

A photograph of a glacier landscape. In the foreground, a large, dark, textured rock sits on the left. A cluster of bright yellow flowers with green foliage grows at its base. The background features a massive, light blue glacier with visible crevasses and a small, muddy stream flowing through the ice. The overall scene is a mix of rugged, cold natural elements and vibrant, warm-colored flora.

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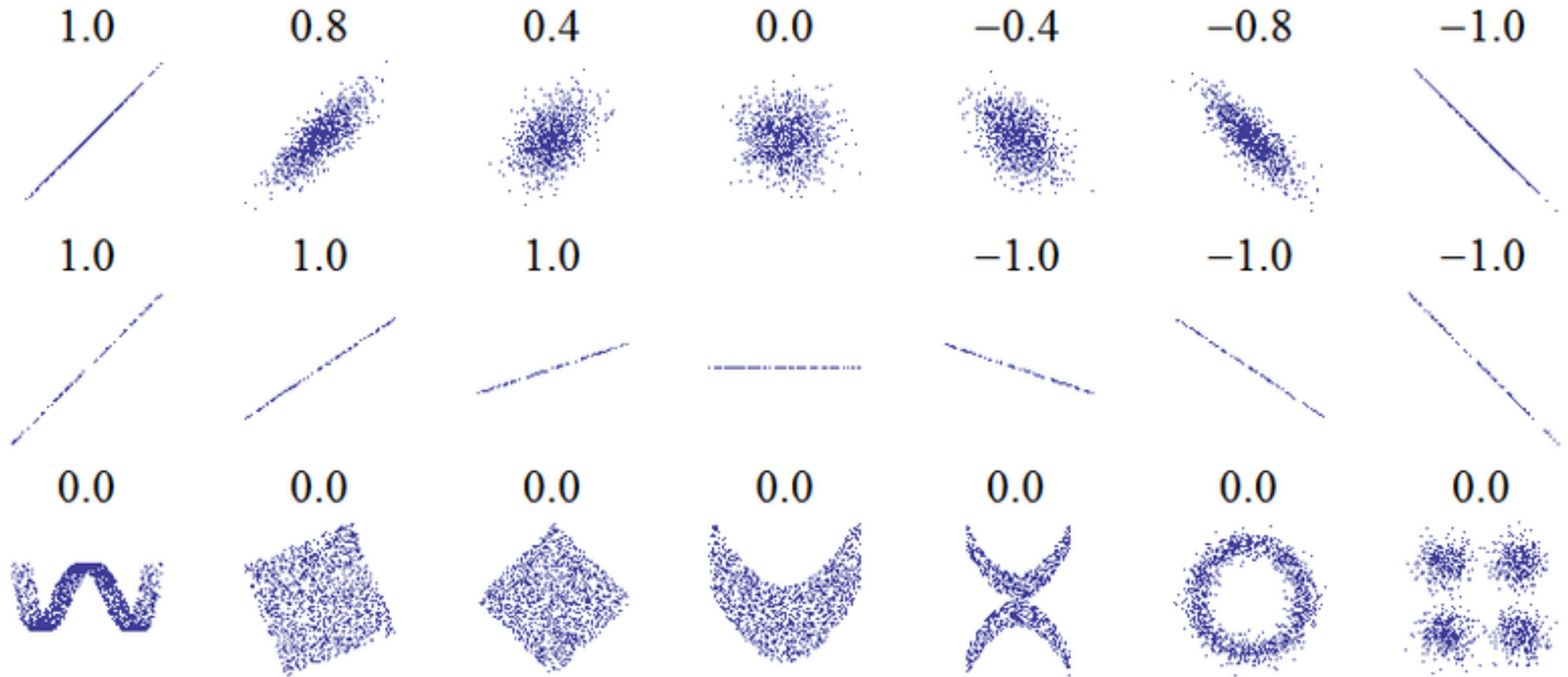
Negar Ekrami
Haraldur Ólafsson

Hvað ræður tregðunni í meðalhita aðliggjandi mánaða?

- “Minni” yfirborðs jarðar (vatn, snjór og klaki, hafís)
- Stöðugleiki loftmassa
- Frávik í loftstraumum sem leiða af frávikum í ástandi yfirborðs jarðar
- Breytileiki í samspili veðurþátta

Correlation coefficient

$$r_{fx} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (f_i - \bar{f})(x_i - \bar{x})}{(n-1)s_f s_x}$$



Hitatregðan

Salomé Avrillaud (Frakklandi)



Lisa Degenhardt (Íslandi)

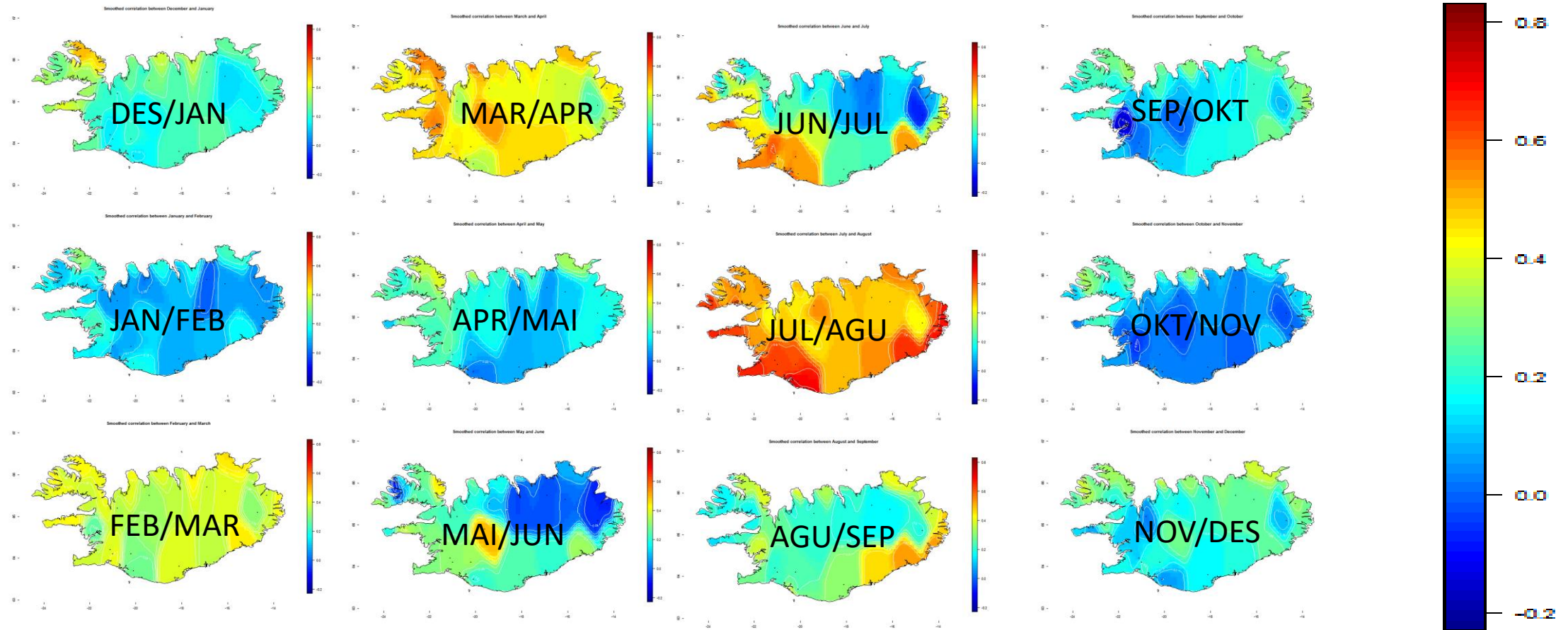


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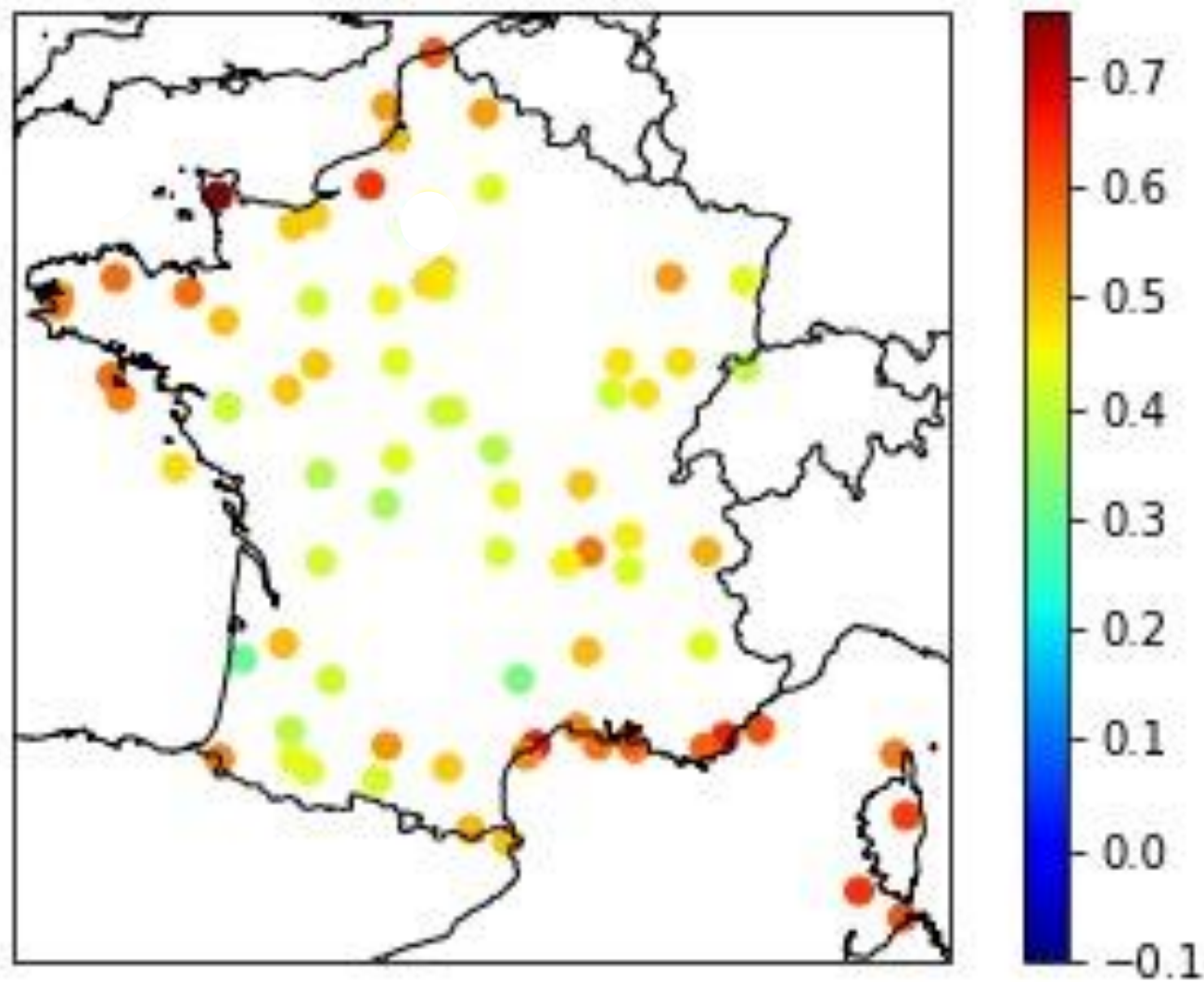
Persistence of observed air temperatures in Iceland

Lisa Degenhardt, Haraldur Ólafsson 

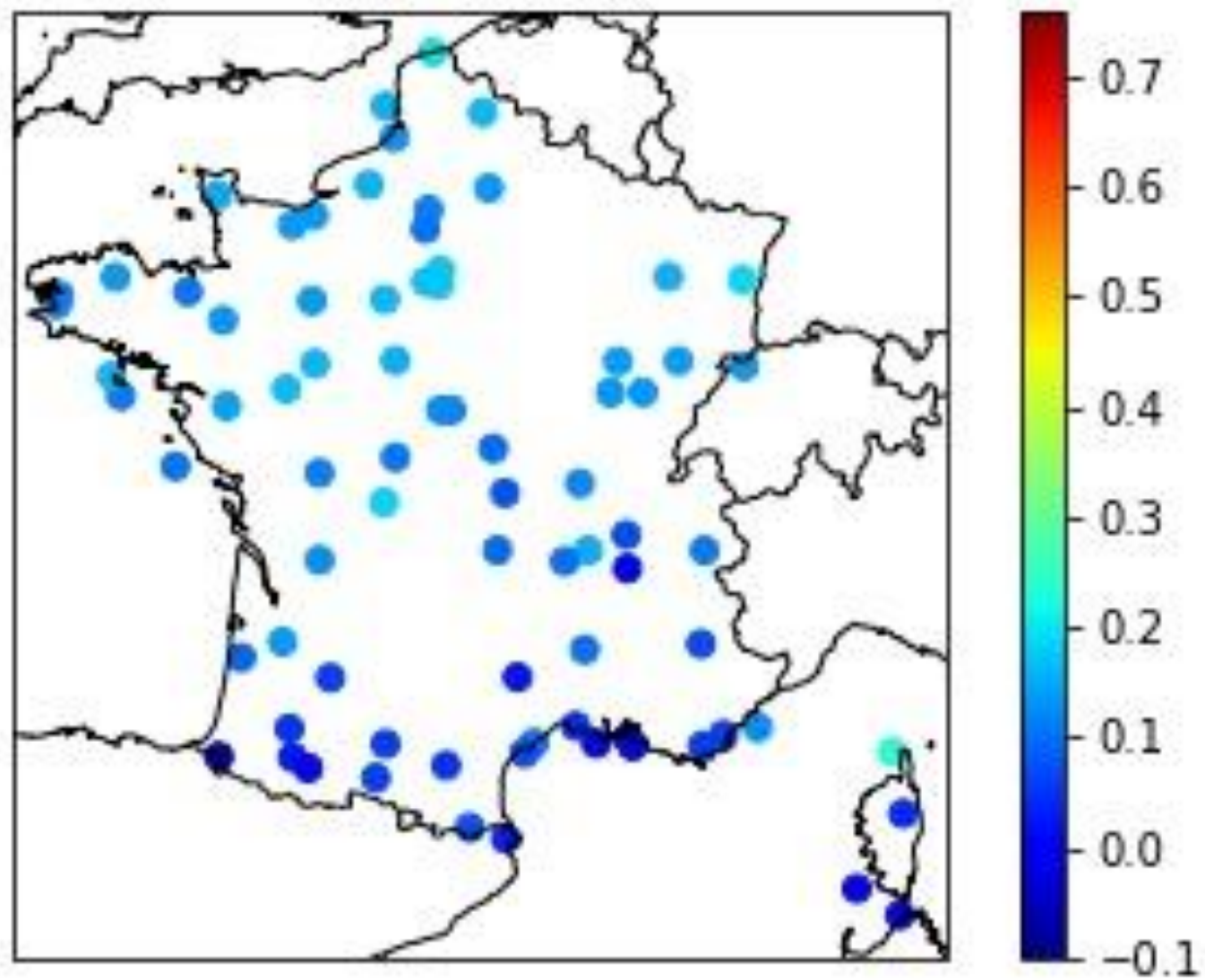
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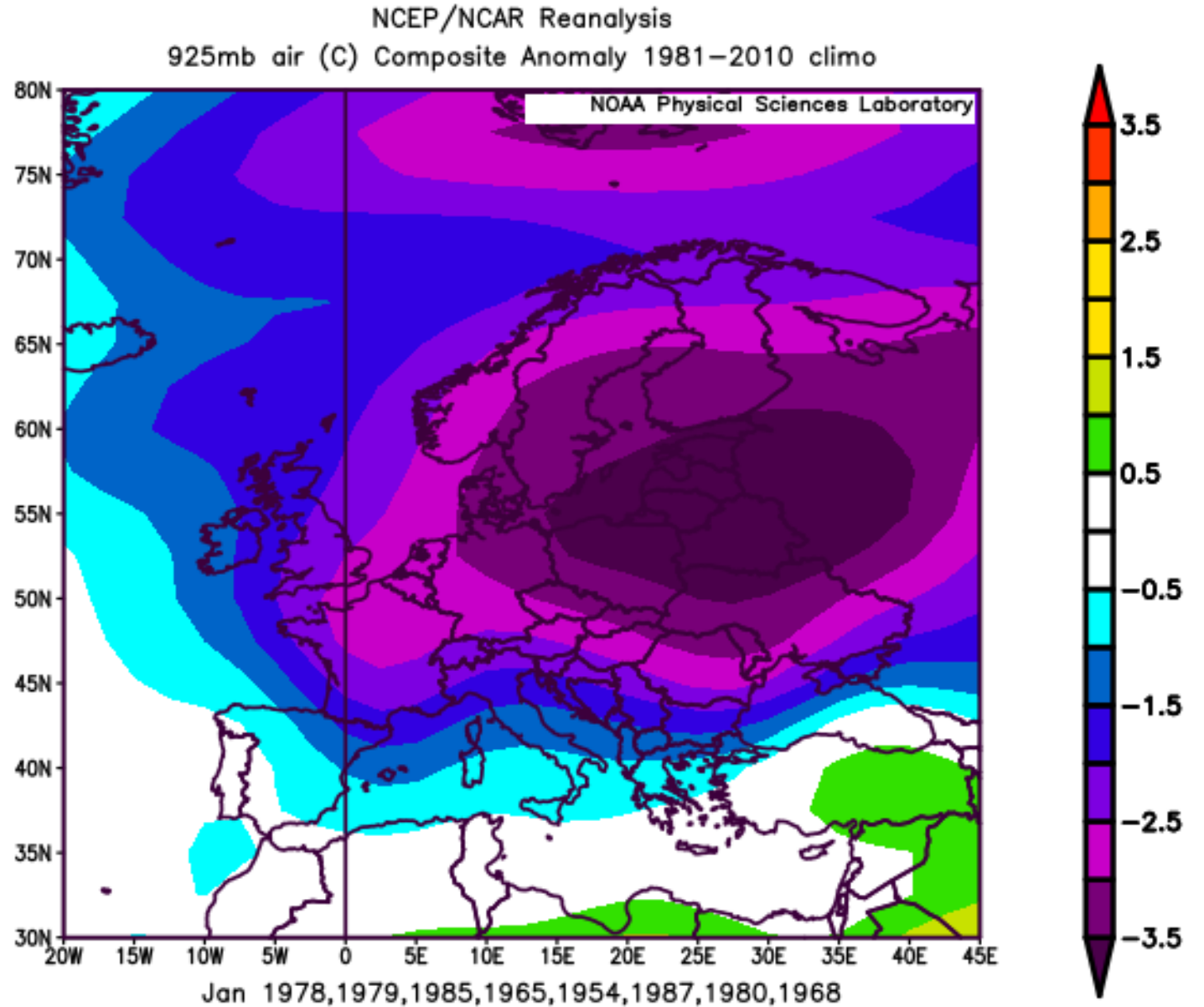
Jul/Aug correlation



Dec/Jan correlation



Kuldakast í
Frakklandi á sér
að jafnaði
hámark í A-
Evrópu



Töluverð tregða er í kuldafrávikum í A-Evrópu
Kuldaköst í Frakklandi leitast við að spilla sér

