	T255 L91 (~ 80 km)	1981–2010 (30 years)	51	51
Météo-France	System 5	Arpege-IFS Cyc37	T255 L91 (~ 80 km)	1993–2014 (22 years)	15	51
Met Office	GloSea5-GC2	HadGEM3-GC2	N216 L85 (~ 60 km)	1993–2015 (23 years)	28	42

Bett et al (2017)



# Seasonal forecasting skill: correlations for summer



Bett et al (2017)



ECMWF

European Commission

# Seasonal forecast: summary table skill for Summer

Country		Met Office					ECMWF					Météo-France				
Code	Name	WS	TA	RH	TP	GHI	WS	TA	RH	TP	GHI	WS	TA	RH	TP	GHI
AL	Albania	---	---	---	---	---	---	C--	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
AT	Austria	---	---	---	---	---	---	--R	---	---	---	---	C--	---	---	---
BE	Belgium	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	C--	---	---	---	---	---	---
BA	Bosnia-Herzegovina	---	C--	---	---	---	---	C--	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
BG	Bulgaria	---	C--	---	---	---	---	C-R	C-R	---	---	---	C-R	---	---	---
HR	Croatia	---	C--	C--	---	---	---	C-R	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
CZ	Czechia	---	---	---	--R	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
DK	Denmark	C-R	---	C-R	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
EE	Estonia	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
FI	Finland	---	---	---	---	---	---	C--	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
FR	France	---	---	---	---	---	---	C-R	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
DE	Germany	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
GR	Greece	---	C--	---	---	---	---	C-R	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
HU	Hungary	---	C--	C--	---	---	---	C-R	CBR	---	---	---	C--	---	---	---
IE	Ireland	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
IT	Italy	---	---	---	---	---	---	C-R	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
LV	Latvia	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
LT	Lithuania	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
LU	Luxembourg	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
MK	Macedonia	---	---	---	---	---	---	C--	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
ME	Montenegro	---	C--	---	---	---	---	C--	---	---	---	---	C--	---	---	---
NL	Netherlands	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
NO	Norway	---	---	---	---	---	---	--R	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
PL	Poland	---	---	---	---	---	--R	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
PT	Portugal	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
RO	Romania	---	CBR	C--	---	---	---	CBR	C-R	---	---	---	C-R	---	---	---
RS	Serbia	---	C--	---	---	---	---	C--	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
SK	Slovakia	---	C--	---	---	---	---	--R	C-R	---	---	---	C--	---	---	---
SI	Slovenia	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
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CH	Switzerland	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
UK	United Kingdom	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

## JJA skill:

Where a skill score is significantly greater than zero, it is marked with a **C** (correlation), **B** (Brier skill score) or **R** (ROC skill score).

Colours: 1 score, 2 scores, 3 scores

Skill is diverse across models, variables and seasons.

Having more significant skill scores can add confidence, but the behaviour of the models should be examined in detail for each use case.

Bett et al (2017)



# Correlation predicted solar radiation vs PV CF

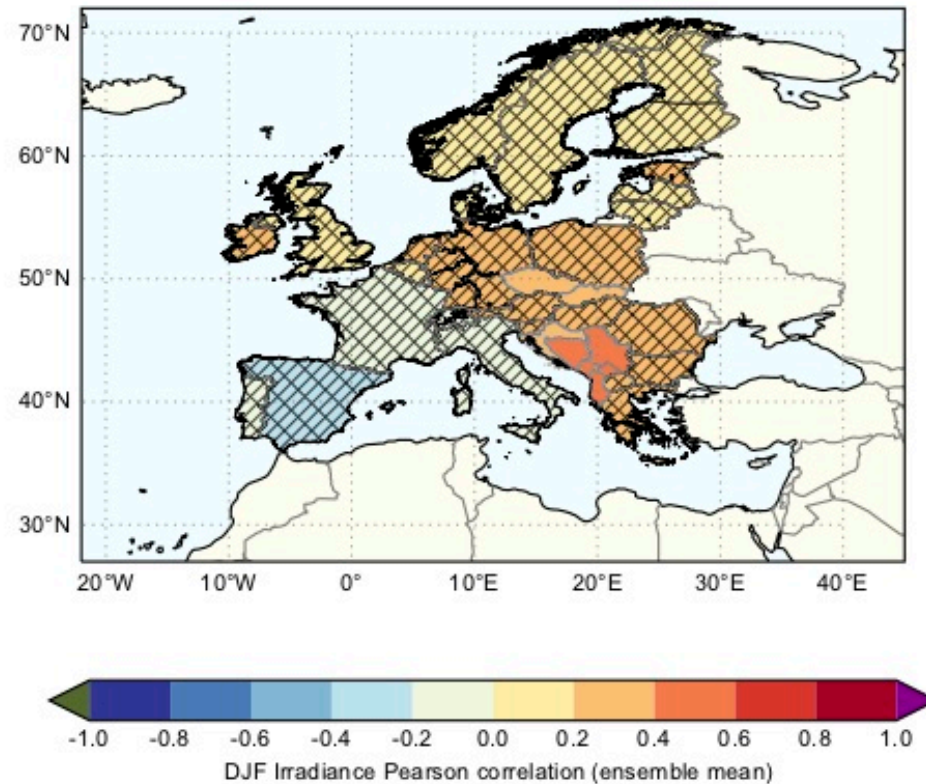


Figure 7: Map of the correlation skill between DJF solar PV generation and irradiance from the ECMWF system. Countries where the skill is indistinguishable from zero at the 95% confidence level are obscured by cross-hatching.

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# Seasonal Forecast of PV CF