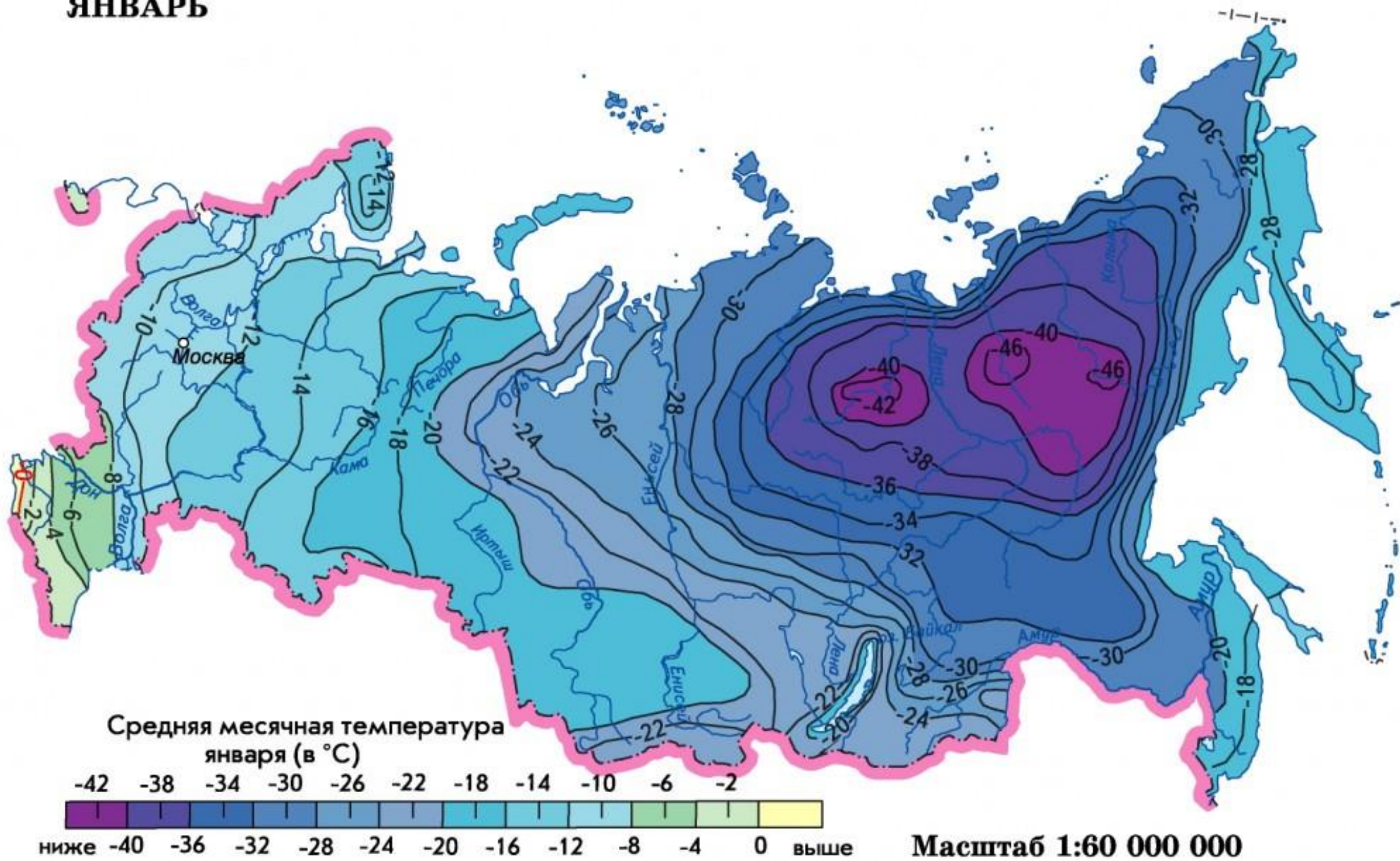


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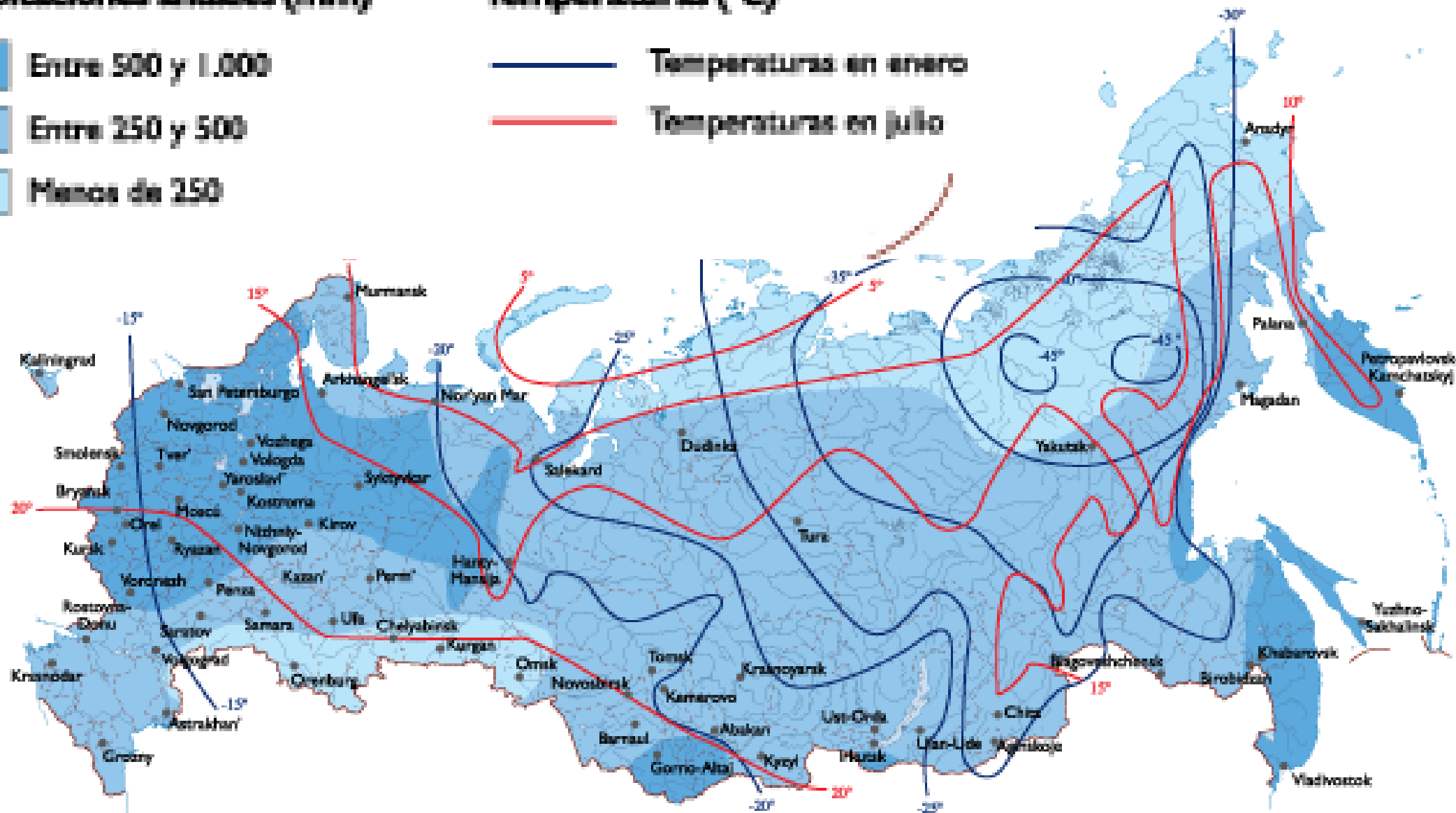
ЯНВАРЬ



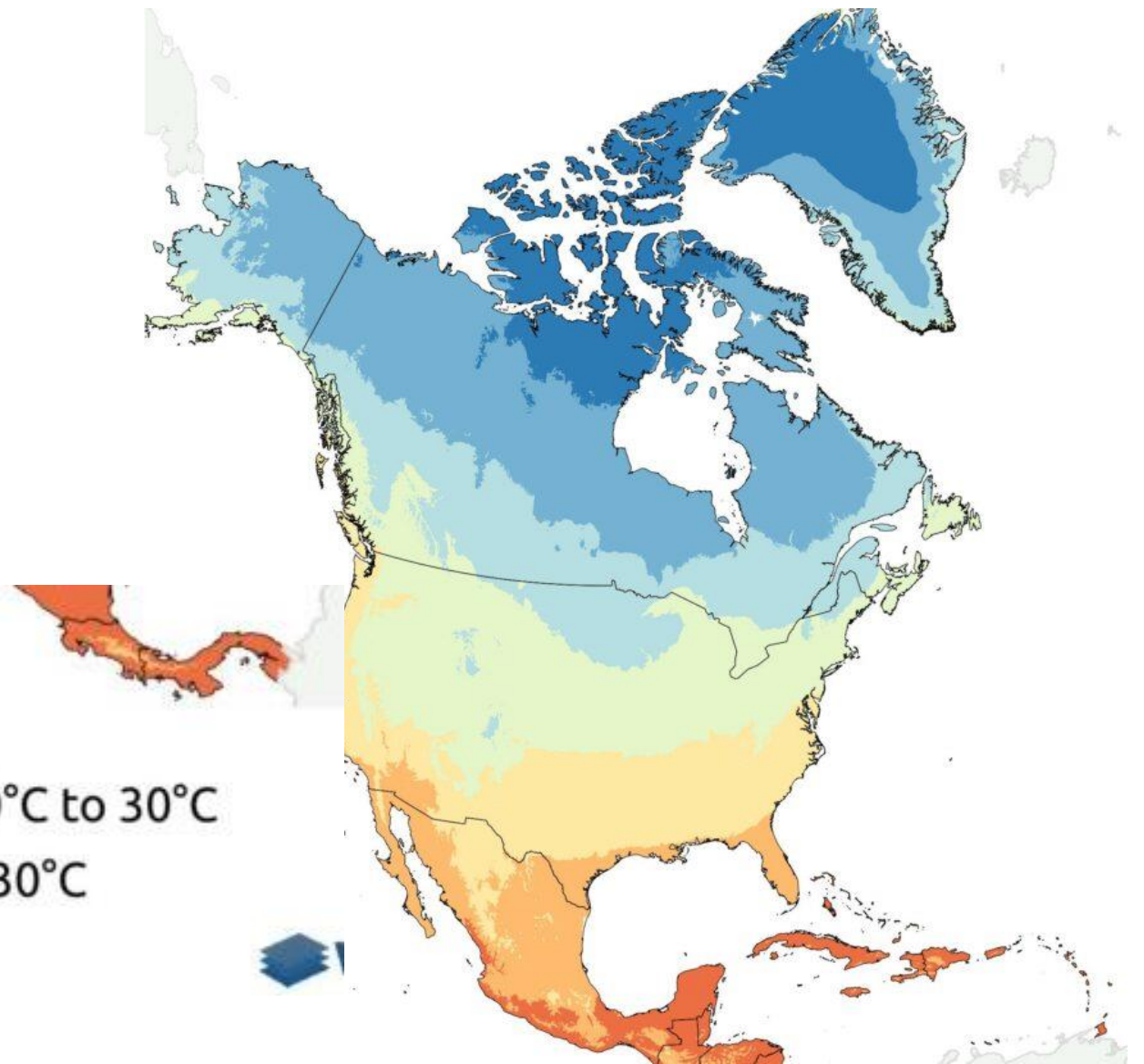
Precipitaciones anuales (mm)



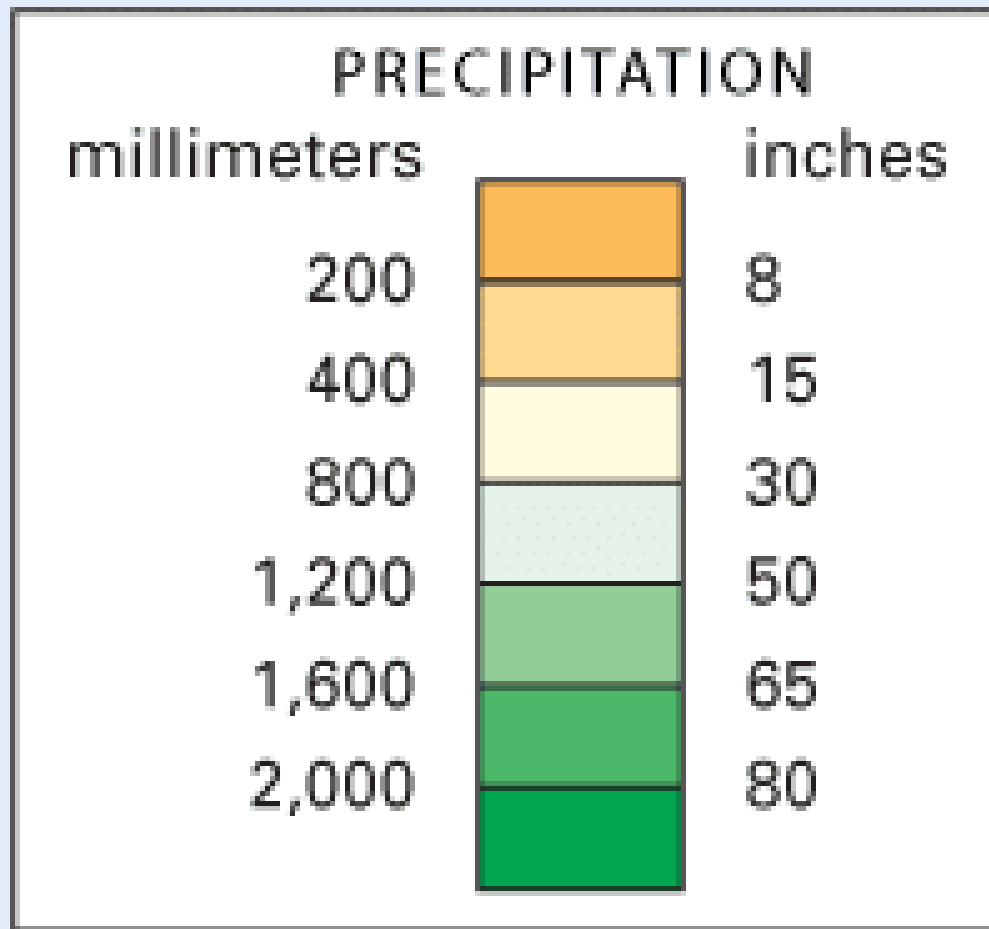
Temperaturas (°C)



**Average temperature in January
(between 1970 and 2000)**



Ársúrkoama



- S ber a



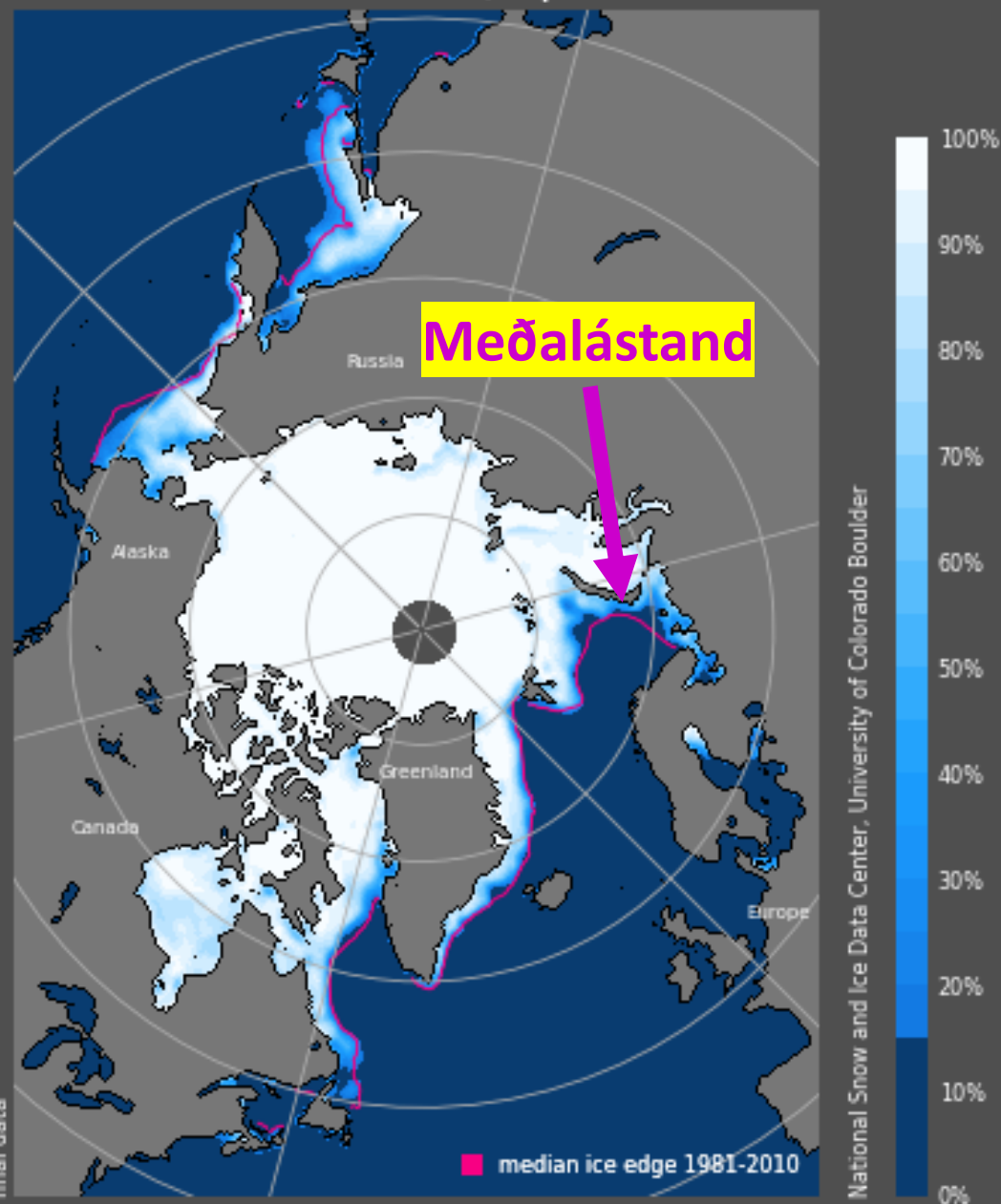
N 67°59'59.9"
E 108°00'00.0"



Sibería

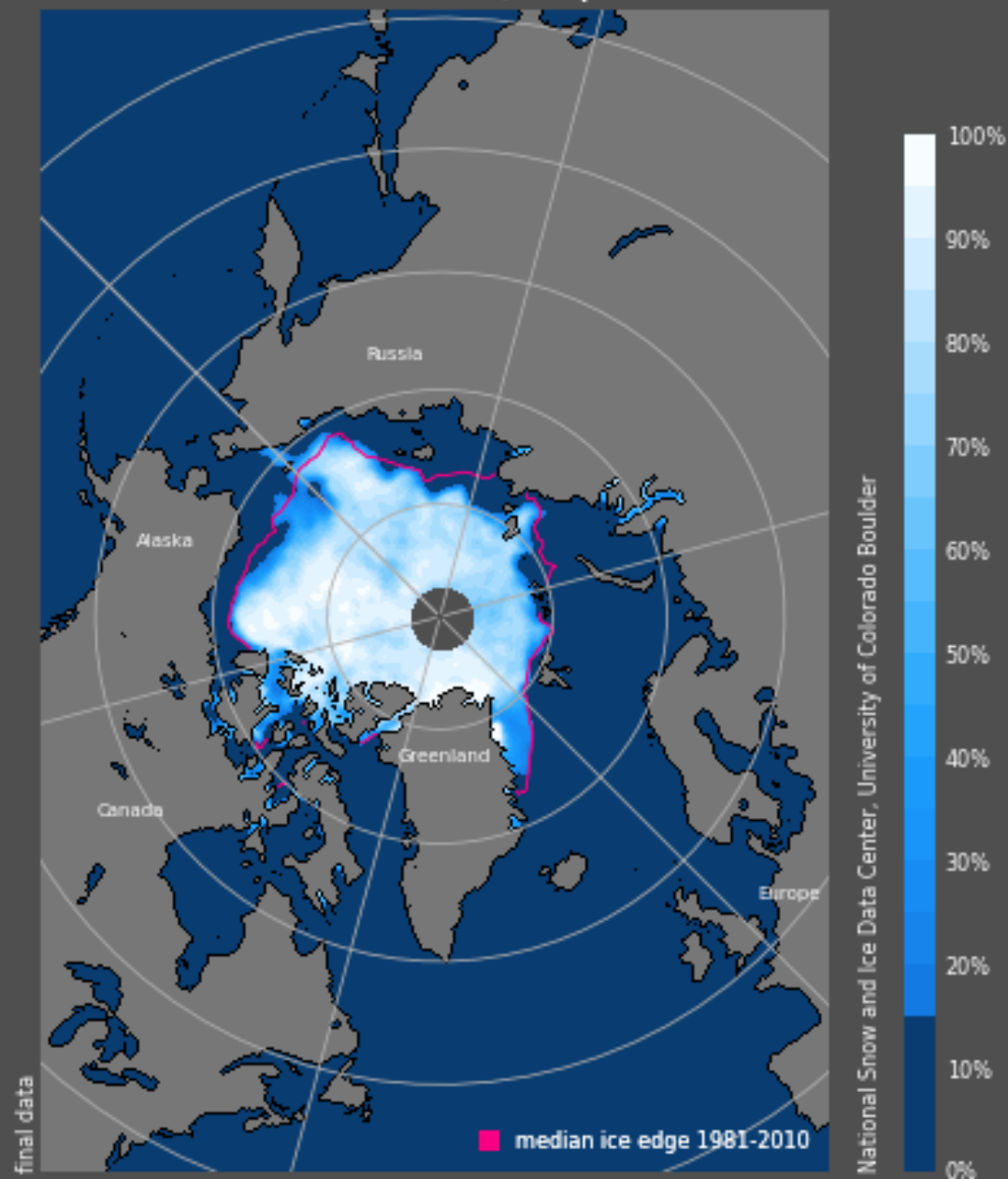


Sea Ice Concentration, Apr 2000



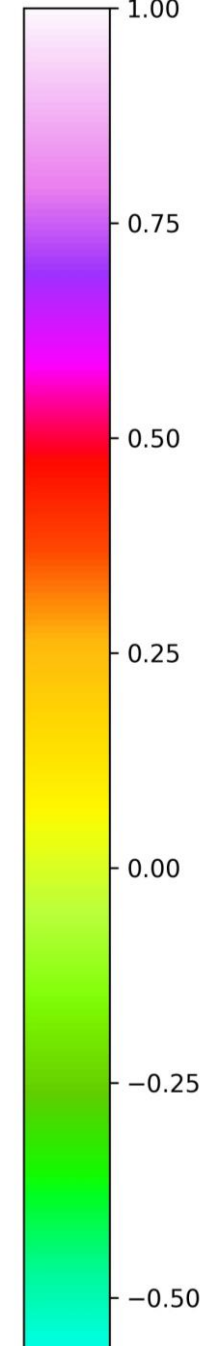
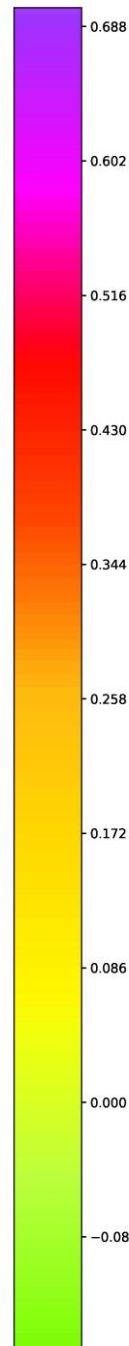
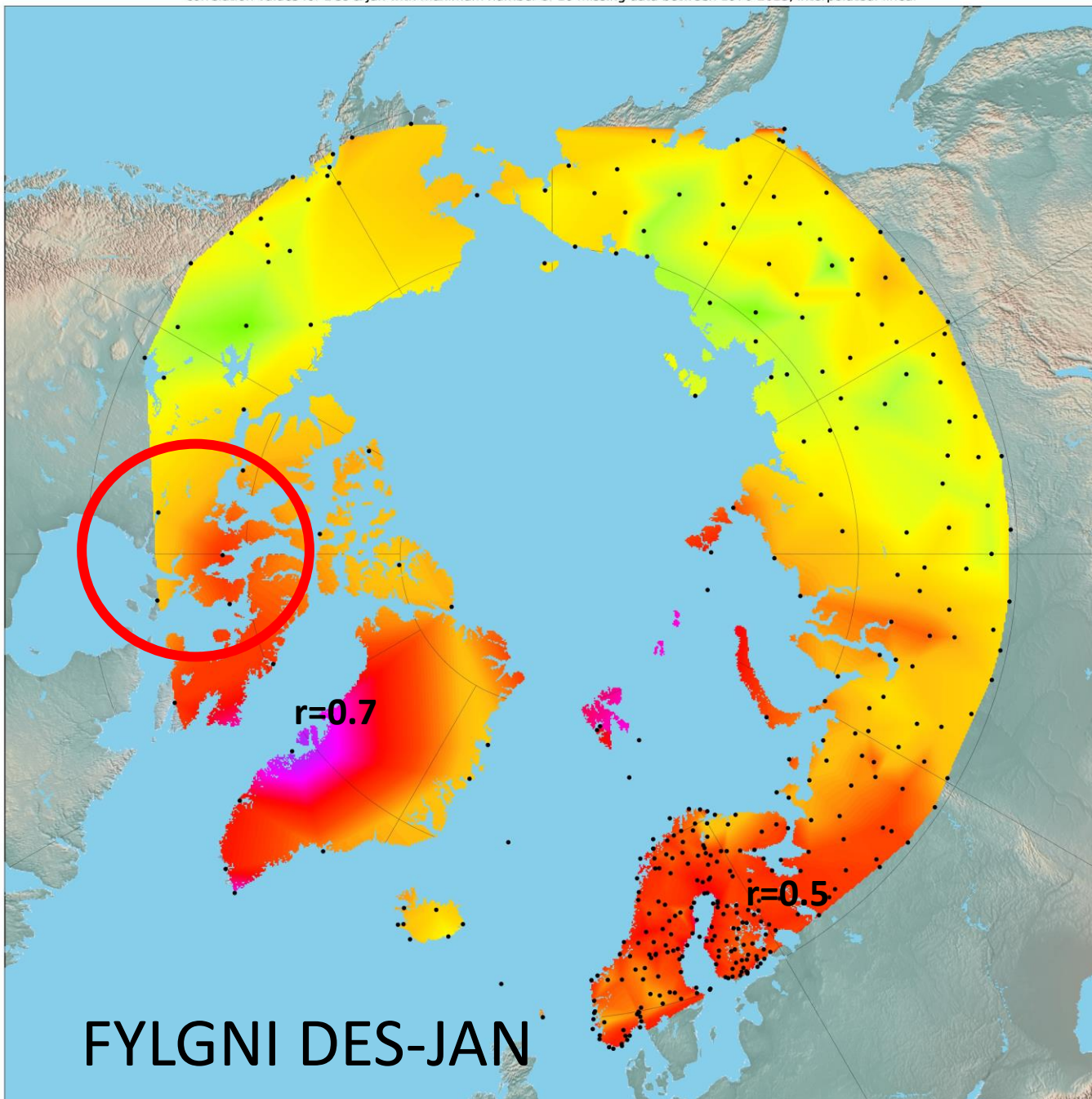
Total Area = 12.6 million sq km

Sea Ice Concentration, Sep 2000



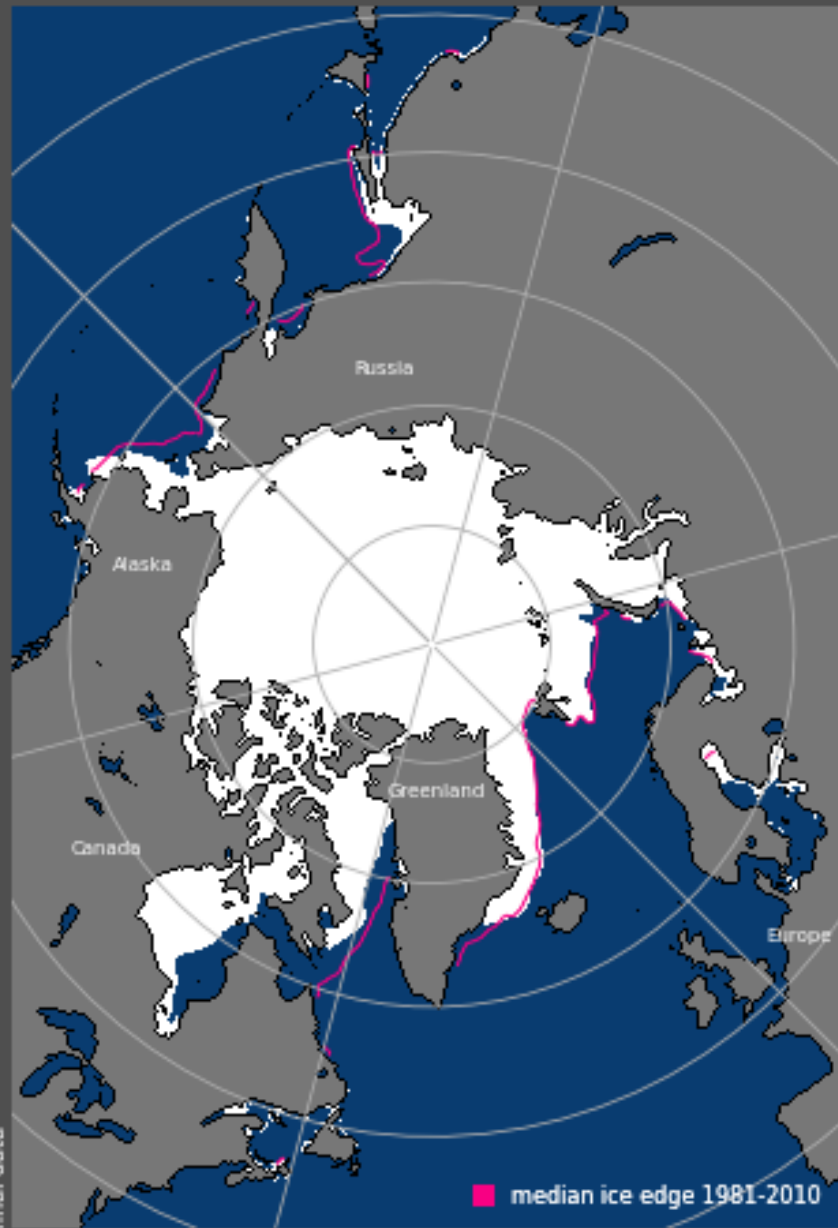
Total Area = 4.3 million sq km

correlation values for Dec & Jan with maximum number of 10 missing data between 1970-2023, interpolated: linear