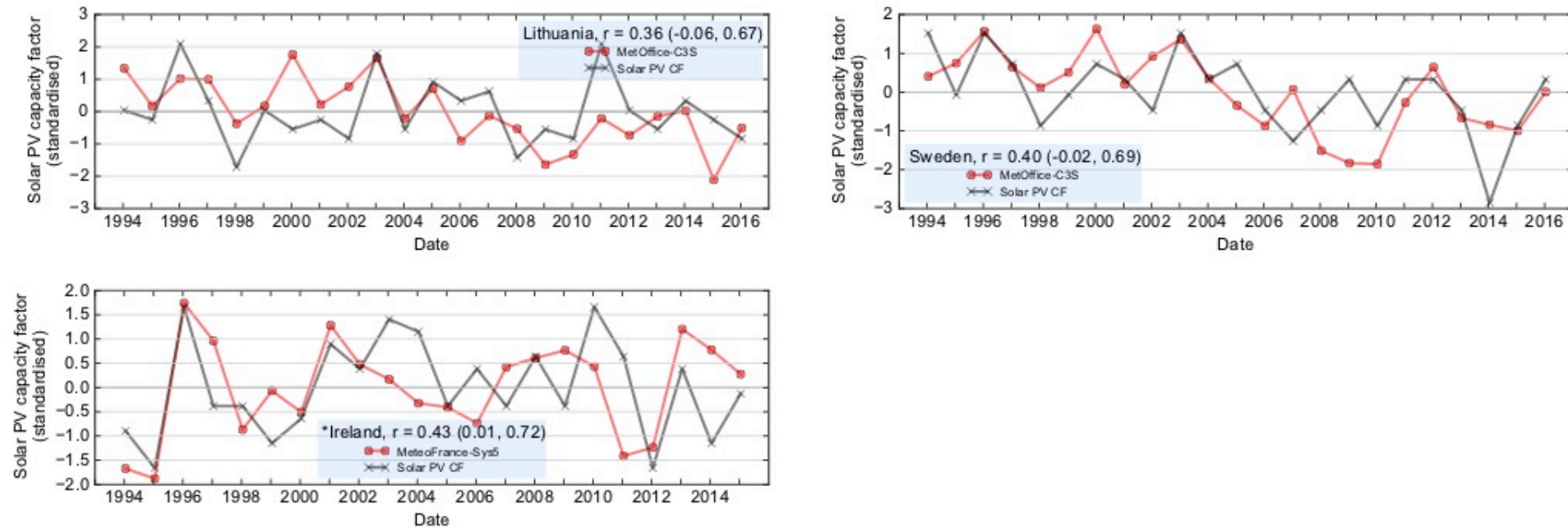


Figure 5: Standardised time series of forecasts of DJF solar PV capacity factor, using irradiance as the predictor. Top: results from the Met Office system, for Lithuania (left) and Sweden (right). Bottom: Similar forecasts for Ireland, using the Météo-France system. In each panel, the hindcast is shown in red, and the ECEM historical energy data is shown in black, in standardised units (see equation 2). The correlation skill  $r$  is shown in the legend with 95% confidence intervals; an asterisk \* indicates significance based on these intervals.

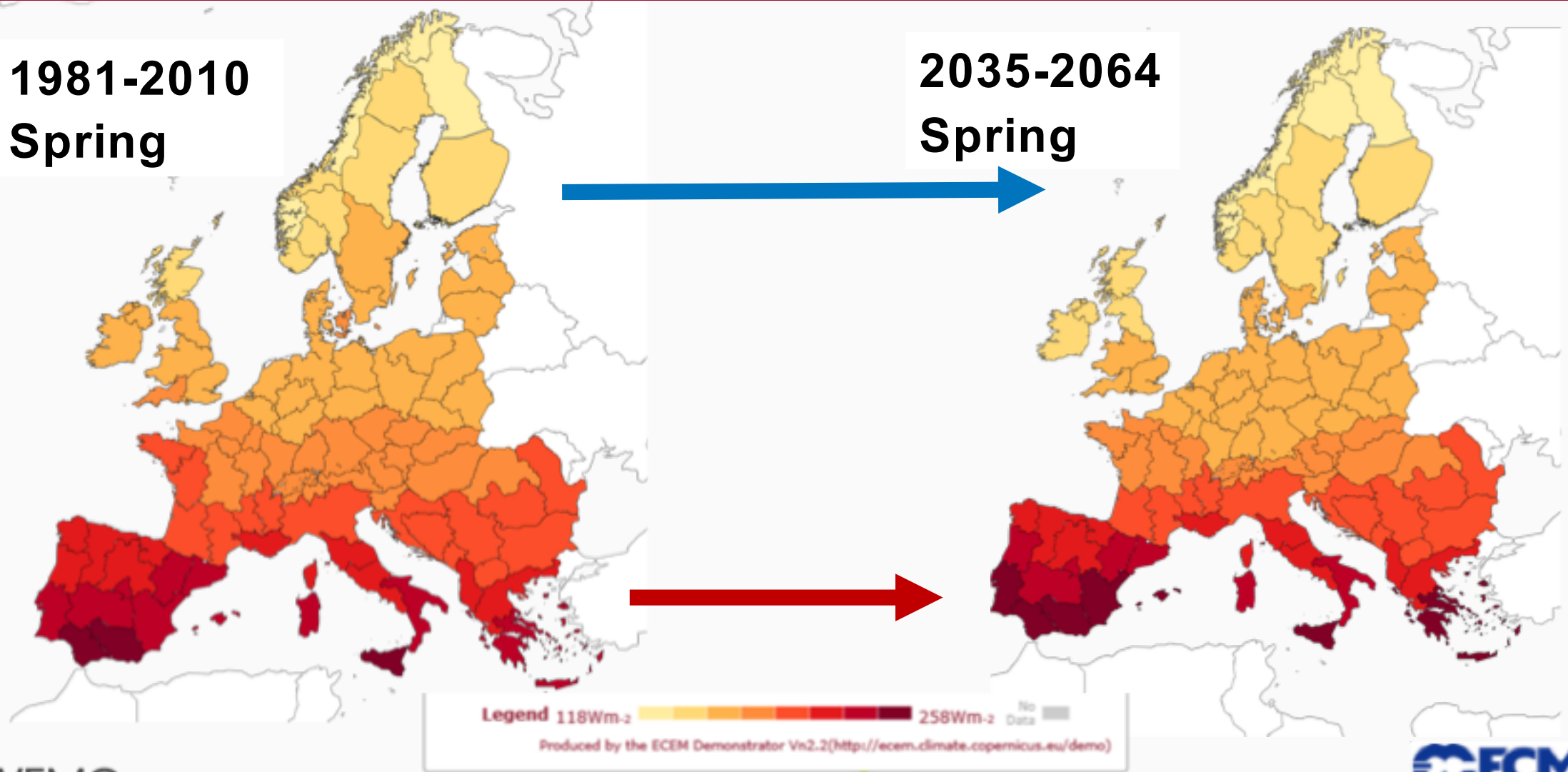
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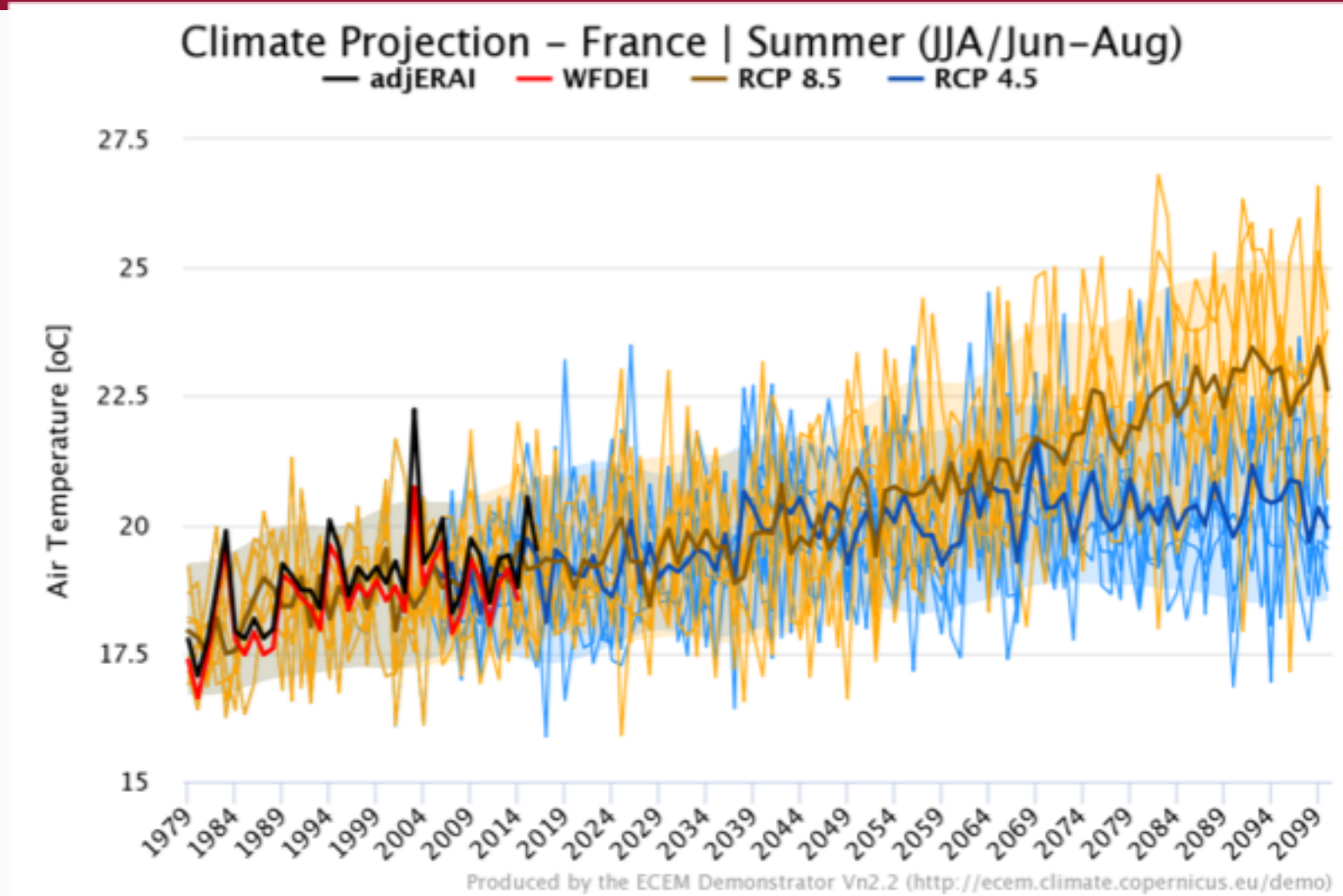
# Climate Projection (RCP 8.5) Radiation