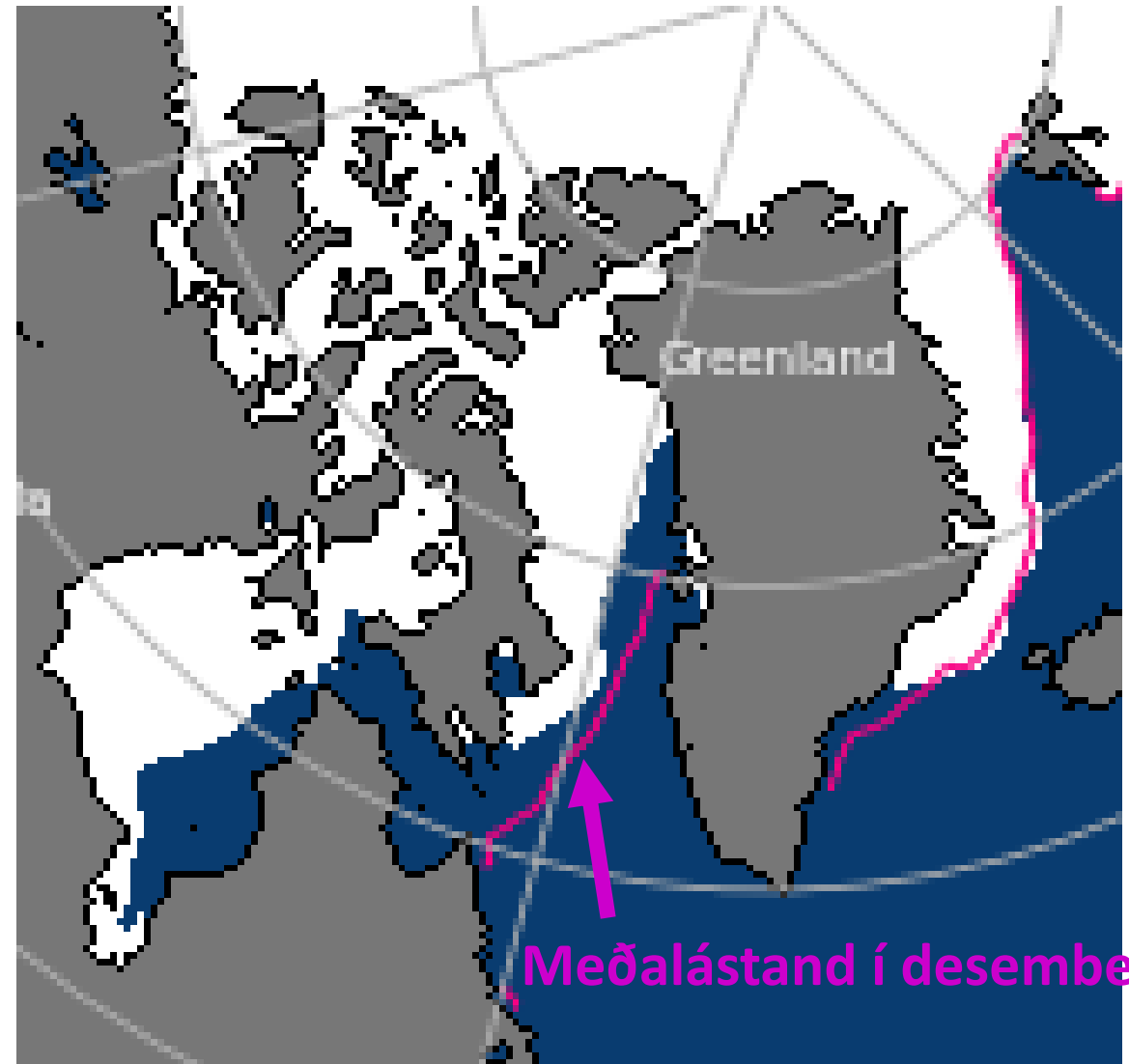
Gögn:
mælingar í
punktunum

Sea Ice Extent, Dec 2010



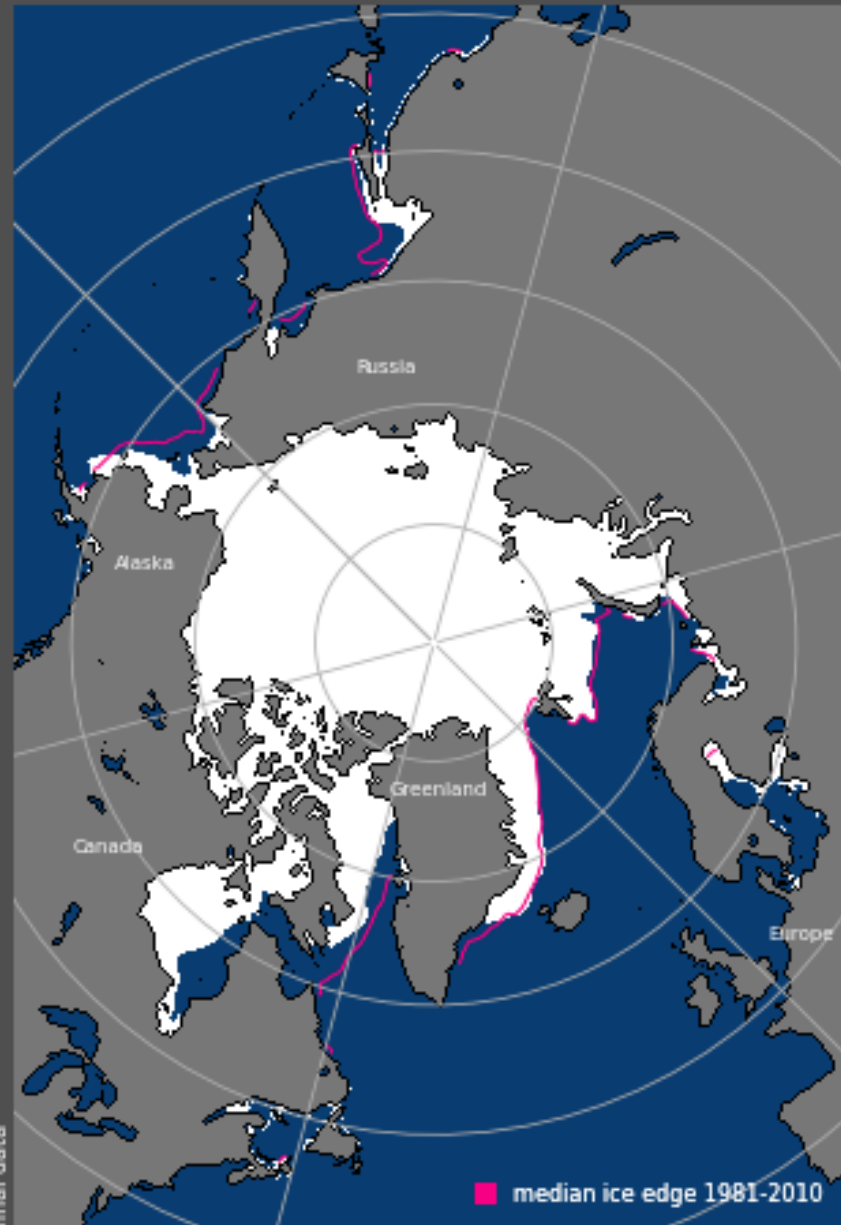
Total extent = 11.8 million sq km

National Snow and Ice Data Center, University of Colorado Boulder



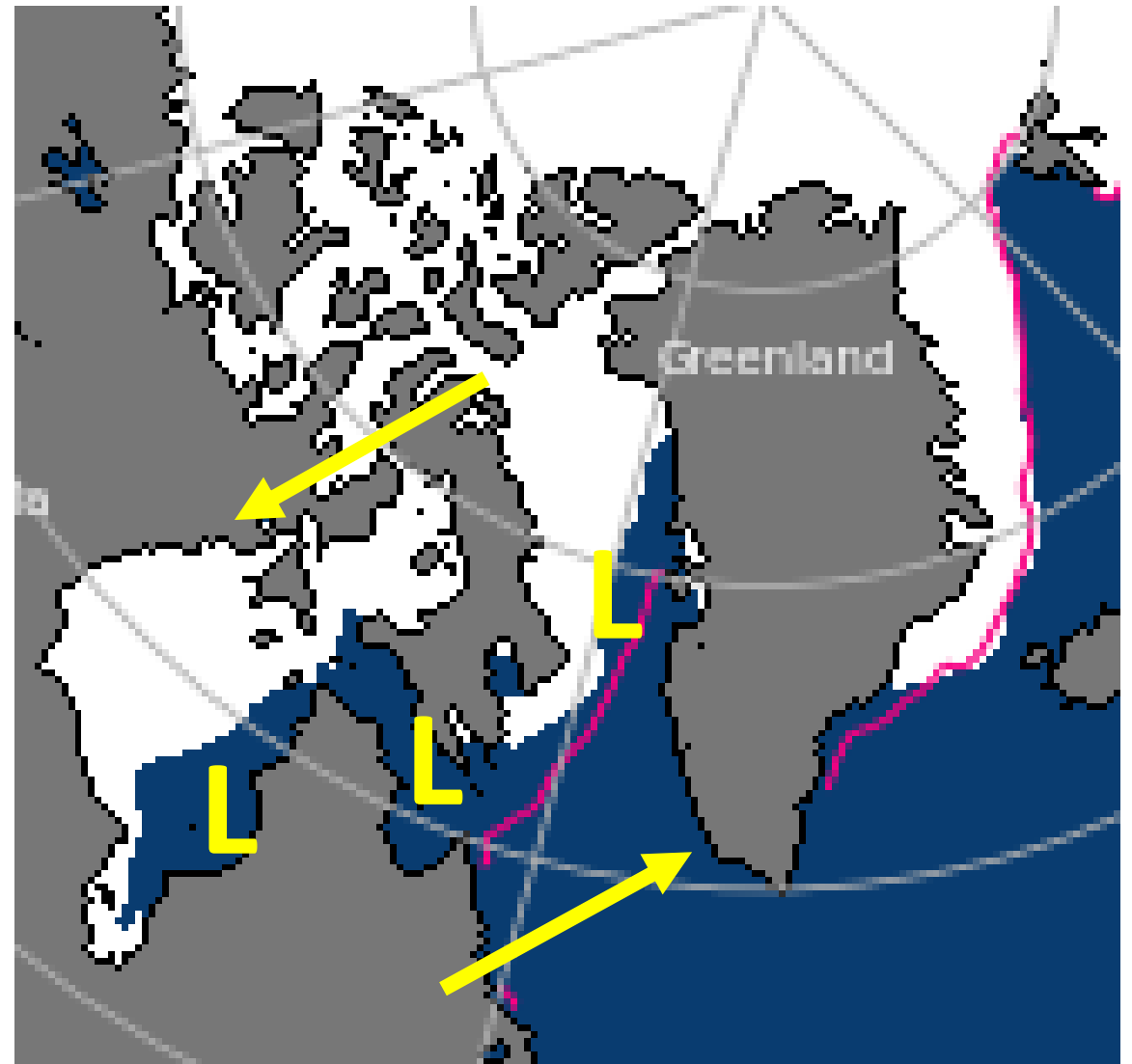
Meðalástand í desember

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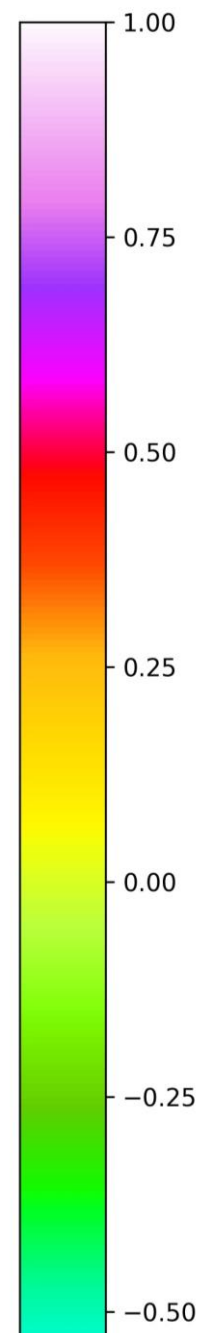
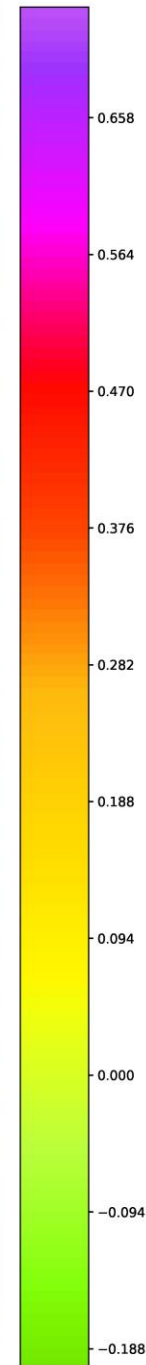
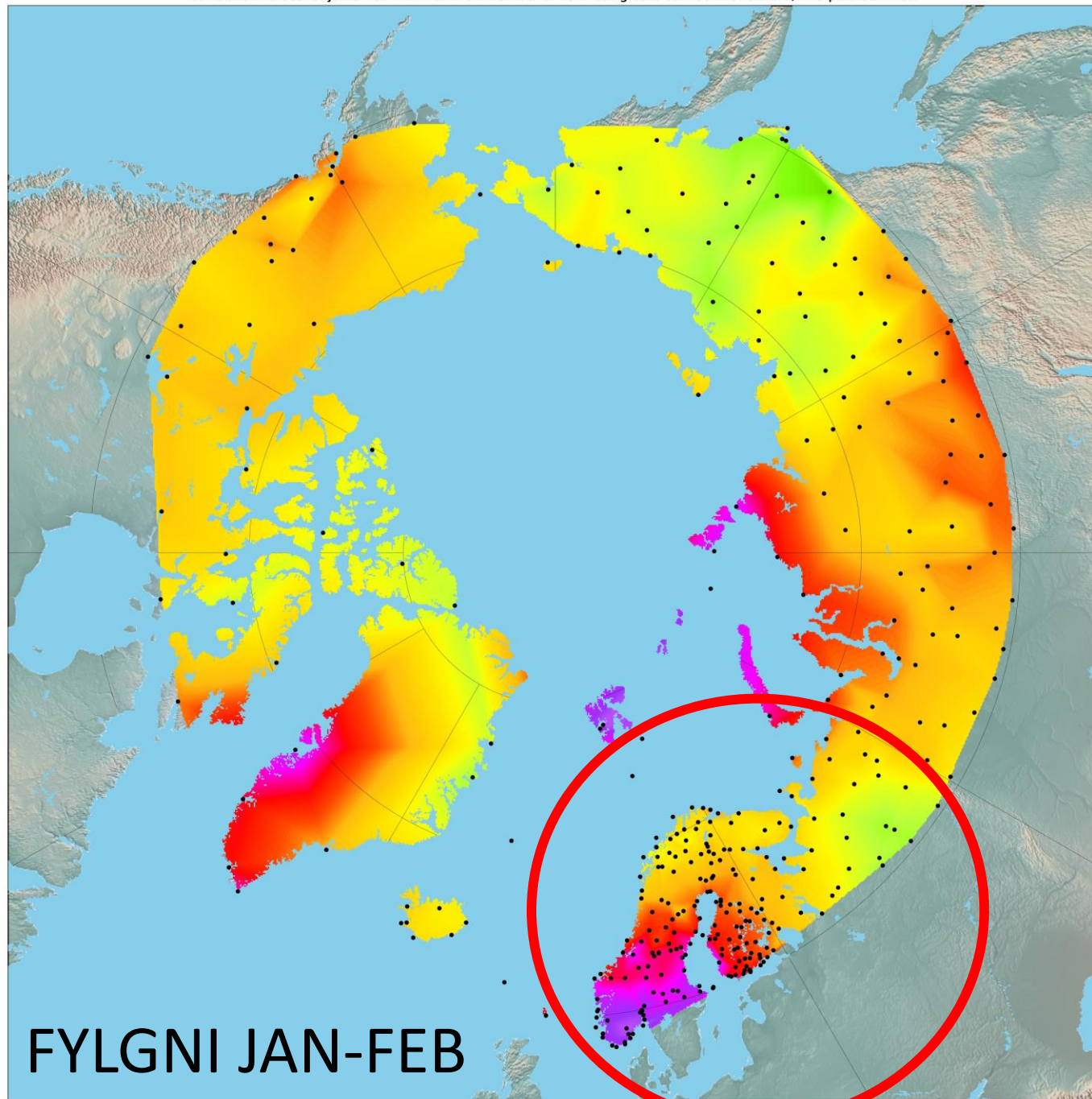


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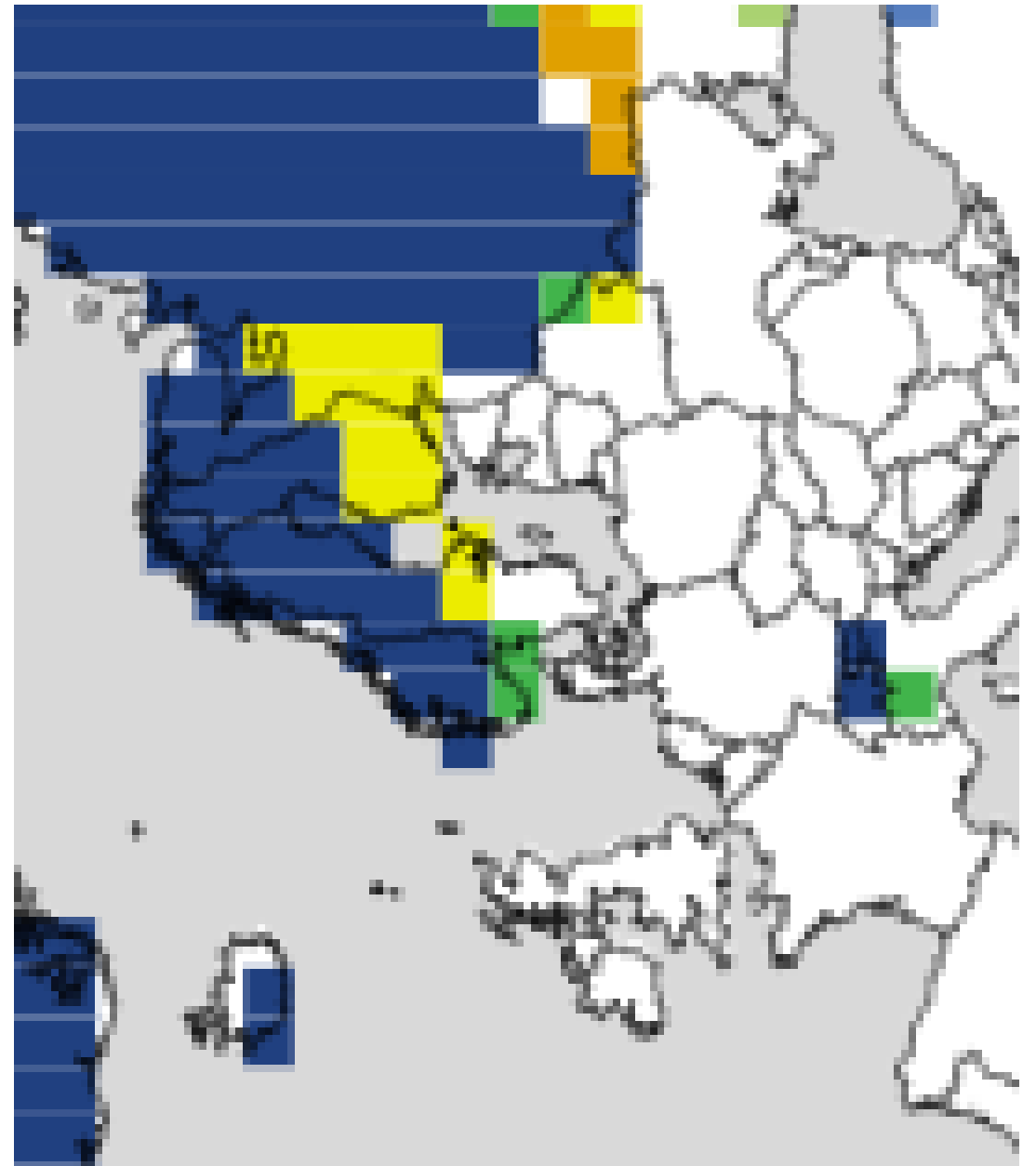
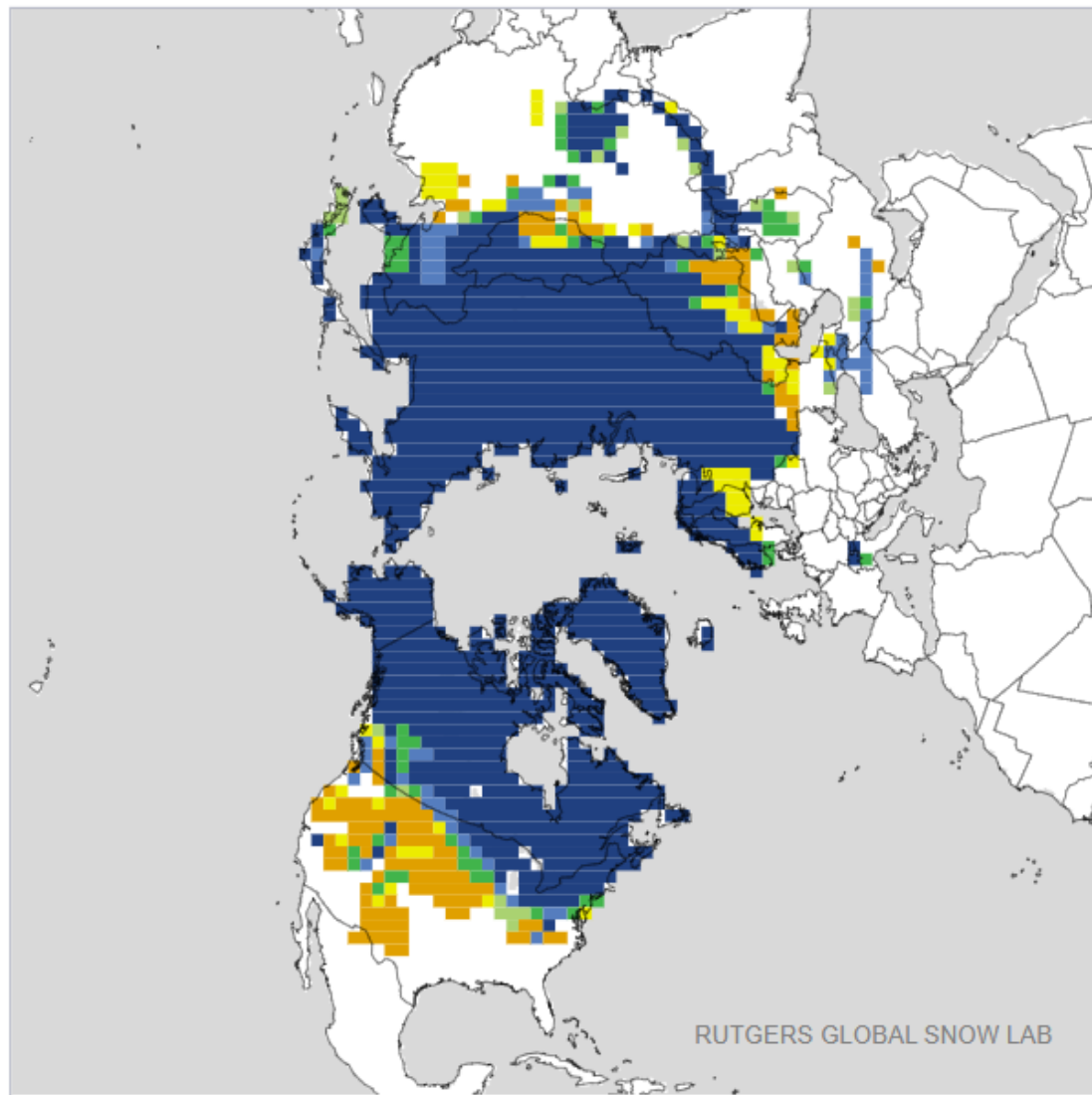


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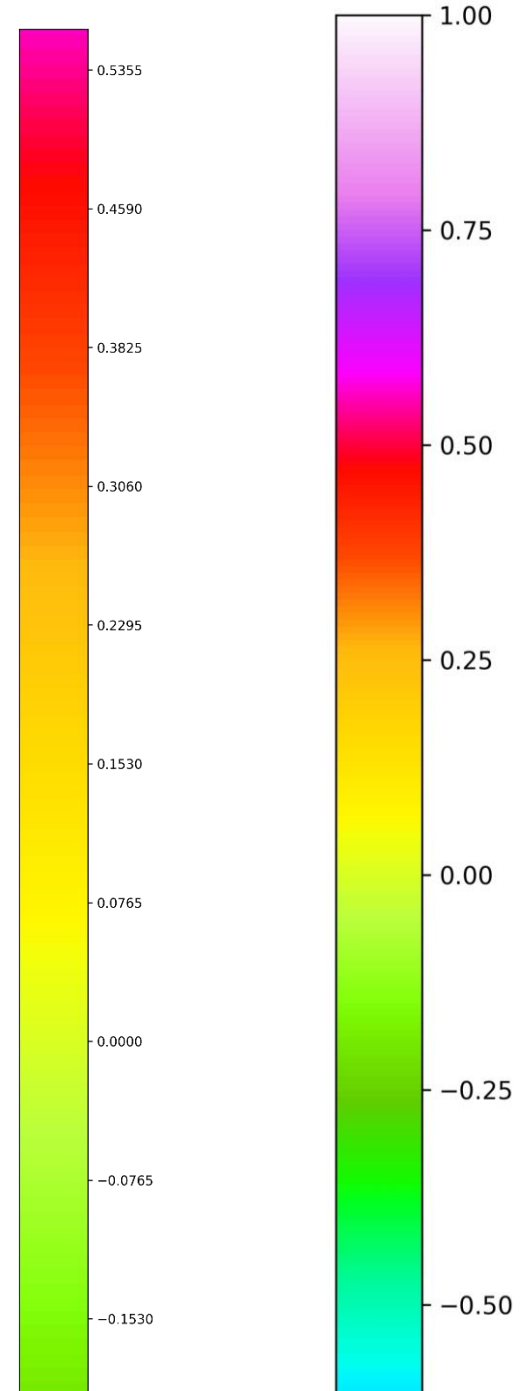
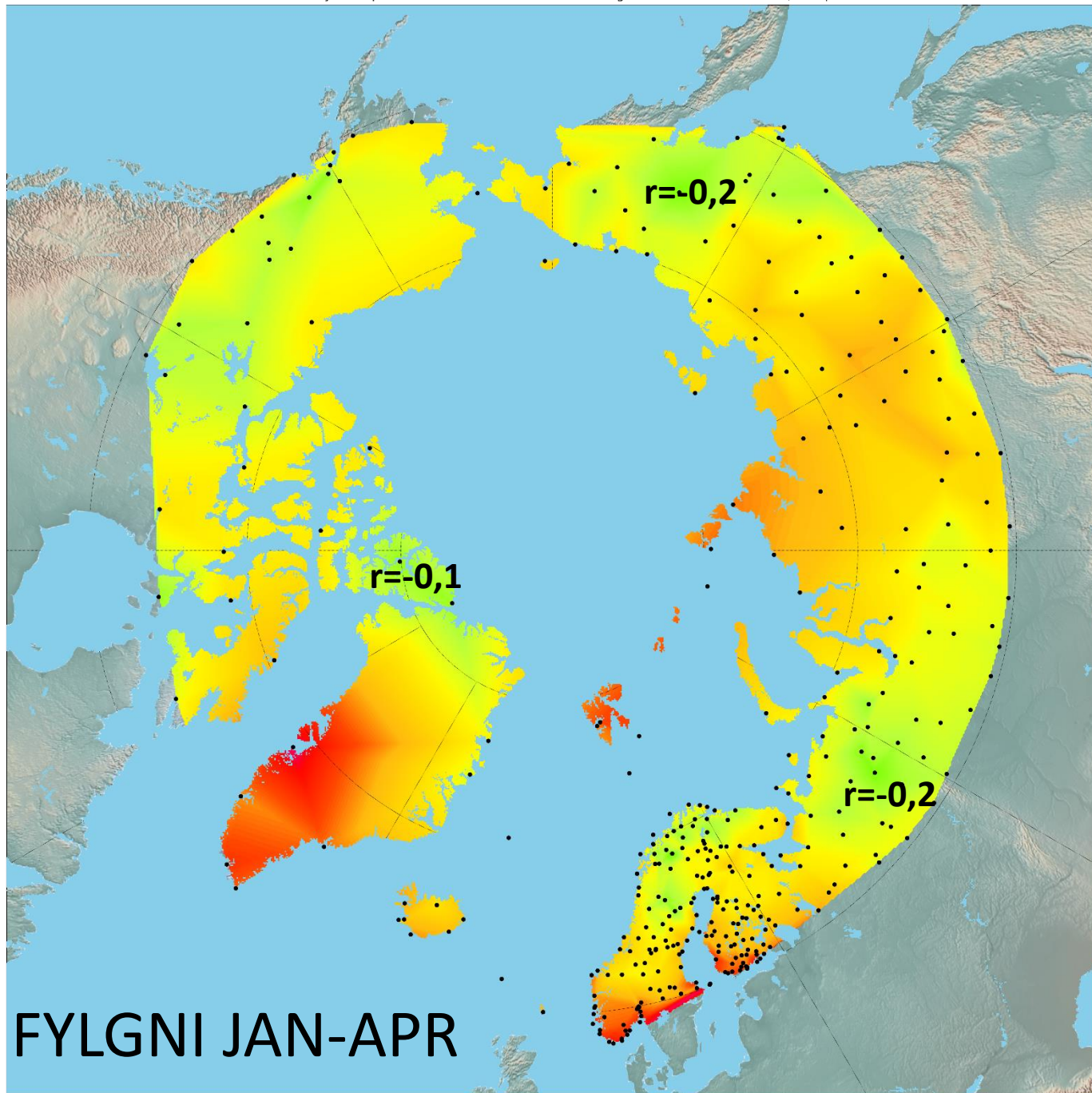


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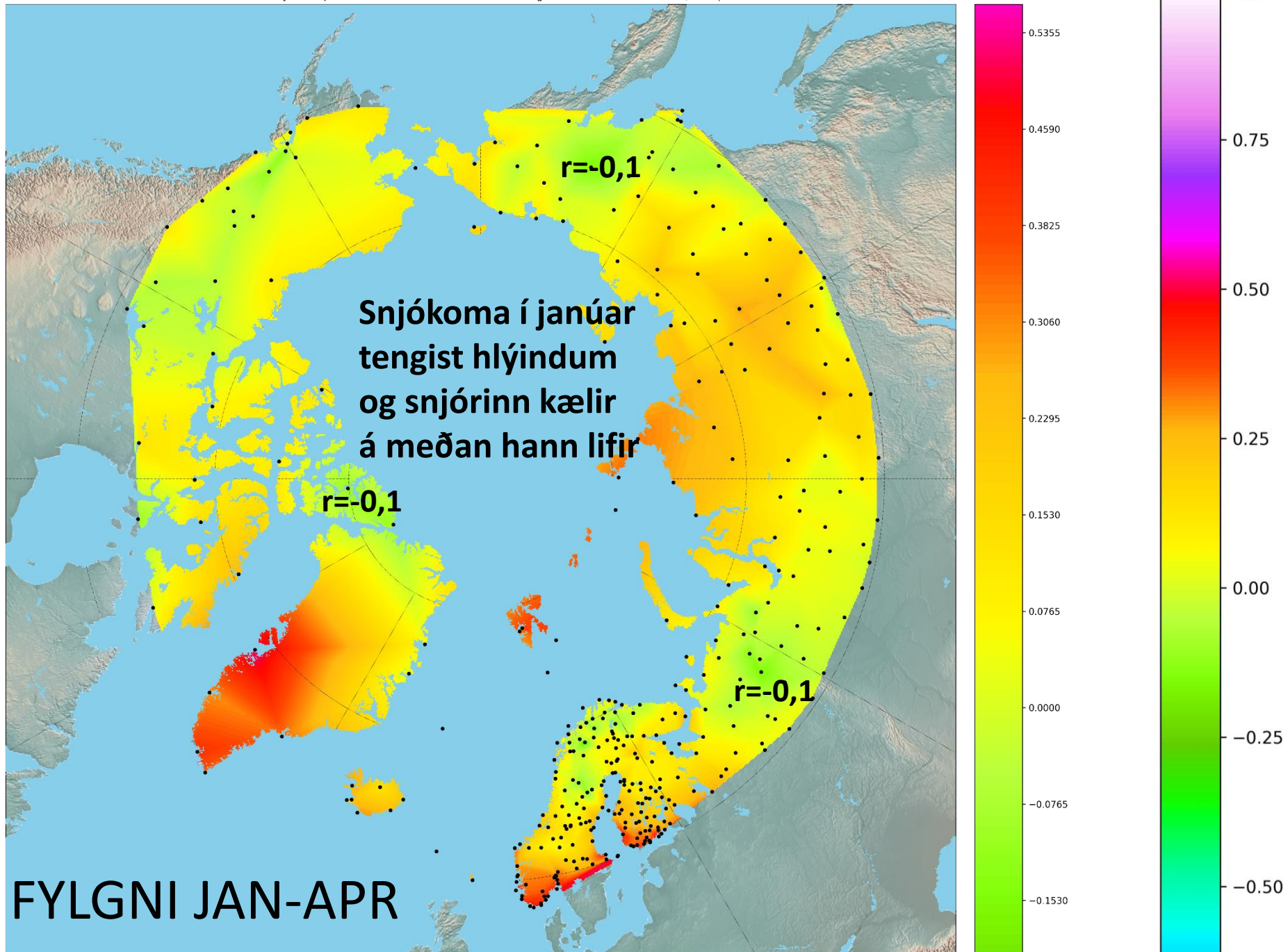
Monthly Snow Cover Extent - January 1981

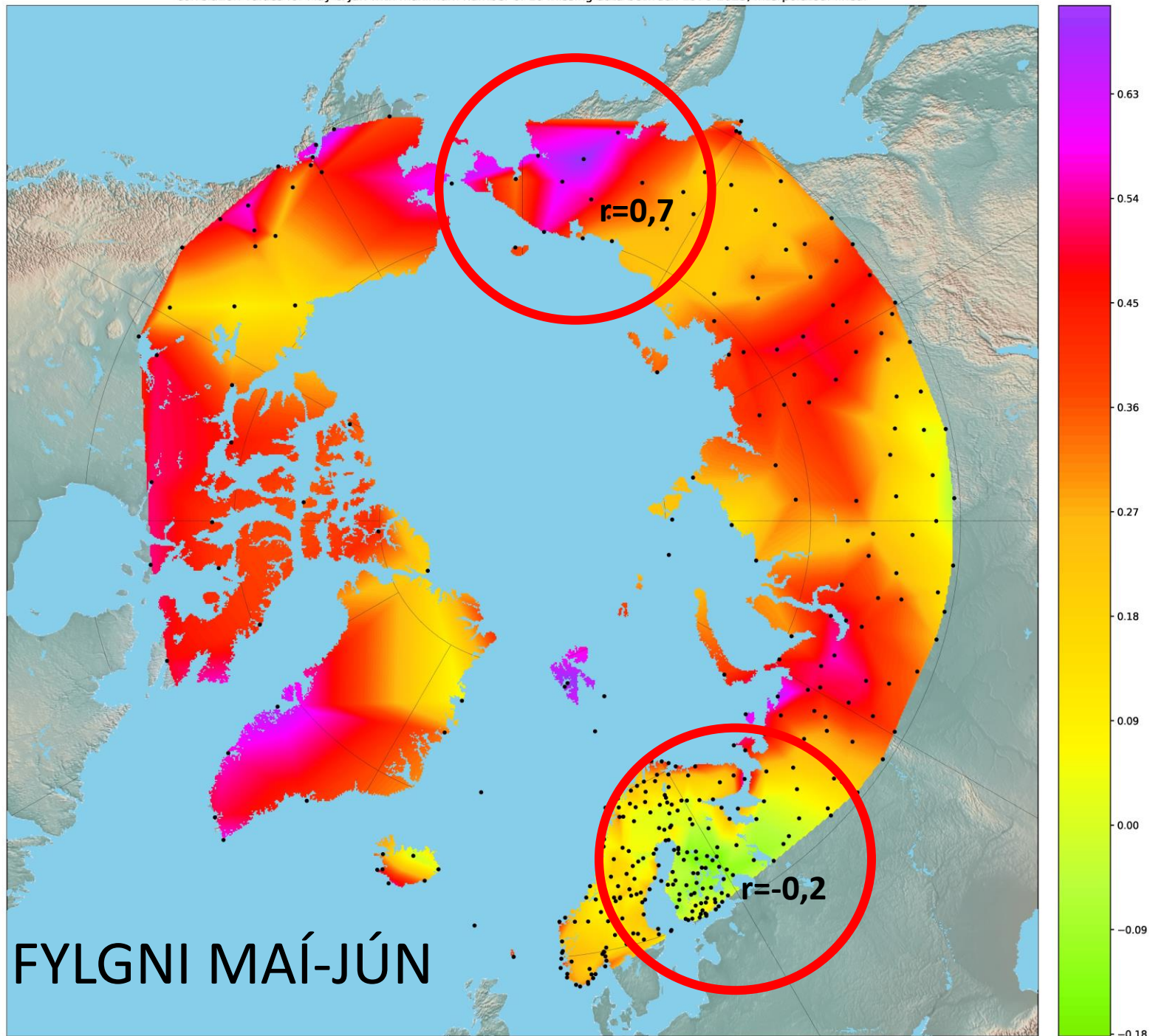


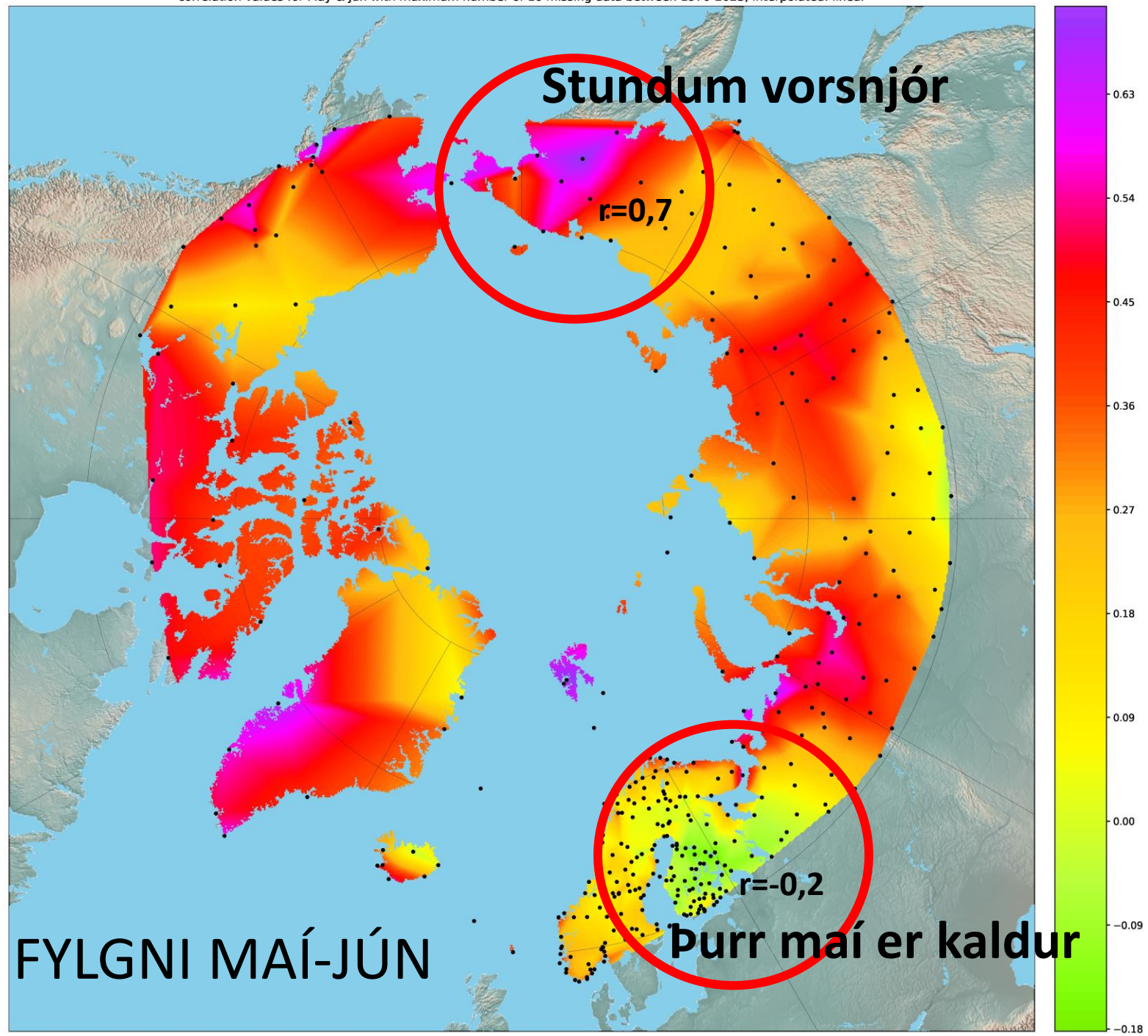
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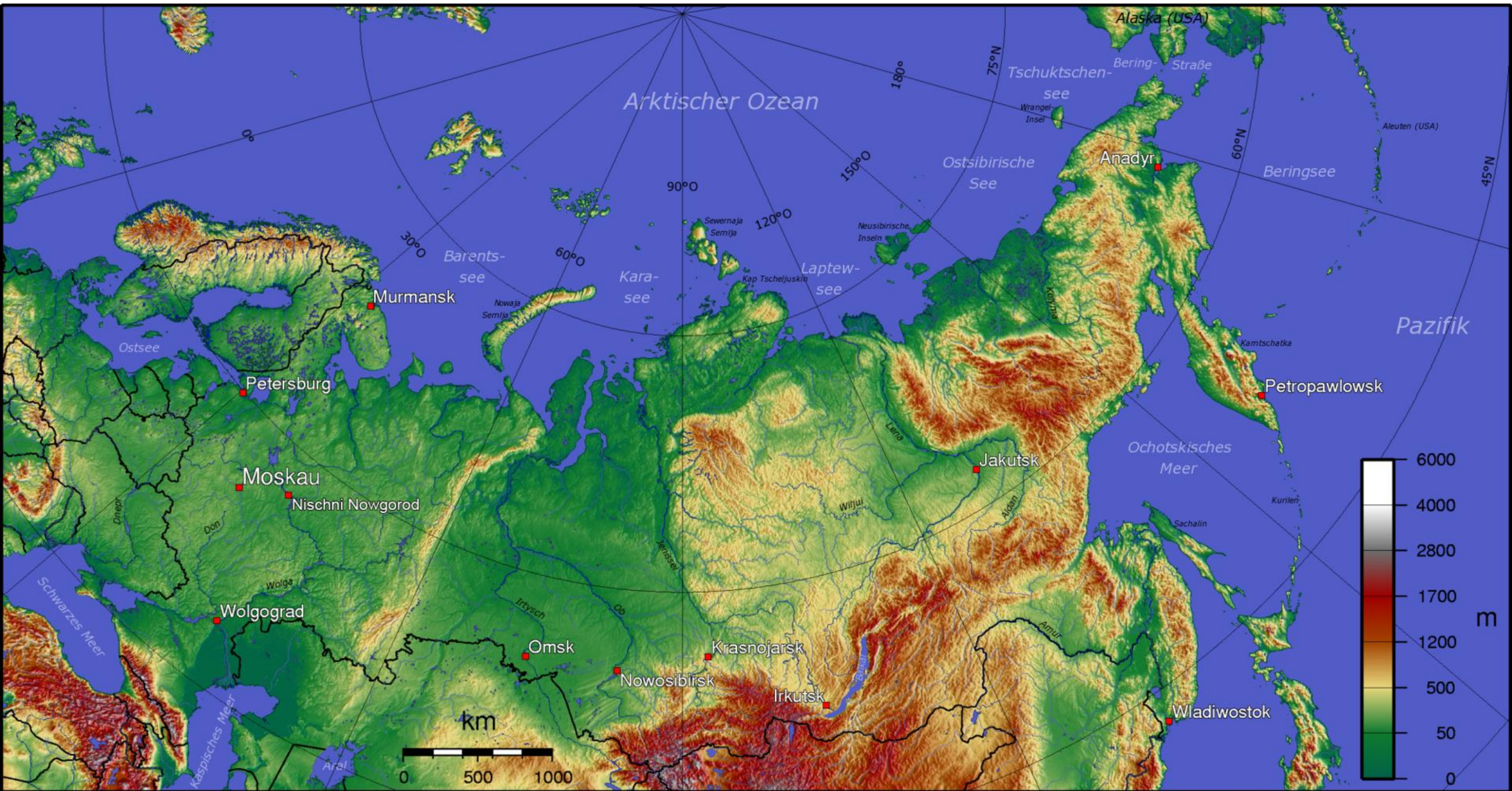


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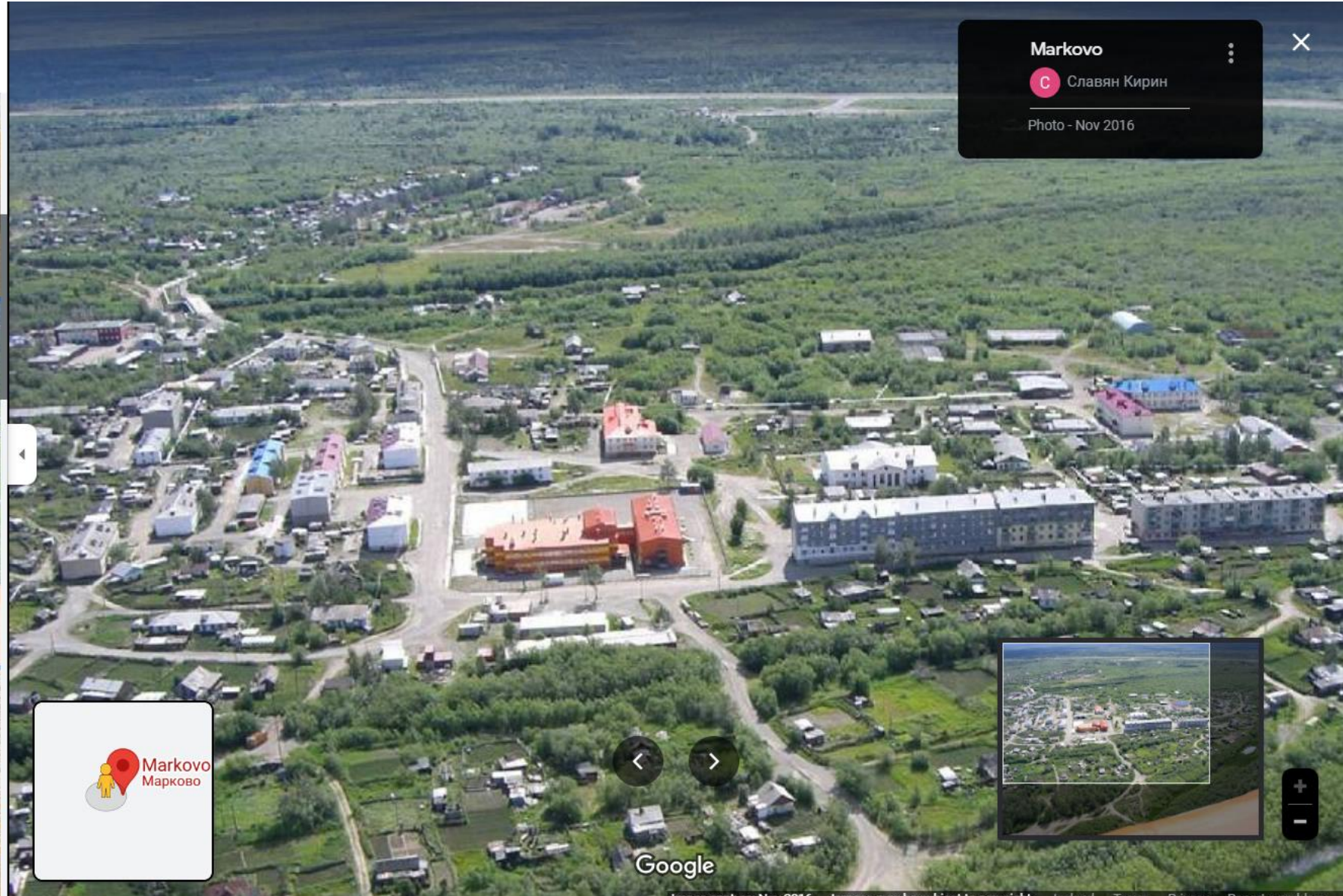
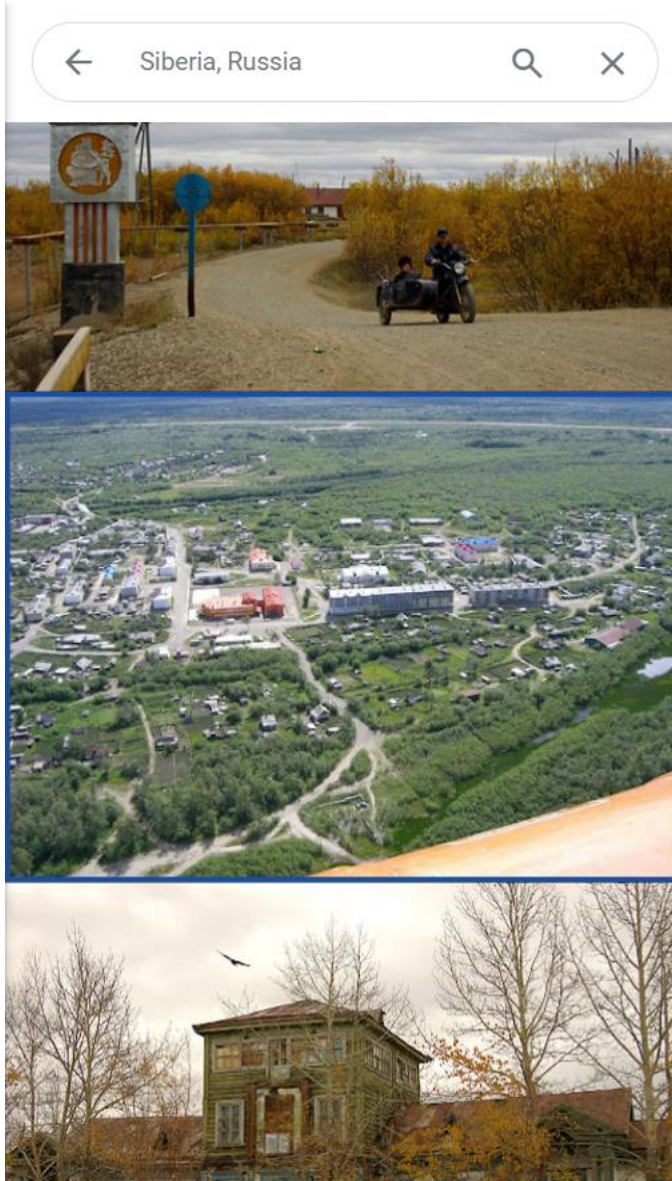








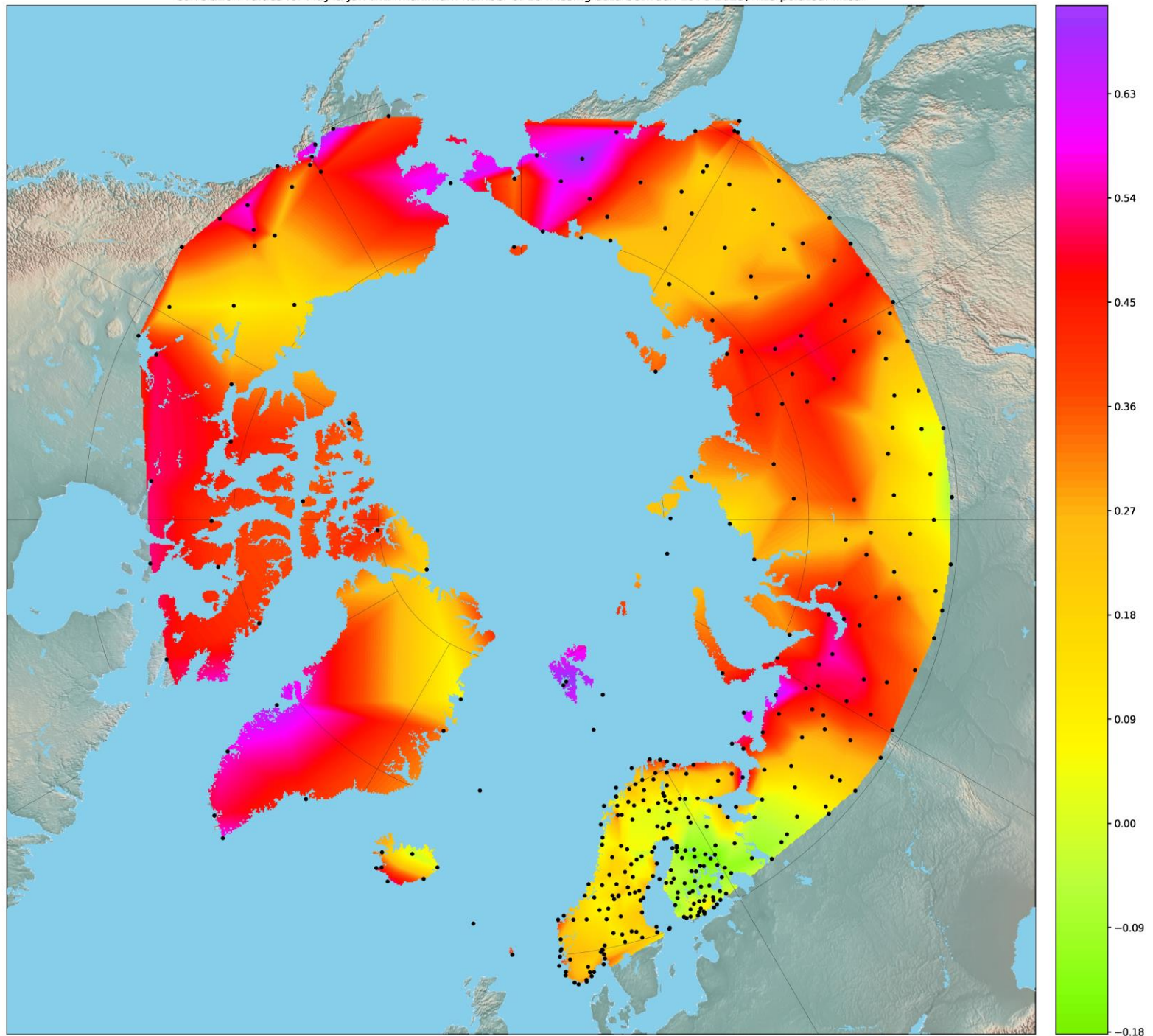
Sveitin með mestu fylgnina



Næst

- Sumar og haust á heimskautaslóðum

correlation values for May & Jun with maximum number of 10 missing data between 1970-2023, interpolated: linear