**1981-2010  
Spring**

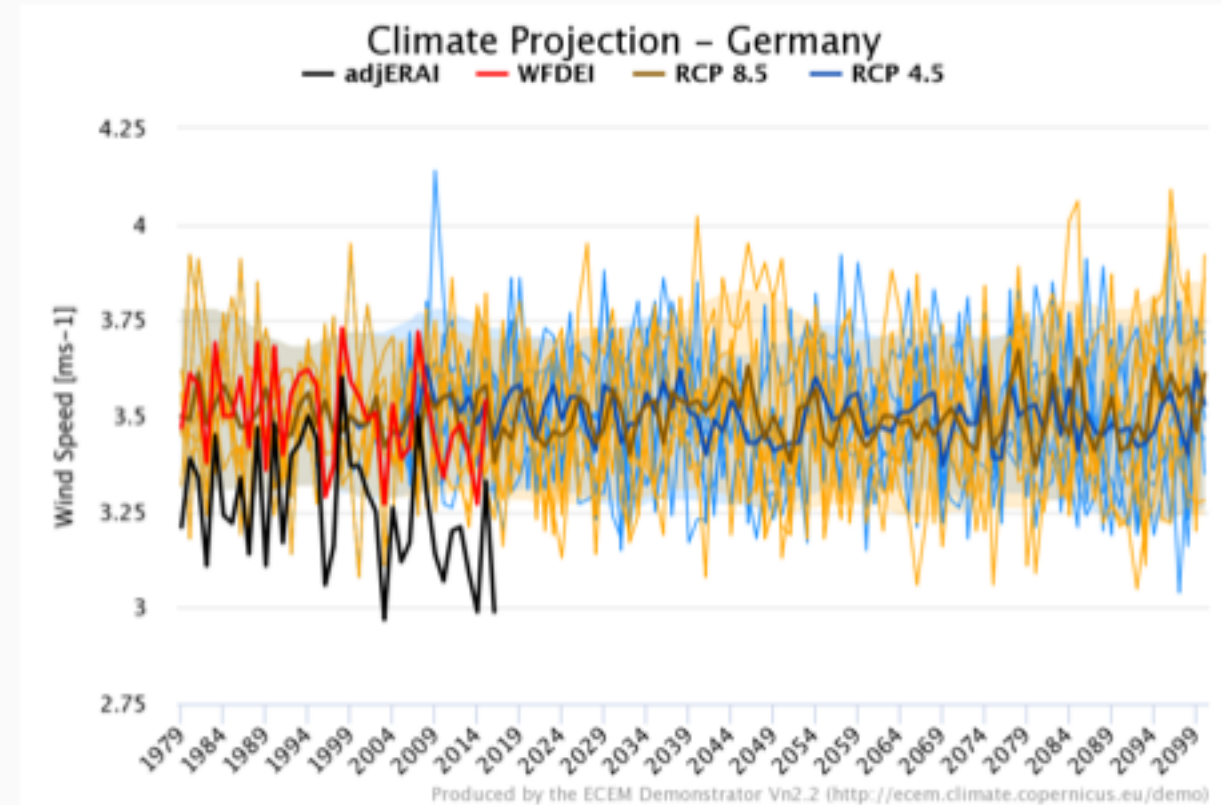
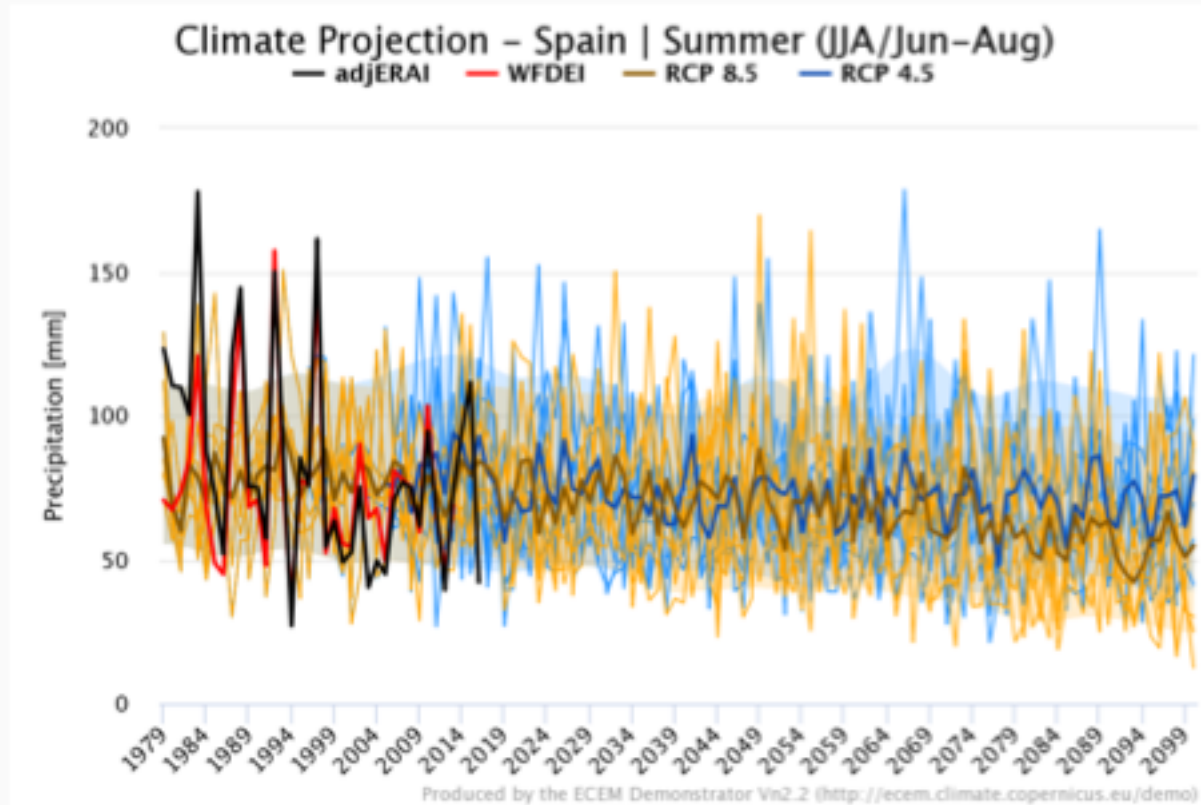
**2035-2064  
Spring**