Northern Hemisphere

89x89 Visible Satellite

Monthly Snow Extent

(percent of days snow covered)

Area of Snow Extent

Northern Hemisphere:

16.28 million sq. km

Eurasia:

7.26 million sq. km

North America:

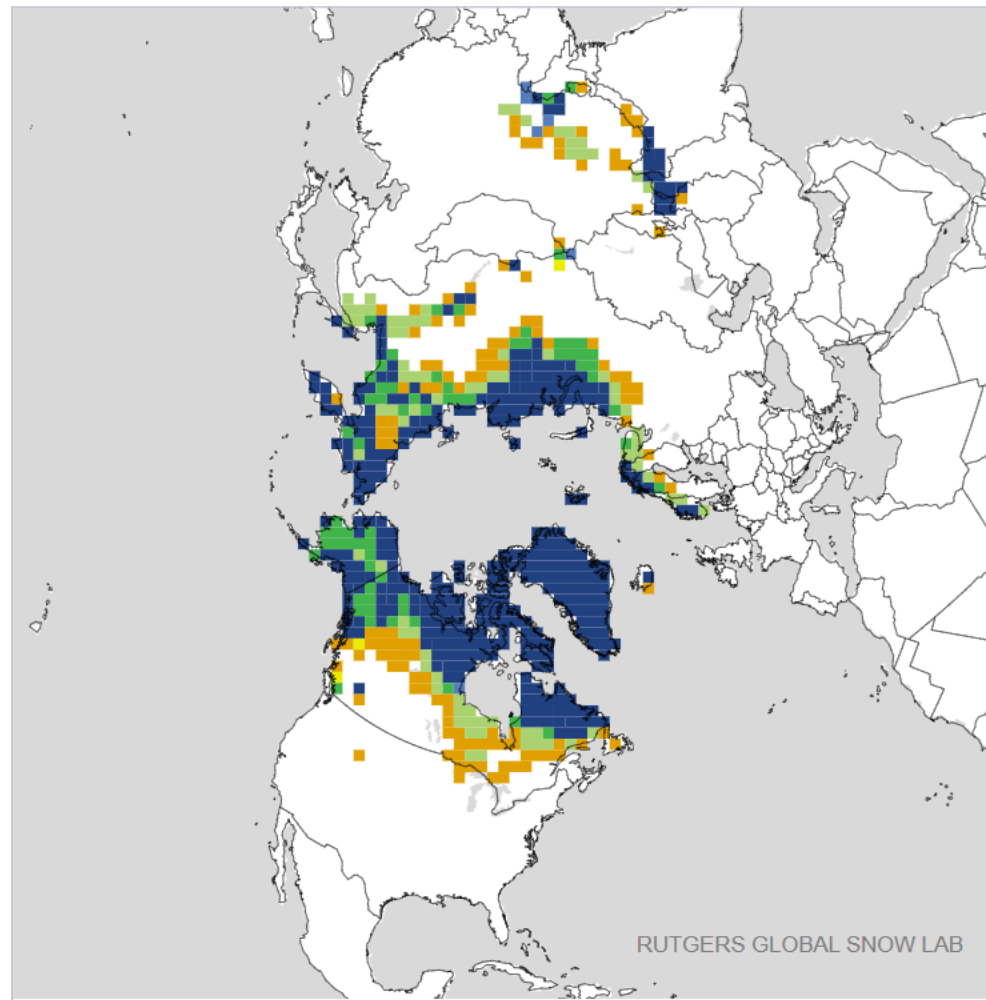
9.02 million sq. km

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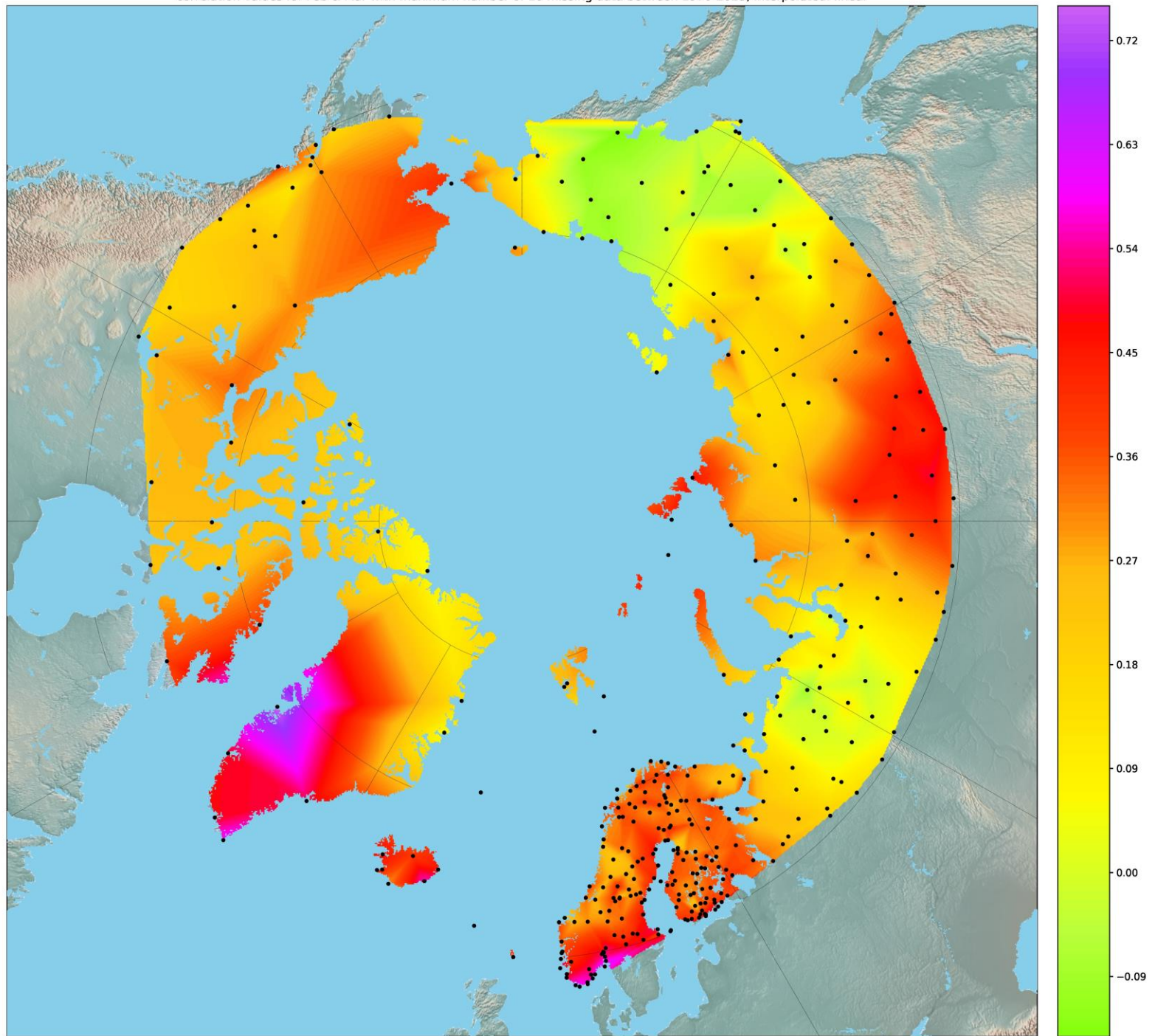
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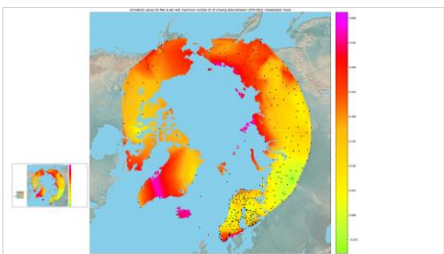
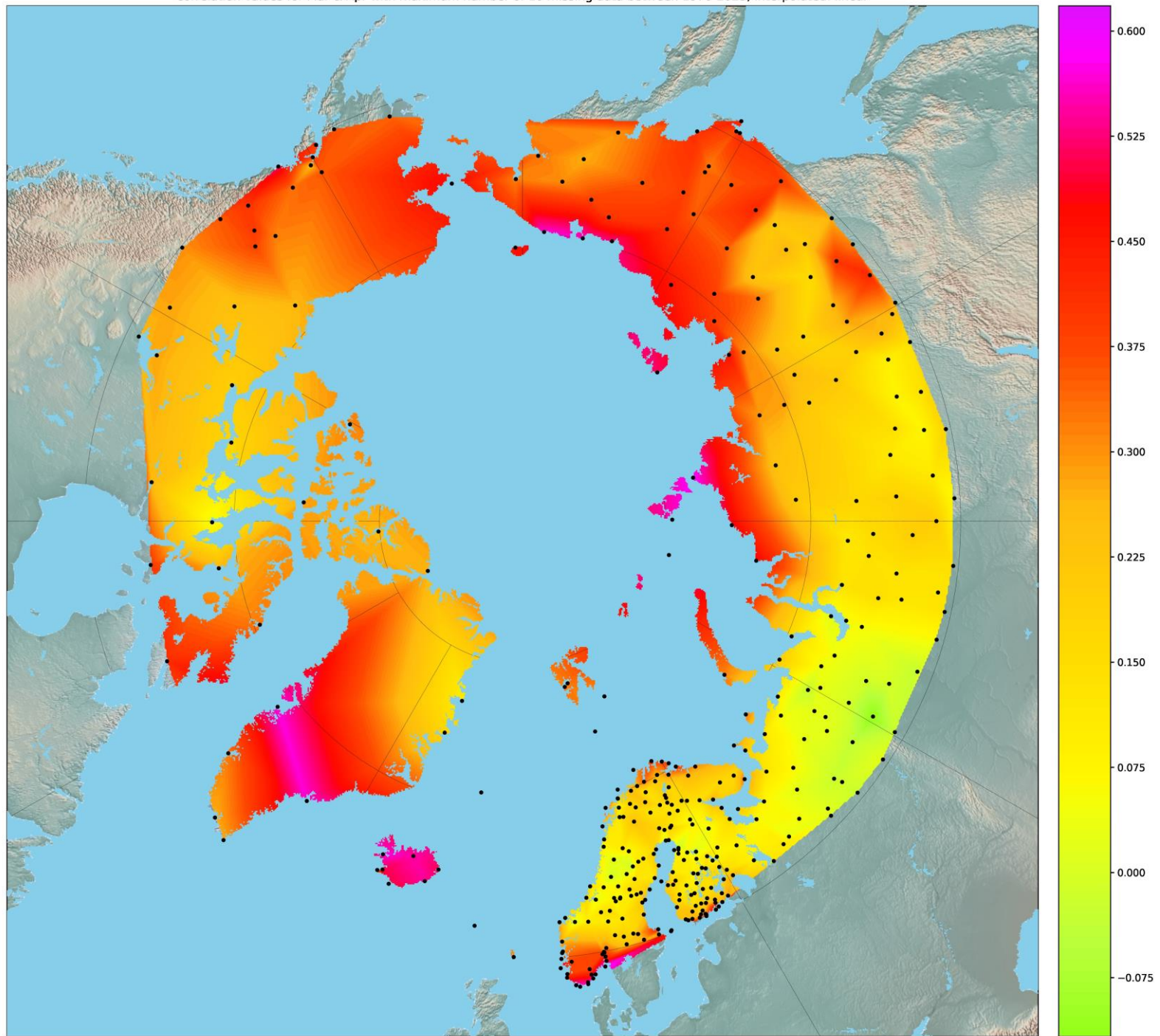
Monthly Snow Cover Extent - May 2013



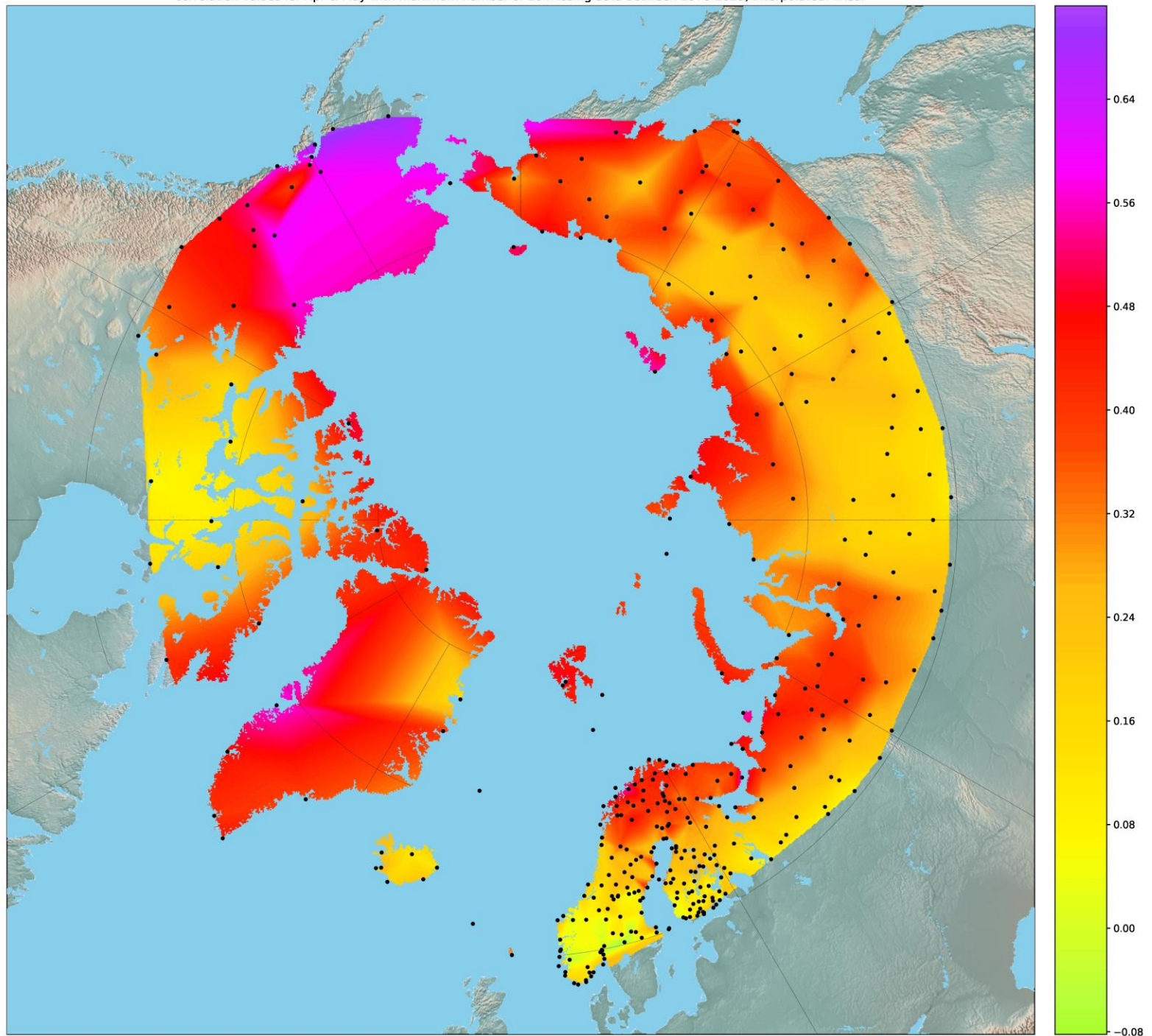
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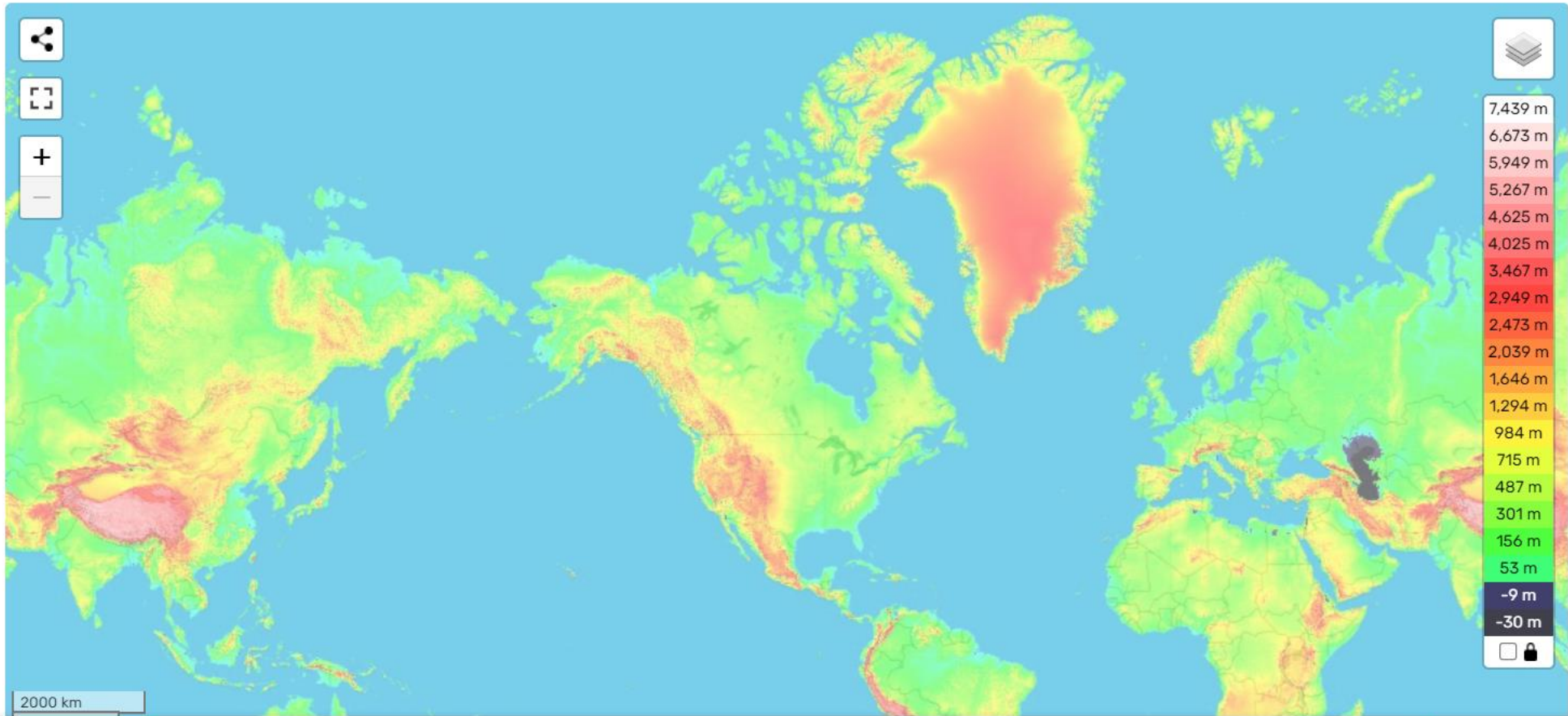
correlation values for Mar & Apr with maximum number of 10 missing data between 1970-2023, interpolated: linear



correlation values for Apr & May with maximum number of 10 missing data between 1970-2023, interpolated: linear



Click on the map to display elevation.