# Climate Projection time series – Temperature

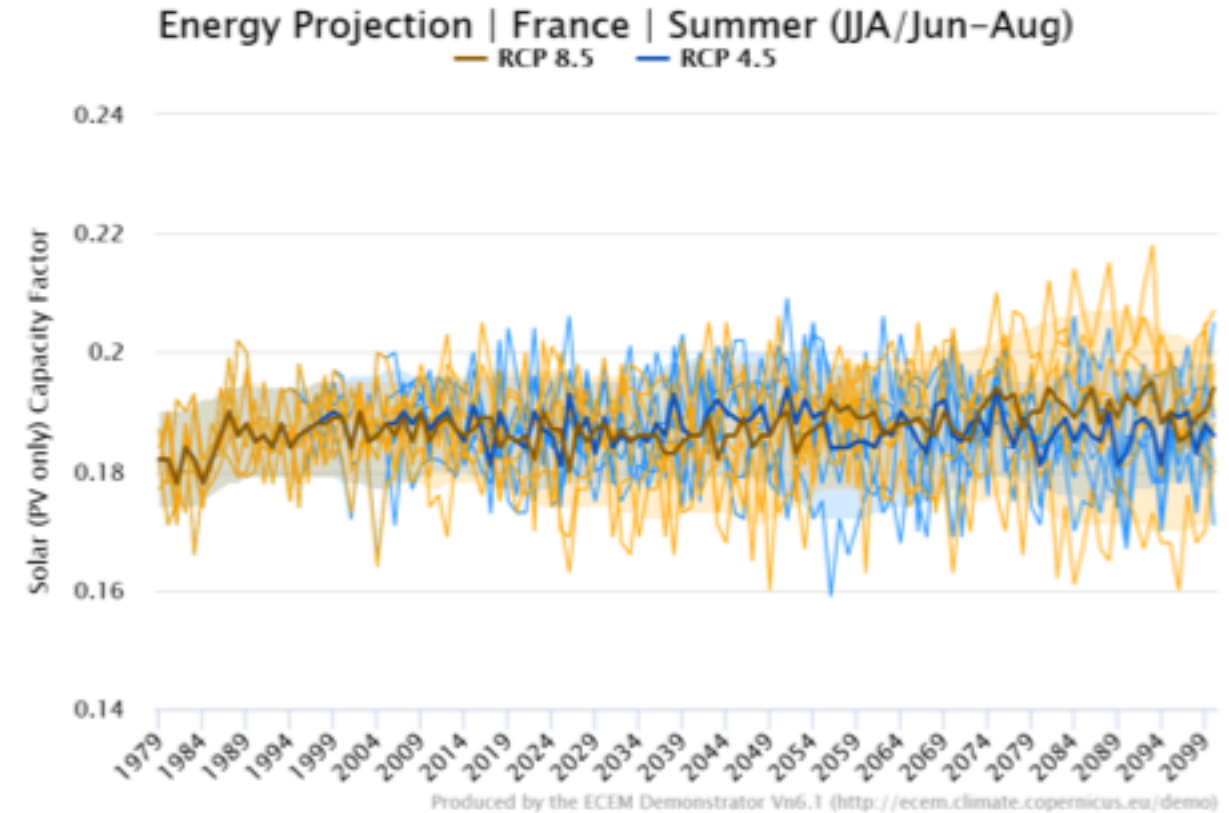
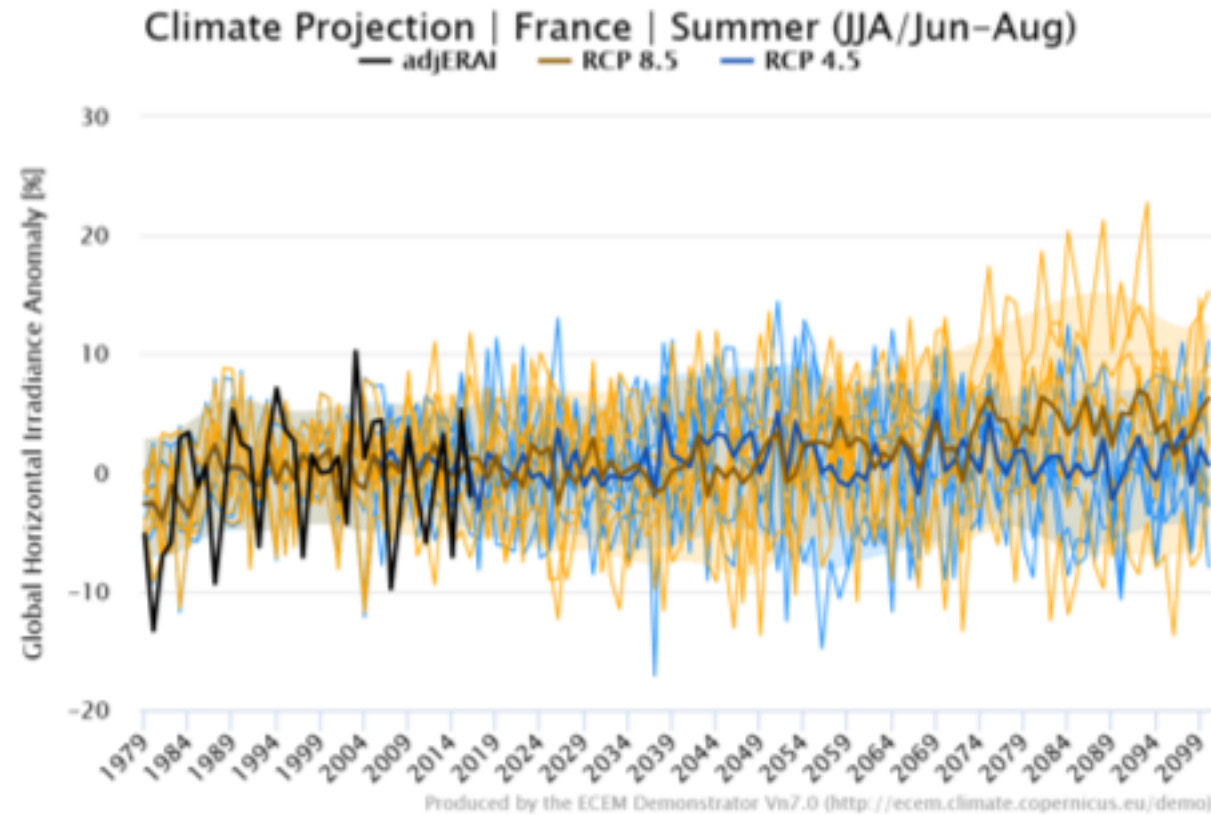


# Climate Projection time series – Precip and Wind



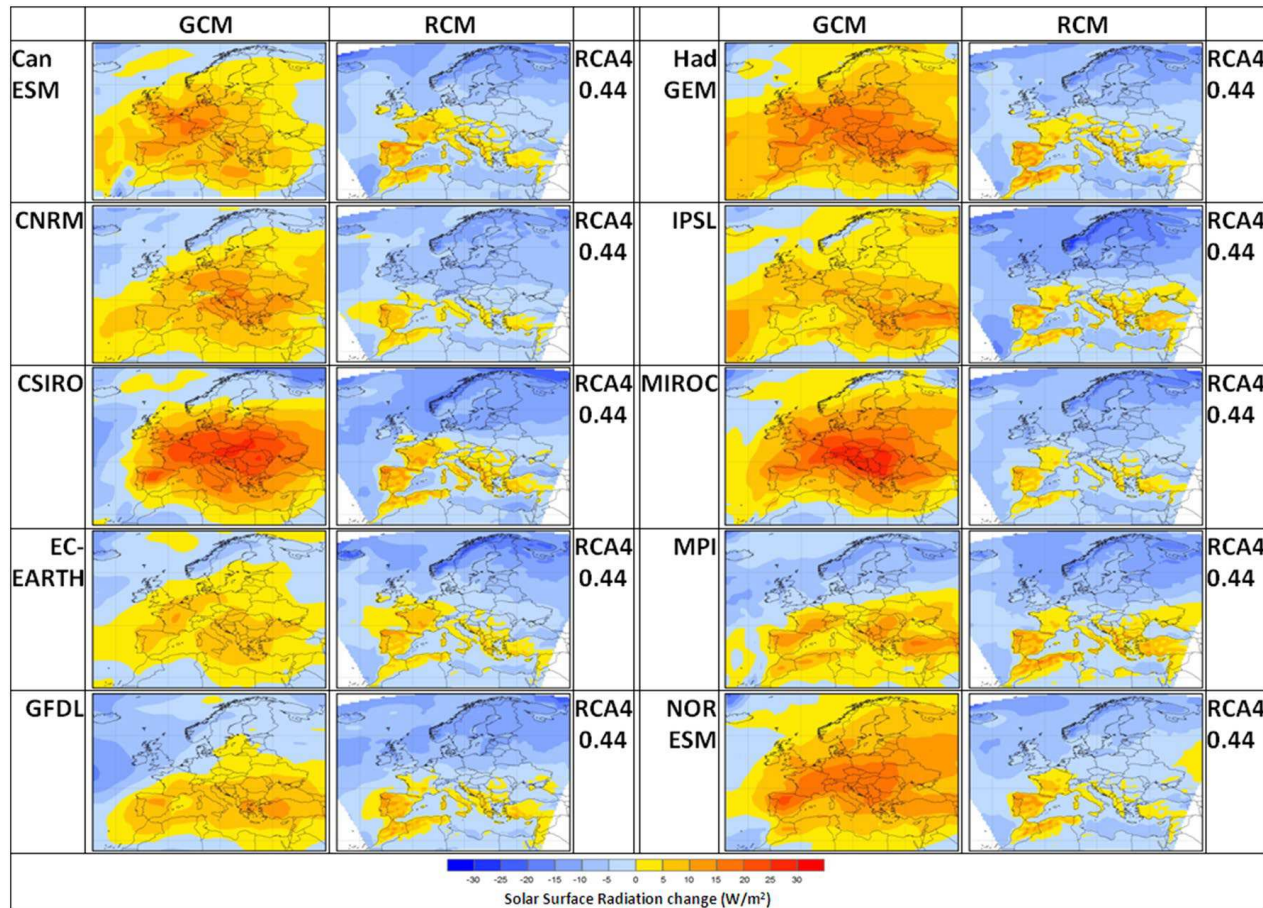


# Climate Projection time series – Solar Rad & Power

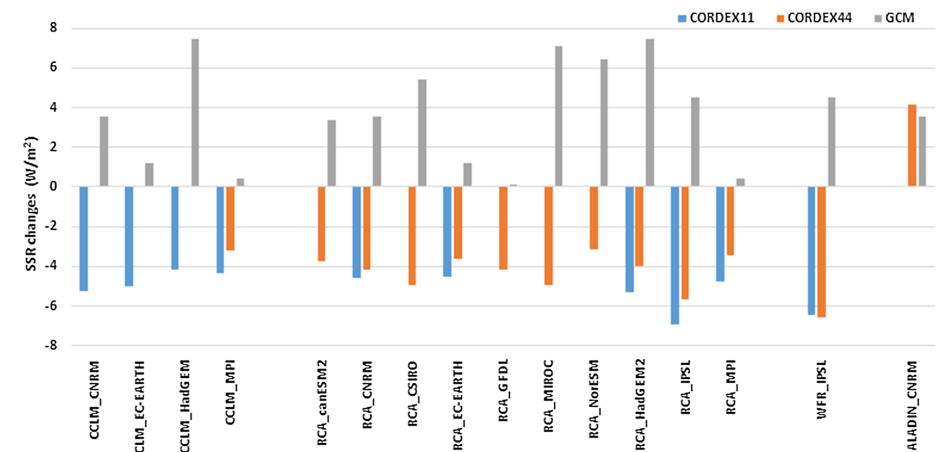




# Projected changes in Solar Rad. Global vs Regional models



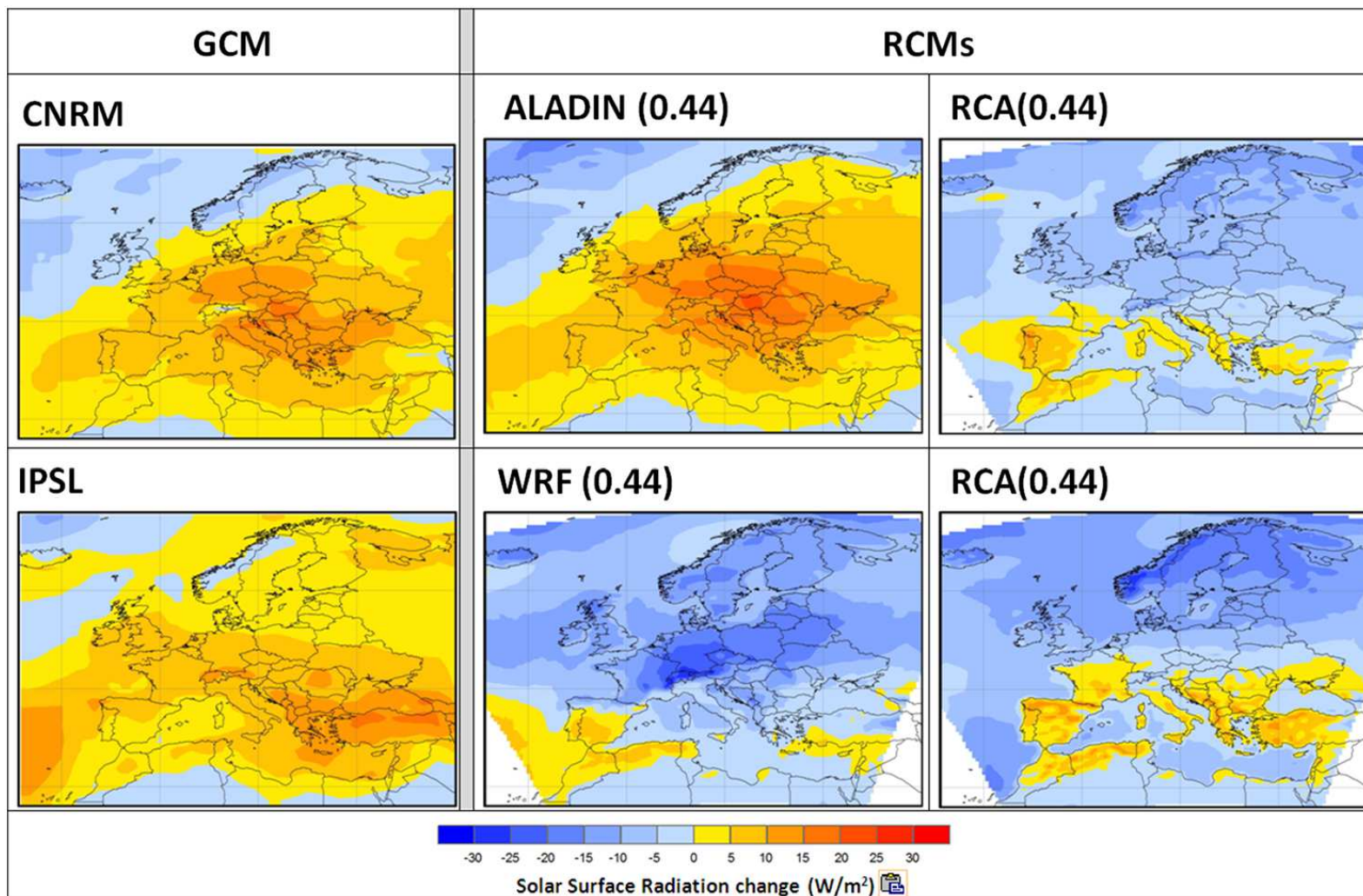
**Fig. 2** Annual projected changes in SSR in the RCA4 regional model and in different driving GCMs. The changes are defined as the difference between the future projections for RCP8.5 (2071–2100) and the historical simulation (1971–2005)



**Fig. 3** Annual changes in SSR in individual RCMs (first name on x axes) and in GCM applied as boundary conditions (second name on x axes) over the European domain. *Blue columns* depict changes for RCMs with 0.11° resolution, *orange columns* depict changes for

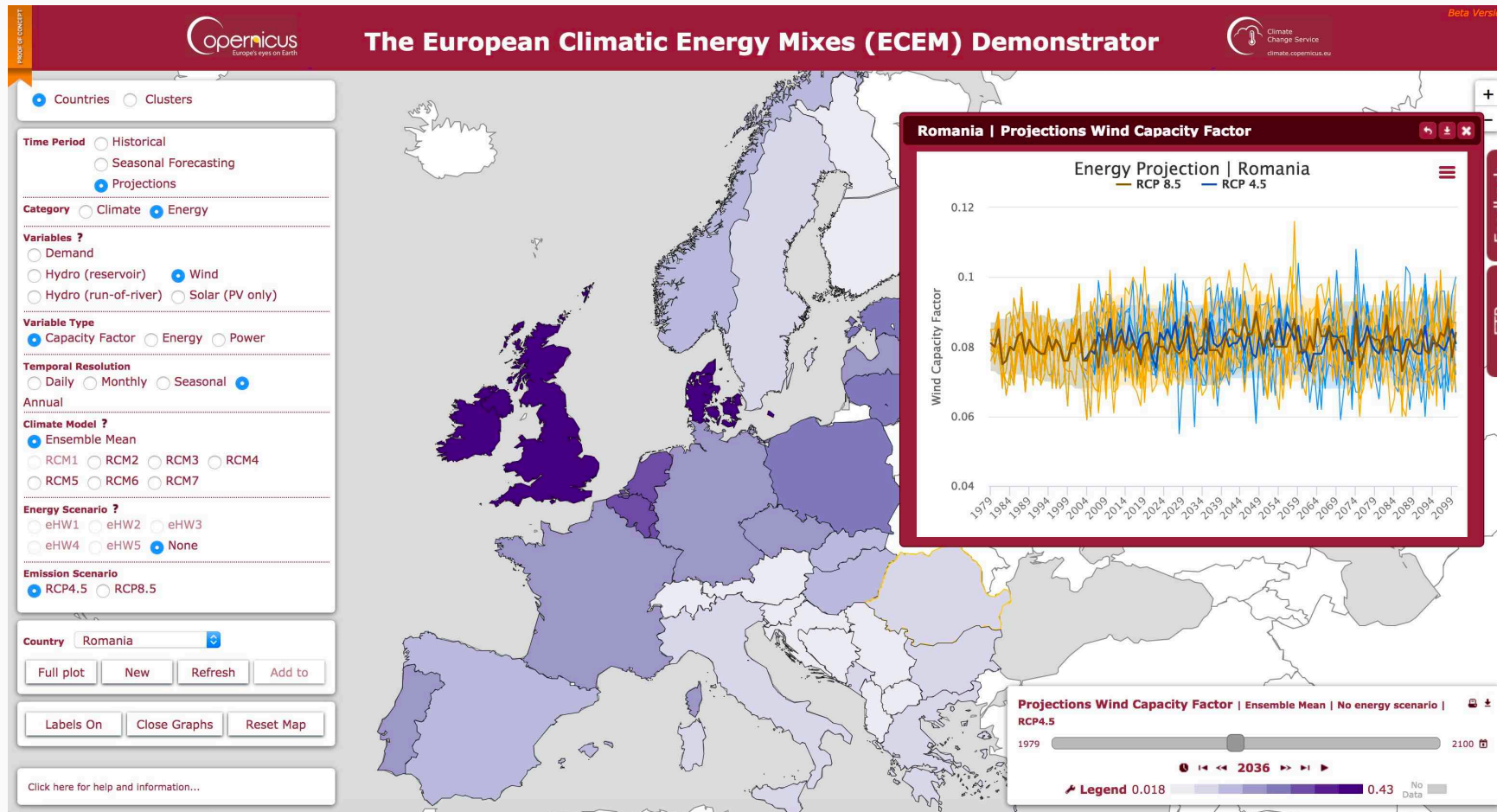
RCMs with 0.44° resolution, and *grey columns* depict changes in GCMs. The changes are defined as the difference between the future projections of RCP8.5 (2071–2100) and historical simulation (1971–2005)