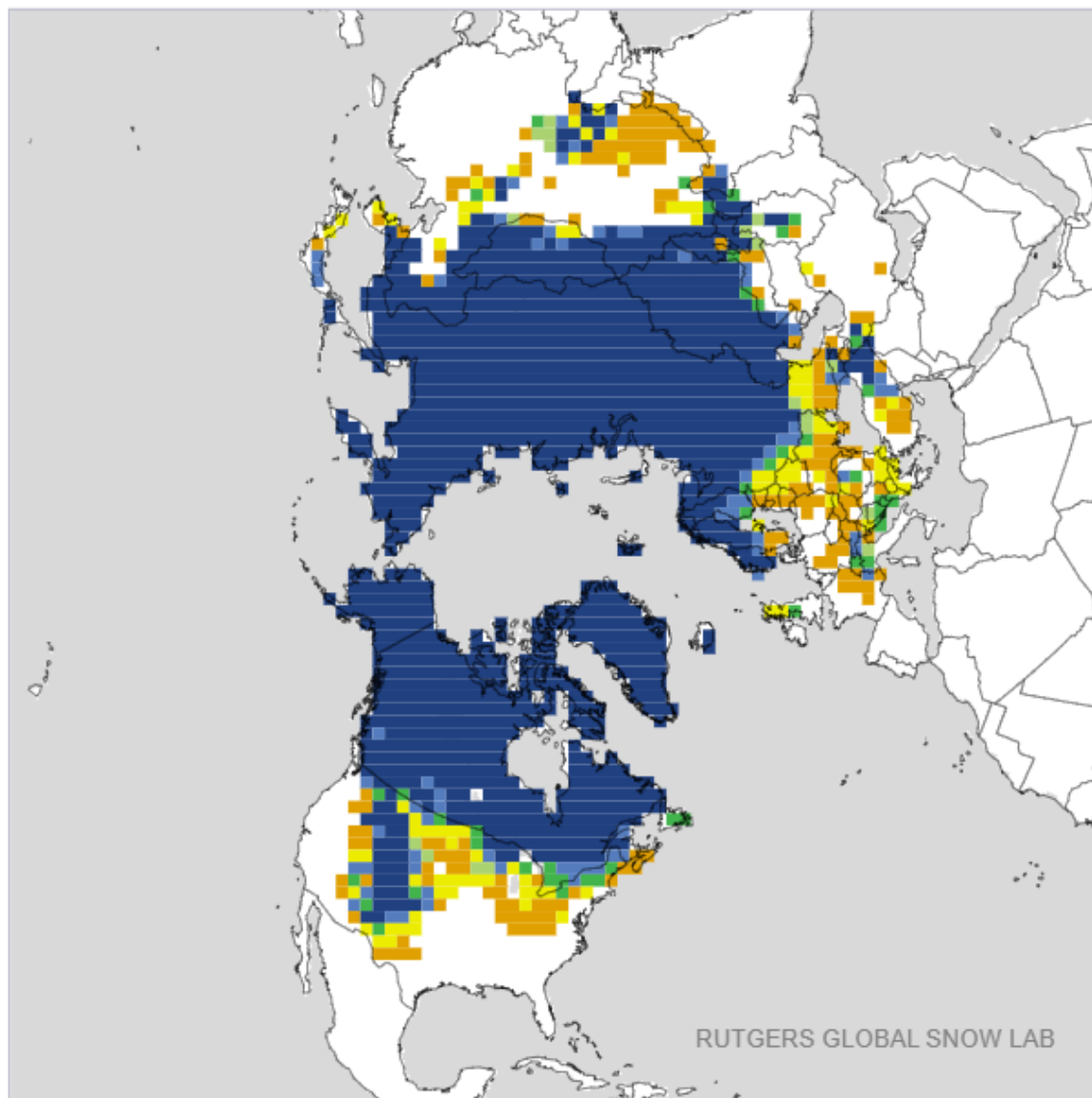


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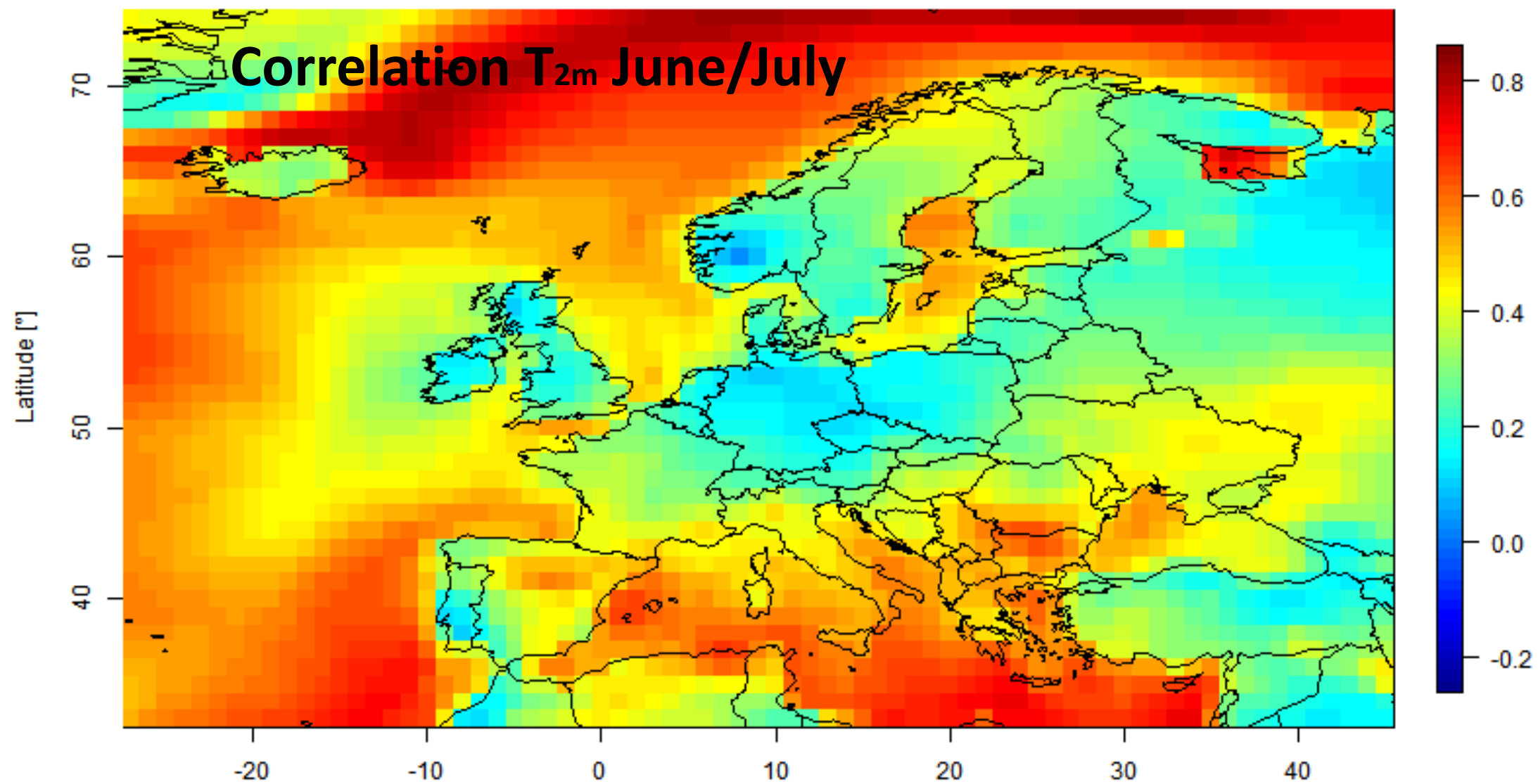
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Onlineactivation.io

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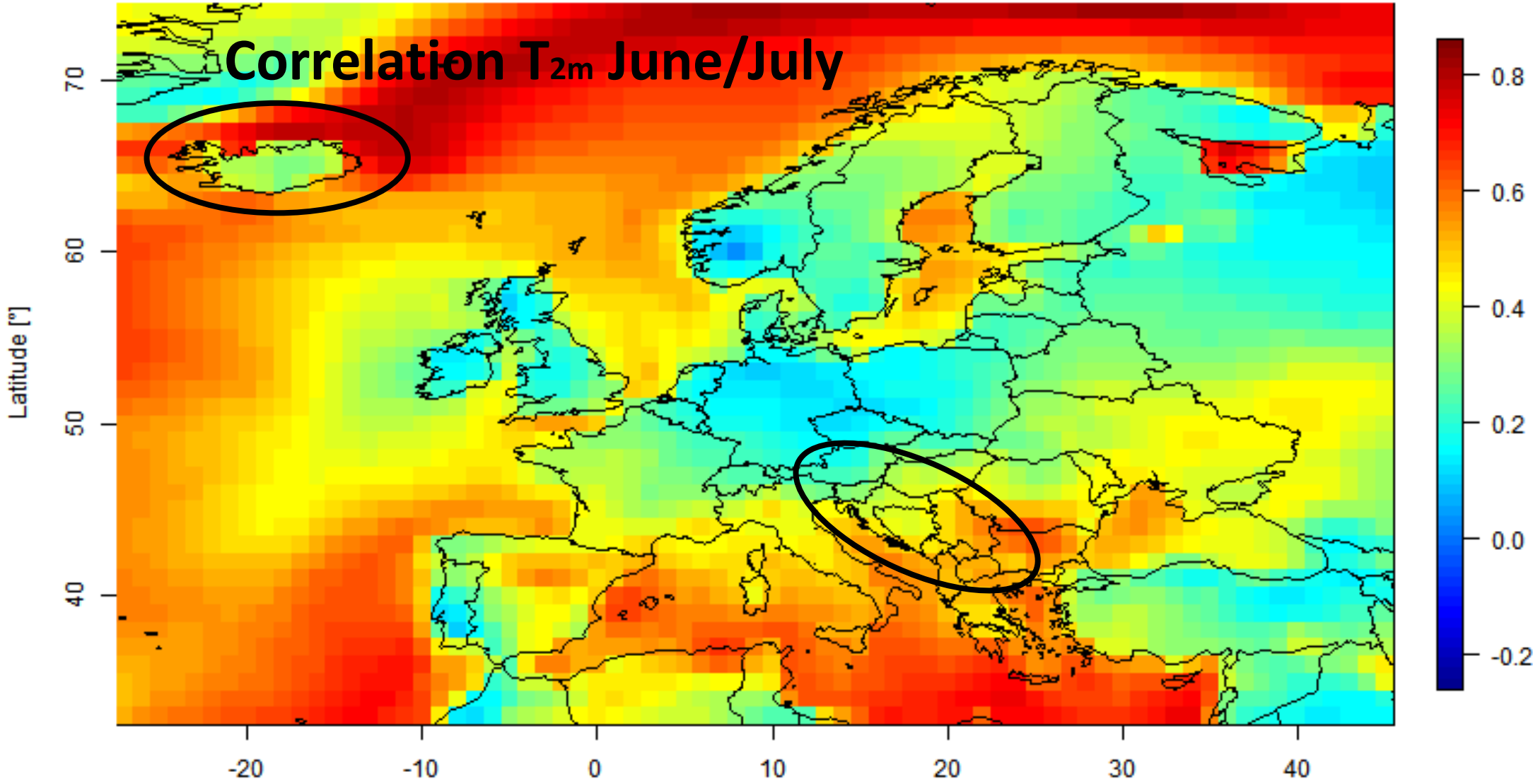
Monthly Snow Cover Extent - December 2011



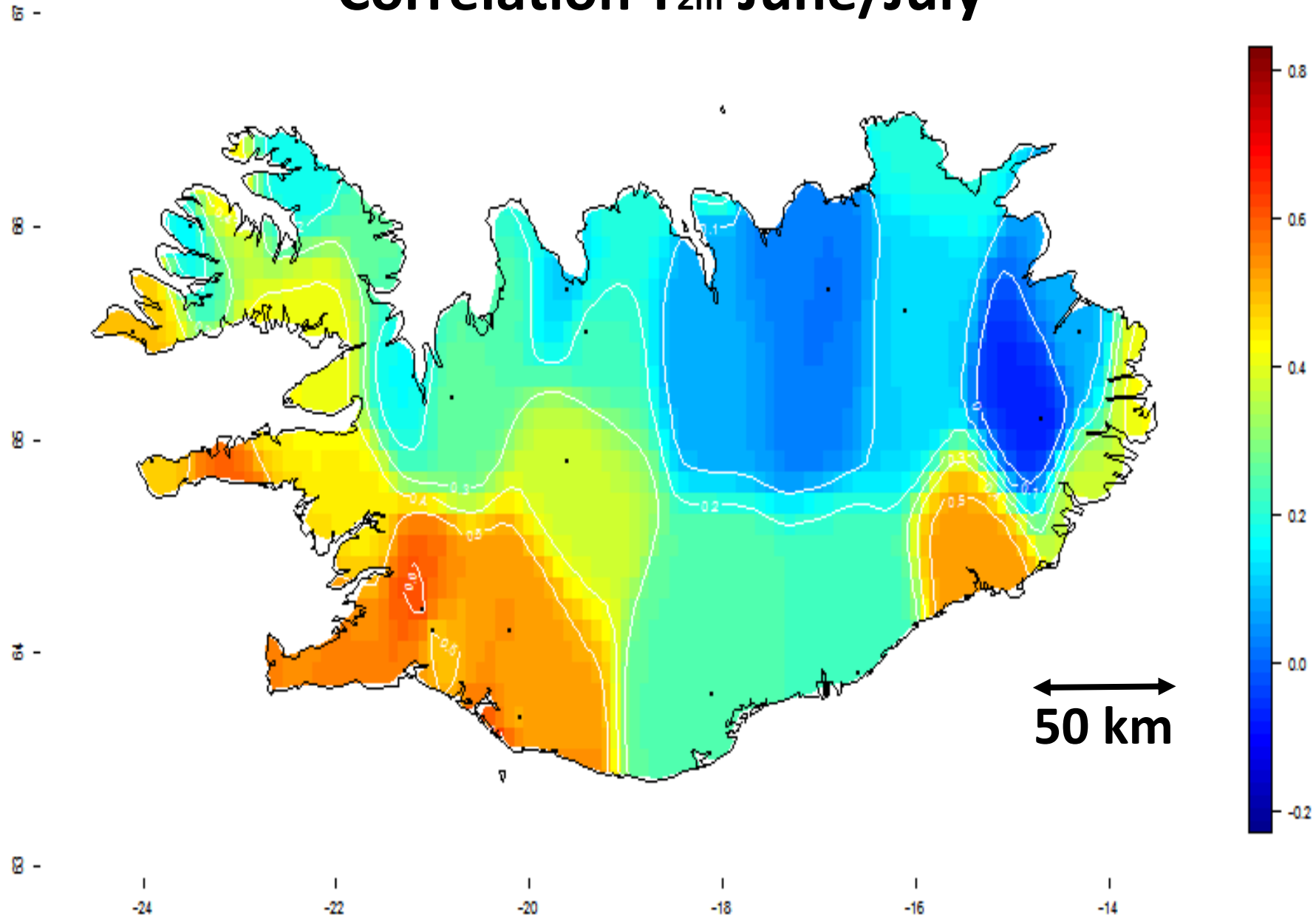
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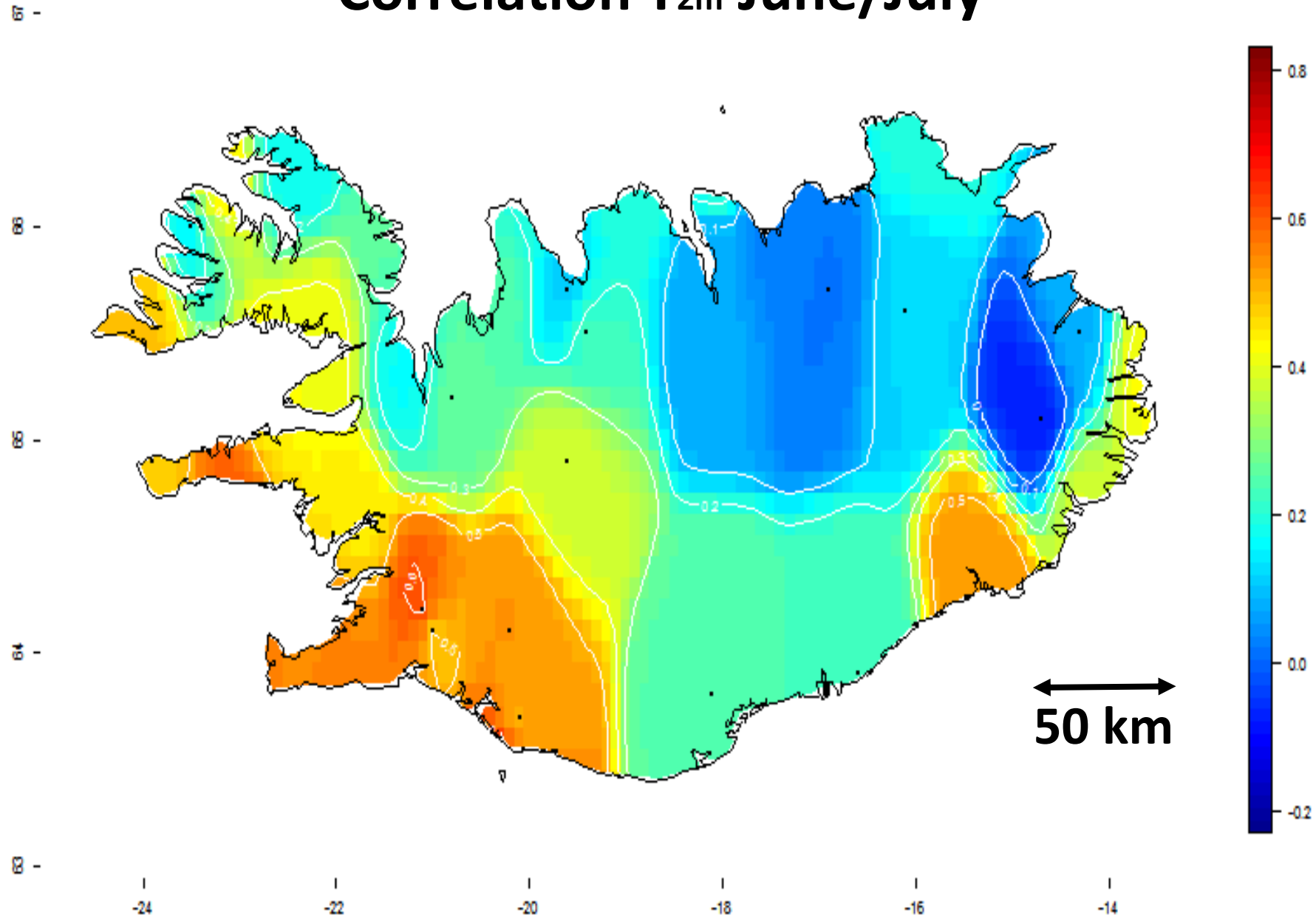
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Correlation T_{2m} June/July

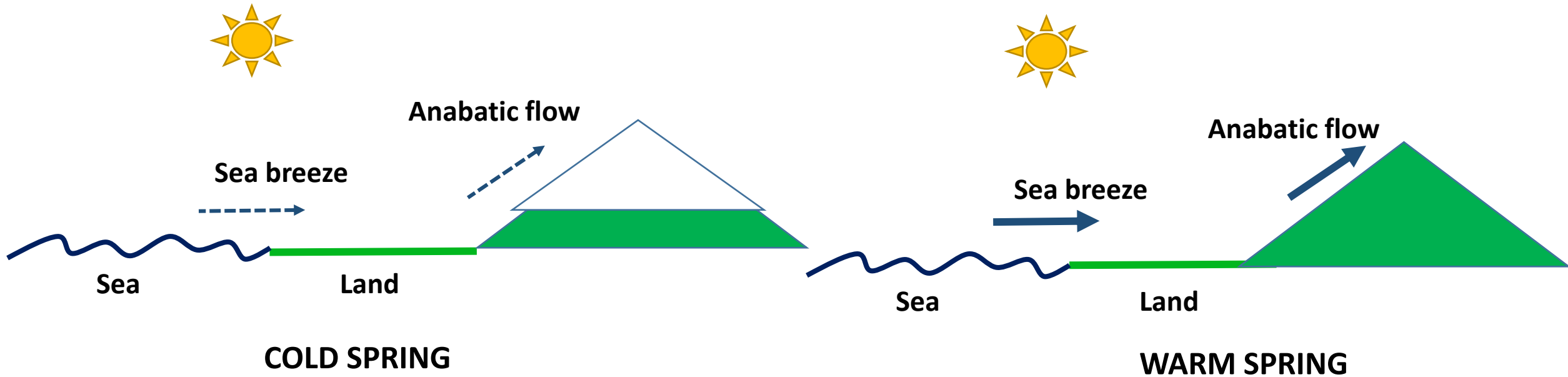


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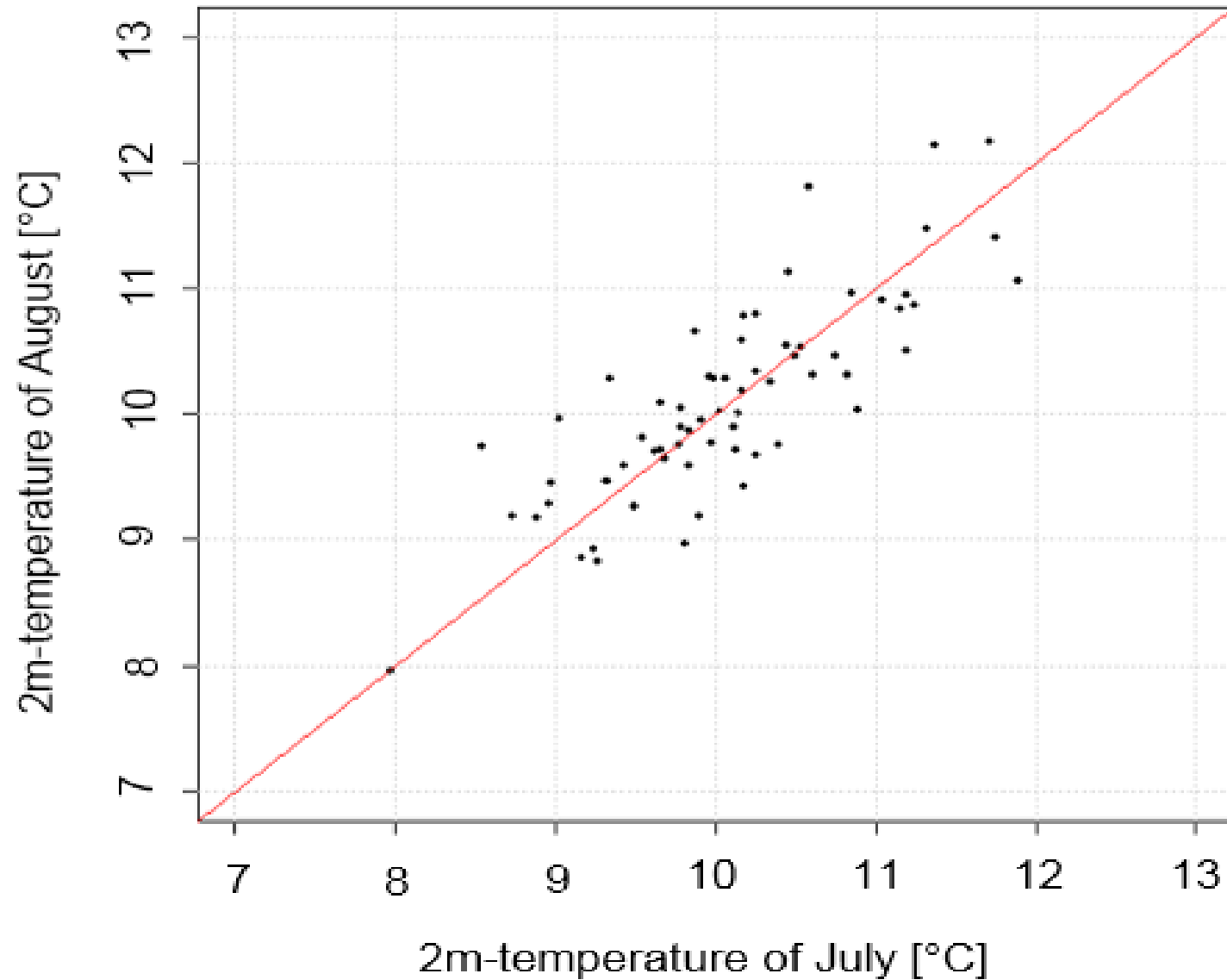
The mesoscale circulation negative feedback

How can a cold June give a warm July?