# Projected changes in Solar Rad. Global vs Regional models





# An online interactive tool to test energy mixes



<http://ecem.wemcouncil.org>



# General Documentation and Key Messages

The screenshot shows the ECEM Demonstrator interface. On the left is a control panel with options for 'Countries' and 'Clusters', a 'Time Period' dropdown set to 'Historical', a 'Variables' dropdown set to 'Climate', a 'Country' dropdown set to 'None', and buttons for 'New graph', 'Refresh graph', 'Add to graph', 'Labels On', 'Close Graphs', and 'Reset Map'. A sidebar on the left contains links: 'Using the demonstrator', 'Methods & assumptions', 'Key messages & pre-prepared graphs', 'Variable fact sheets', 'Event case studies', 'FAQs', 'Glossary', 'About', and 'Cookies'. A 'Hide Help' link is at the bottom. The main window is titled 'Using the demonstrator' and contains a table of contents with links to: Introduction, Getting started, Help menu, Creating and modifying the map, Creating and modifying time series, Time slider and map legend, Date range and temporal resolution, Downloading data, Downloading and printing graphs, Zooming and resetting, Absolute values and anomalies, and Thresholds. The 'Introduction' section is expanded, showing text about the demonstrator's purpose and capabilities.

**Using the demonstrator**

**Introduction**

The main purpose of the ECEM Demonstrator is to enable the energy industry and policy makers to assess how well energy supply will meet demand in Europe over different time horizons, focusing on the role climate has on energy supply and demand.

It gives users the capability to explore high-quality climate and energy data sets and to easily:

- (i) produce maps and time series plots of these climate and energy variables,
- (ii) modify the appearance of these maps and plots, and
- (iii) download the underlying data and/or the maps and plots.

Different levels of help and guidance are provided including **Key Messages** and **Event Case Studies** which illustrate the types of information which the Demonstrator offers for the benefit of the energy sector. Documentation (including **Variable Fact Sheets**) is provided on all the data sets embedded in the Demonstrator to ensure transparency and that users have appropriate information to judge the quality and reliability of these data for their own particular applications.

**Getting started**

- **Help menu**
- **Creating and modifying the map**
- **Creating and modifying time series**
- **Time slider and map legend**
- **Date range and temporal resolution**
- **Downloading data**
- **Downloading and printing graphs**
- **Zooming and resetting**
- **Absolute values and anomalies**
- **Thresholds**

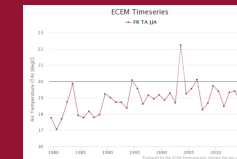
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## EUROPEAN CLIMATIC ENERGY MIXES (ECEM)

### KEY MESSAGES

#### ECEM KM 01

#### A warming Europe



*A series of Key Messages for the European energy sector based on the analysis of data in the ECEM Demonstrator.*

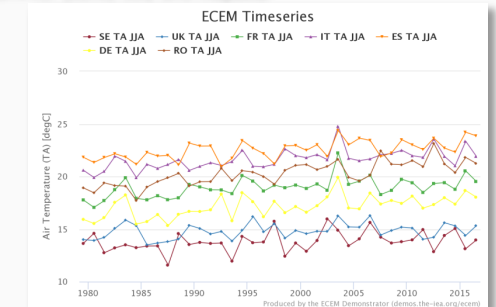


### Key messages: A warming Europe

- Temperatures have risen consistently across Europe over the last ~40 years
- In countries such as Germany the warming has been strongest in winter whereas in Spain, for example, it is strongest in summer
- At the same time, variability from year-to-year and day-to-day persists, and cold events have continued to occur in recent years
- Temperature is a major driver of the ECEM models for energy demand and of solar and hydro supply thus these trends and patterns of variability will impact estimates of these energy variables

### How do we know Europe is warming?

Warming trends are evident in time-series plots of historic air temperature data (°C) for 1979-2016 including those for the seven countries shown here (Sweden, UK, France, Italy, Spain, Germany and Romania). The plot below shows the trends for summer (June, July and August).



For more information visit [www.ecem.climate.copernicus.eu](http://www.ecem.climate.copernicus.eu) or contact the ECEM team at [support@ecem.climate.copernicus.eu](mailto:support@ecem.climate.copernicus.eu)

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# Variables and Event Case Studies Fact Sheets

## EUROPEAN CLIMATIC ENERGY MIXES (ECEM)

### VARIABLE FACT SHEET ECEM VFS E01

Energy demand

*A series of fact sheets which provide metadata for the climate and energy variables produced by ECEM*



#### 1 General

- 1.1 Description
- 1.2 Units
- 1.3 Links
- 1.4 Data format
- 1.5 Keywords
- 1.6 Contact

#### 2 Dataset coverage

- 2.1 Geographic area
- 2.2 Temporal resolution
- 2.3 Time period
- 2.4 Spatial resolution

#### 3 Usage

- 3.1 License conditions
- 3.2 Citation(s)

#### 4 Lineage statement

- 4.1 Original data source
- 4.2 Tools used in production of indicators

#### 5 Data quality

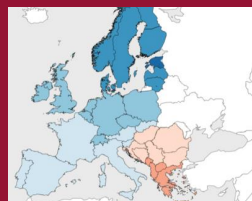
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## EUROPEAN CLIMATIC ENERGY MIXES (ECEM)

### EVENT CASE STUDY ECEM CS 001

High demand in winter  
2009/10



*A series of case studies based on extreme events which illustrate how the ECEM demonstrator can be used by the energy sector to enhance understanding and support decision making.*



#### Boosting Decision Making

1 Winter 2009/10 saw high power demand due to extremely cold temperatures across much of northern Europe, as seen in the ECEM demonstrator

2 The impact of another winter similar to 2009/10 is likely to be greater today because of the increase of weather-sensitive renewables such as wind in the energy mix. For the UK, the ECEM historical dataset shows a significant drop in wind power if 2009/10 conditions occurred today

#### Scientific/Technical Advances

1 ECEM has brought together credible data from the climate and energy communities, processed in a consistent way over a range of time scales

2 The demonstrator tool provides valuable insight into the winter 2009/10 event and can be used to study the impact of other extreme weather events on European power systems

3 Analysis of the ECEM datasets has revealed dependencies and risks across European countries and between energy and climate variables

#### Key Lessons

- 1 The ECEM historical dataset allows:
  - Investigation of an event in the context of recent history
  - 'What if' questions to be assessed based on today's energy mix and the climate drivers
- 2 The demonstrator can help anticipate future risks through:
  - Seasonal forecasts
  - Climate projections

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# Want to learn more about C3S ECEM?

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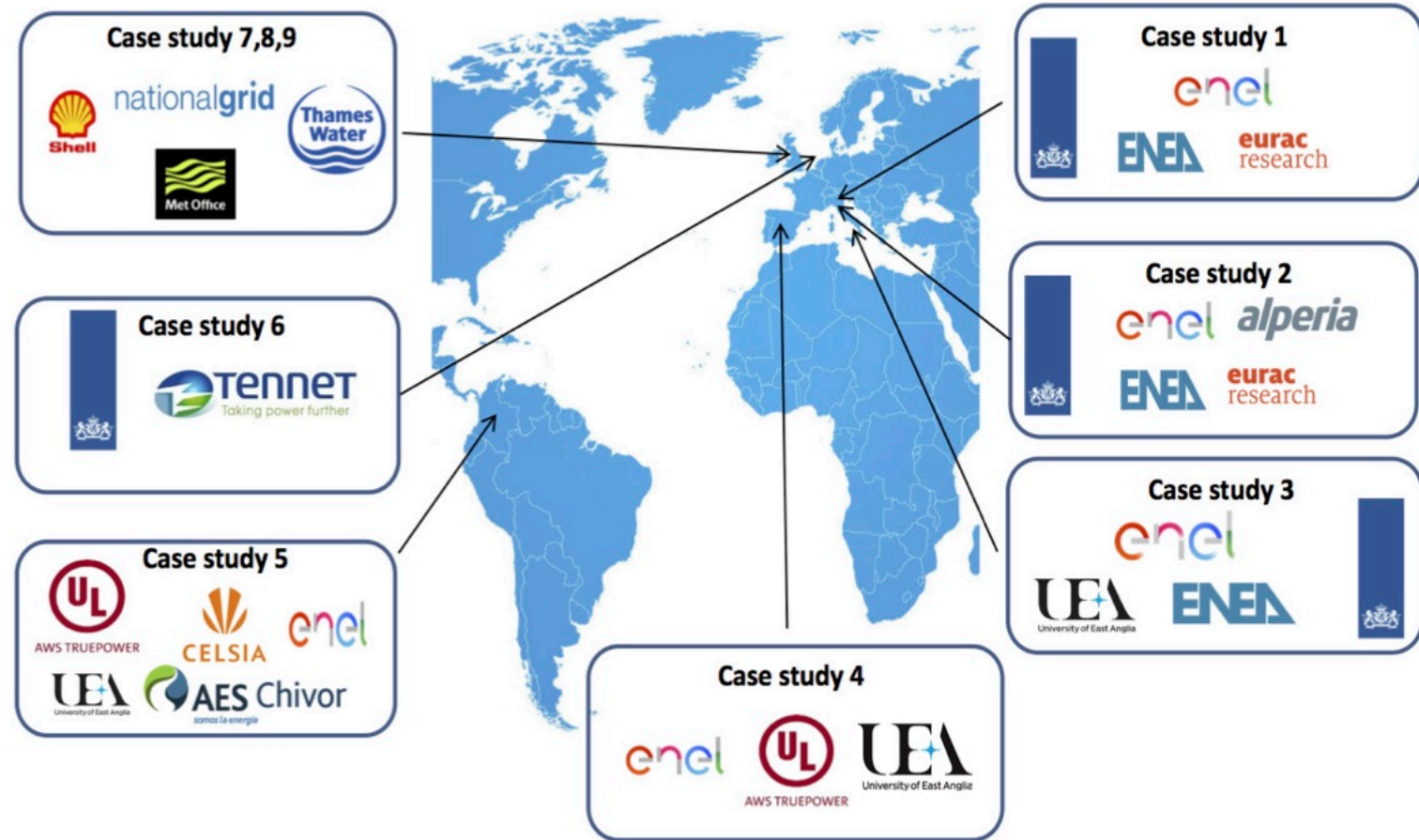




# How can seasonal climate forecasts help your business?

Nine cases for Europe and S. America will be investigated.

These represent recent seasons with anomalous climate conditions leading to problematic and quantifiable impacts for the energy and/or water industry. They will be co-designed by industrial and research partners



## Use of seasonal forecasts by the UK National Grid Operator

### Case Study 8

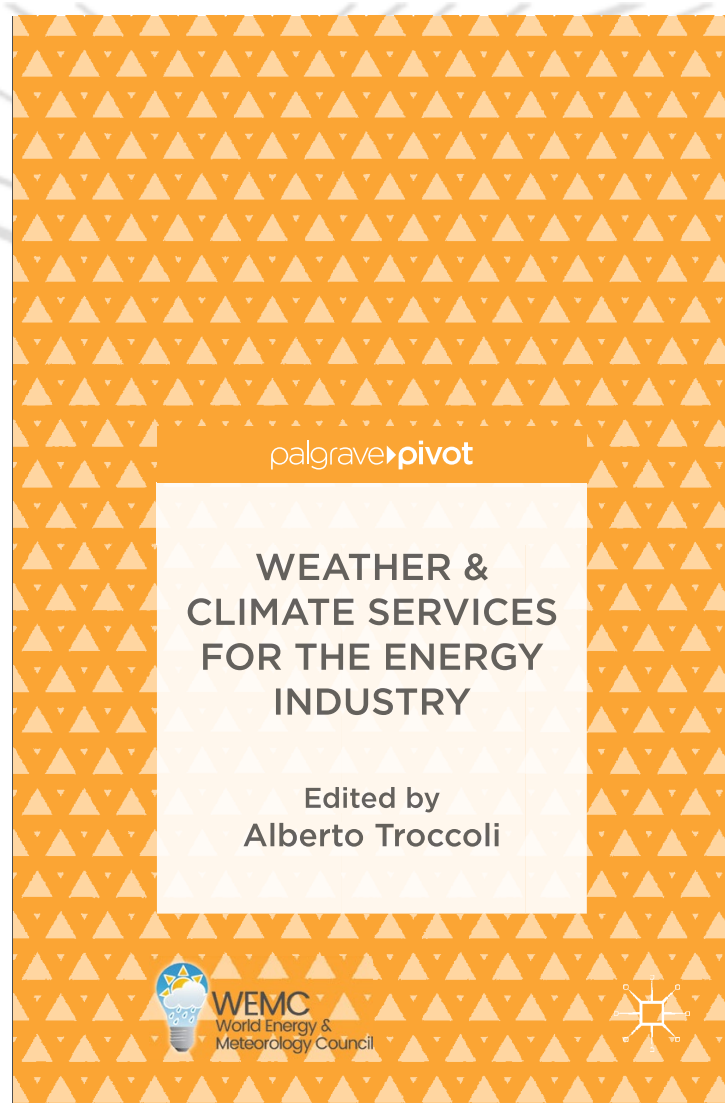
### Winter weather & energy system balancing

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The objective is to illustrate the benefits of using seasonal forecast information to better predict the UK winter mean electricity demand and wind power







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<https://link.springer.com/book/10.1007%2F978-3-319-68418-5> or  
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- Energy and Meteorology are closely **connected**
- Energy systems are already experiencing **sizeable climate impacts**, which are likely to become more severe
- **Climate services** (with seasonal climate forecast, climate projections, but also reconstructions of the past) are emerging as useful tools for **Energy planning, and operations/maintenance**
- Despite emerging use of climate in energy (and other) sectors, there is a strong need:
  - to **improve knowledge** of meteorological data and processes
  - to **improve access** to meteorological and energy data **for improved products**



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