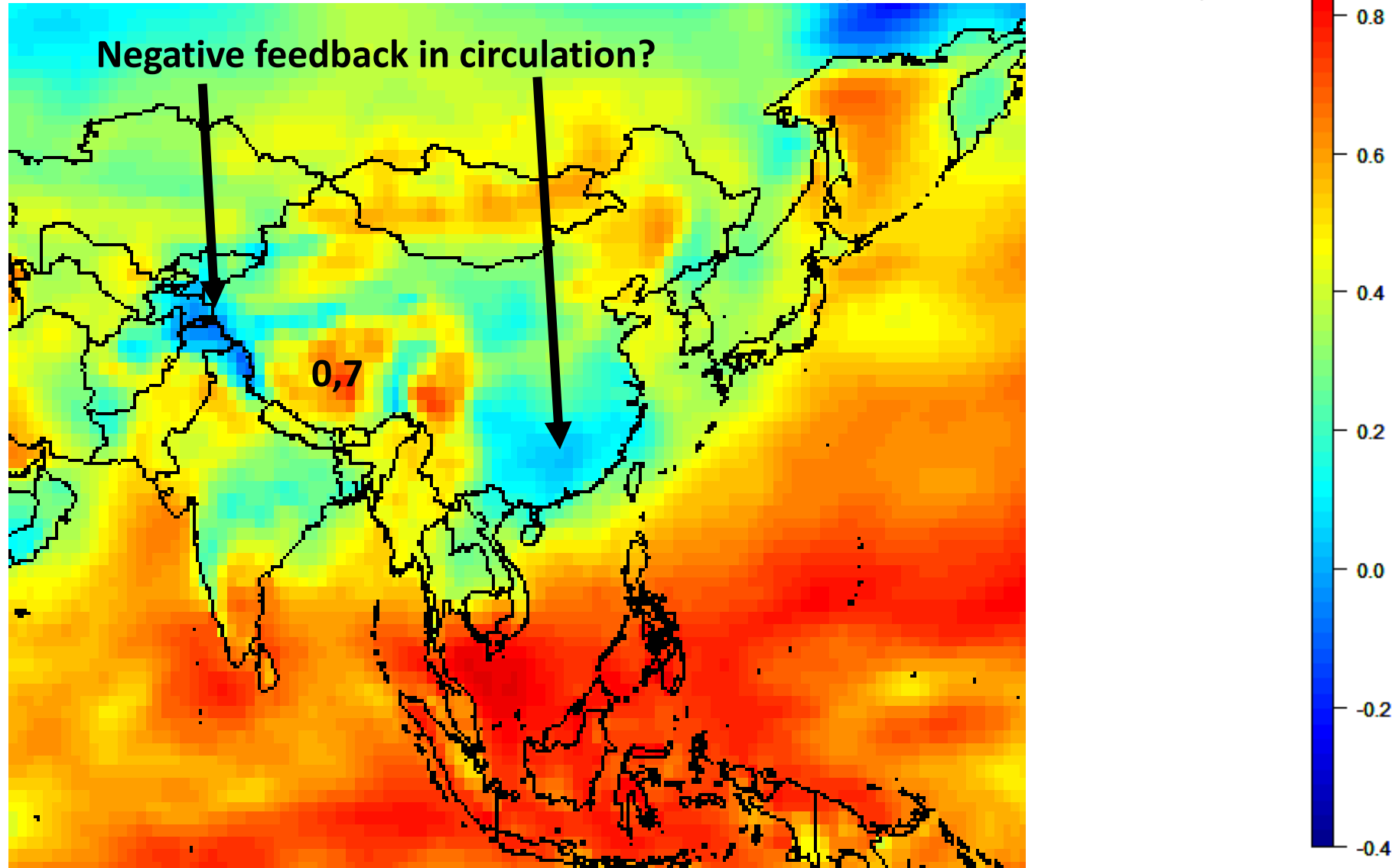


A cold spring gives much snow in the mountains, leading to weaker sea breeze and anabatic winds

c) Vestmannaeyjar



Correlation T_{2m} January/February

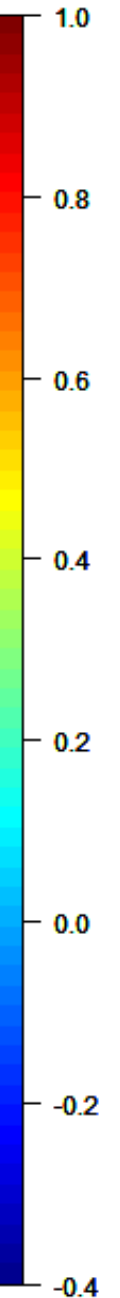
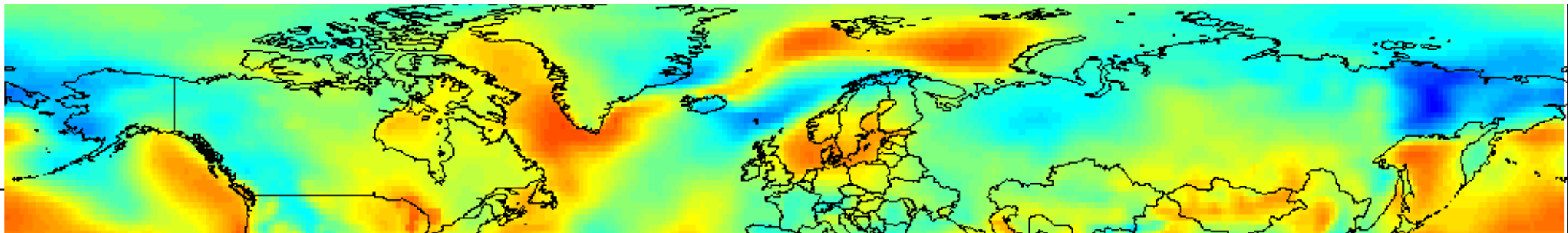


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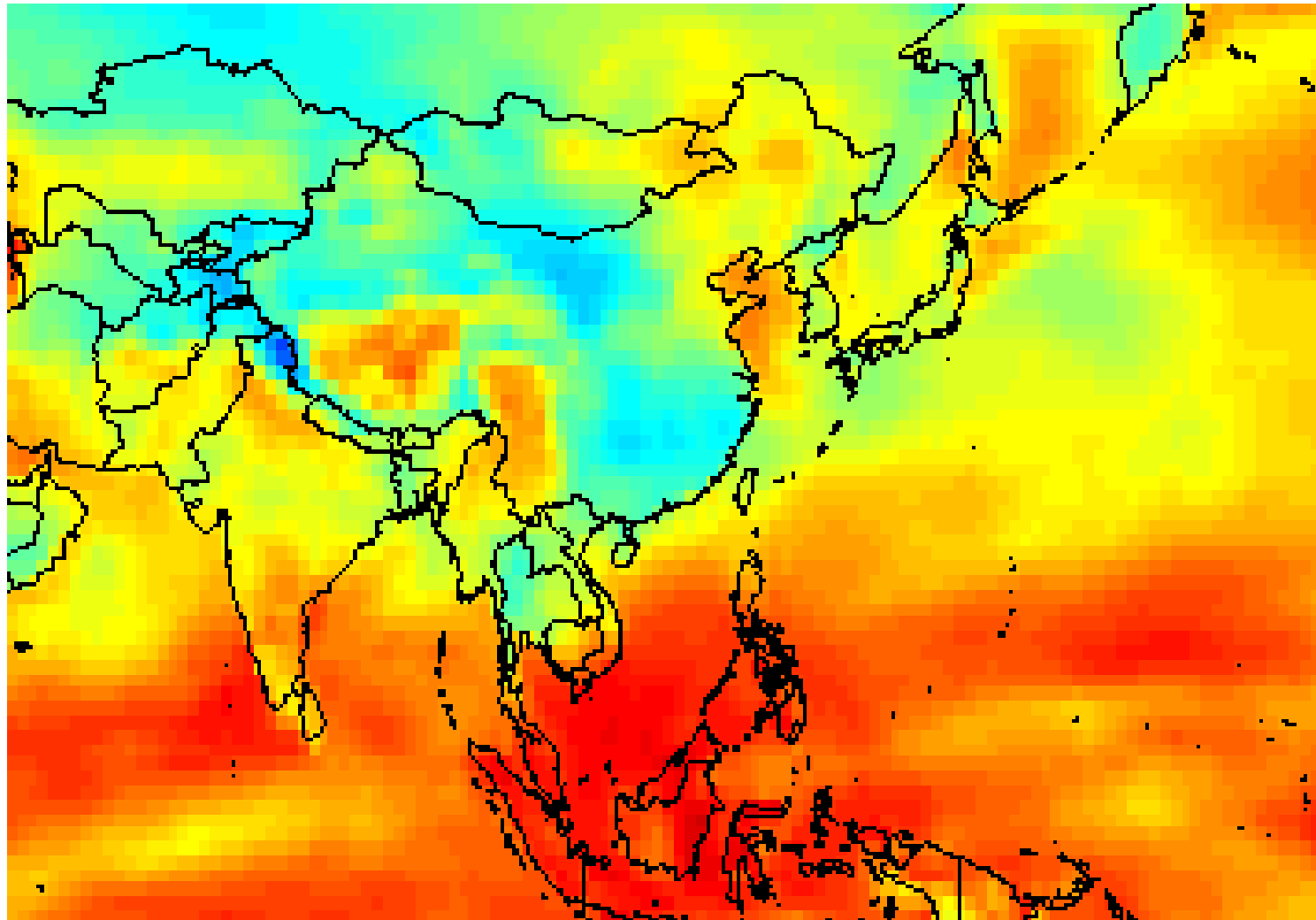
Negative feedback in circulation?



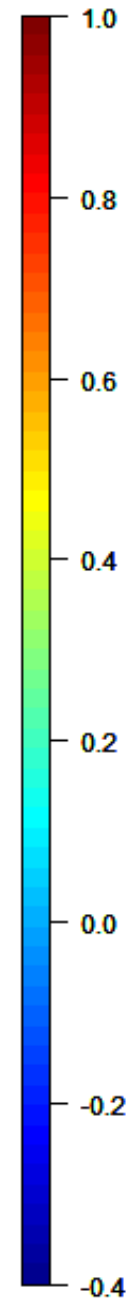
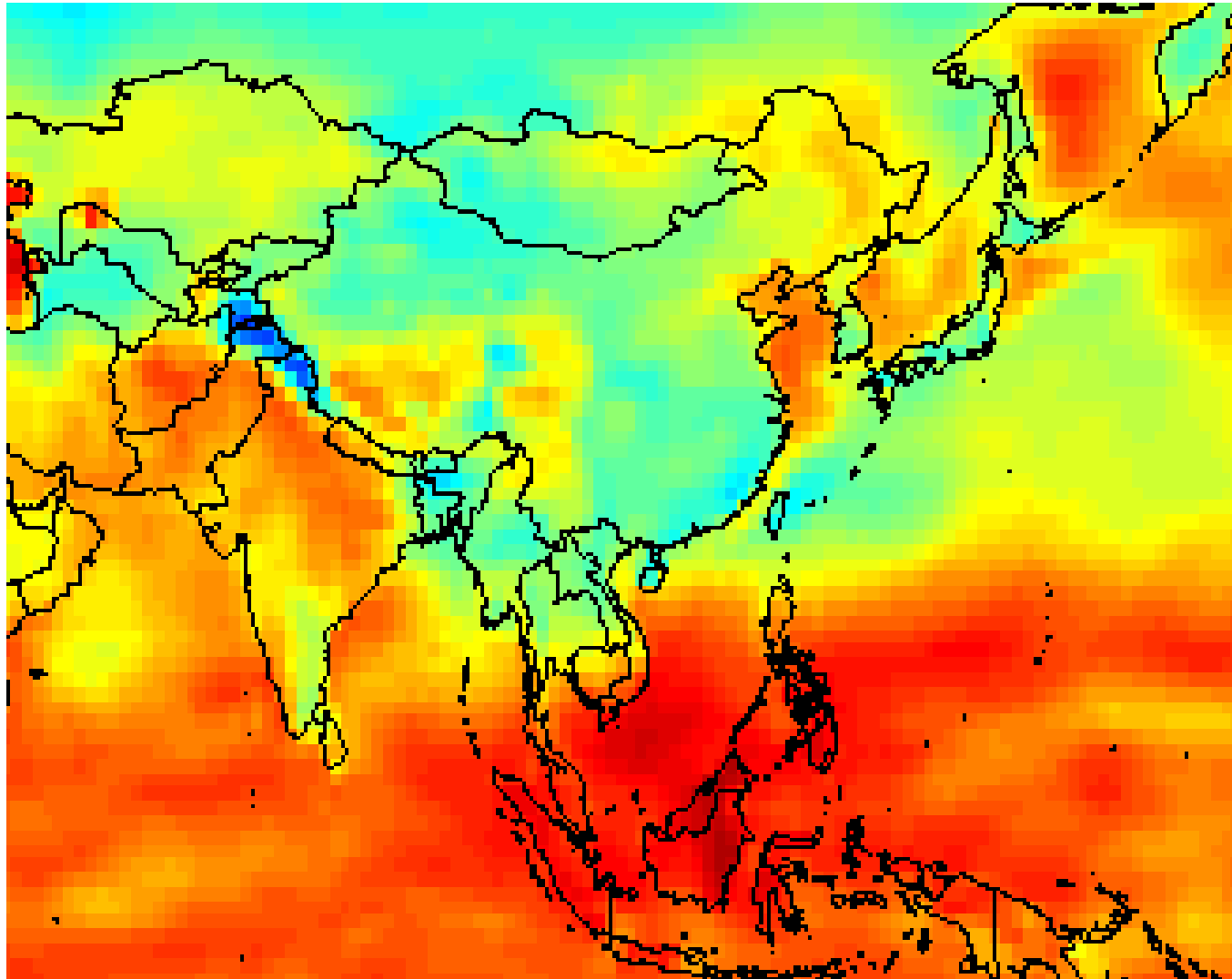
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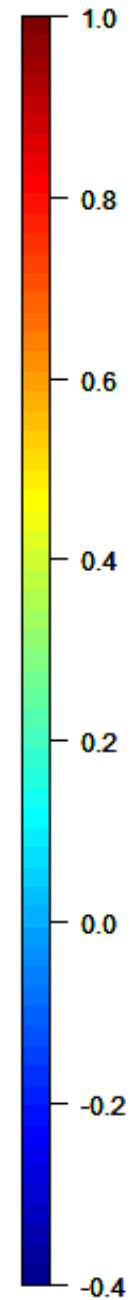
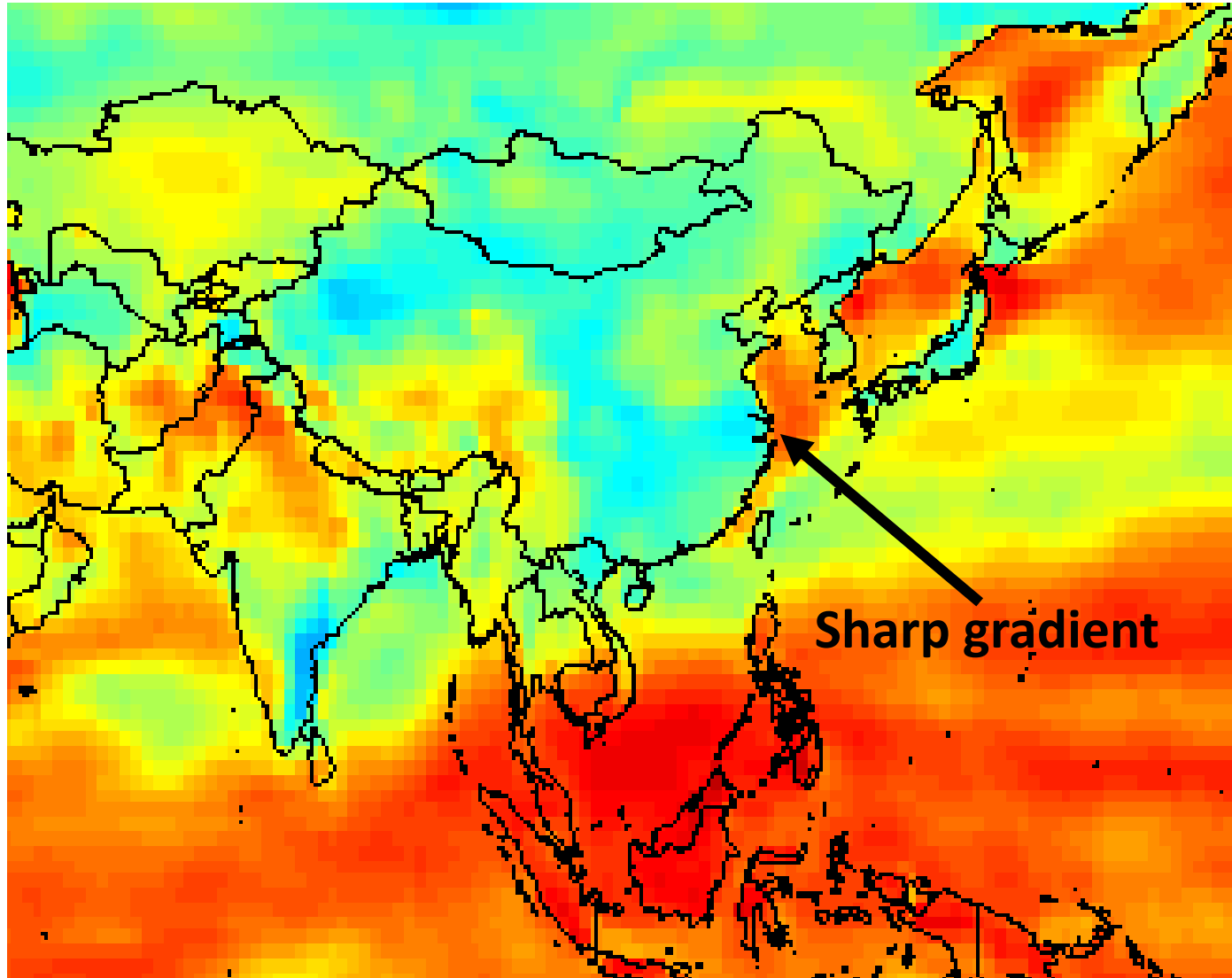
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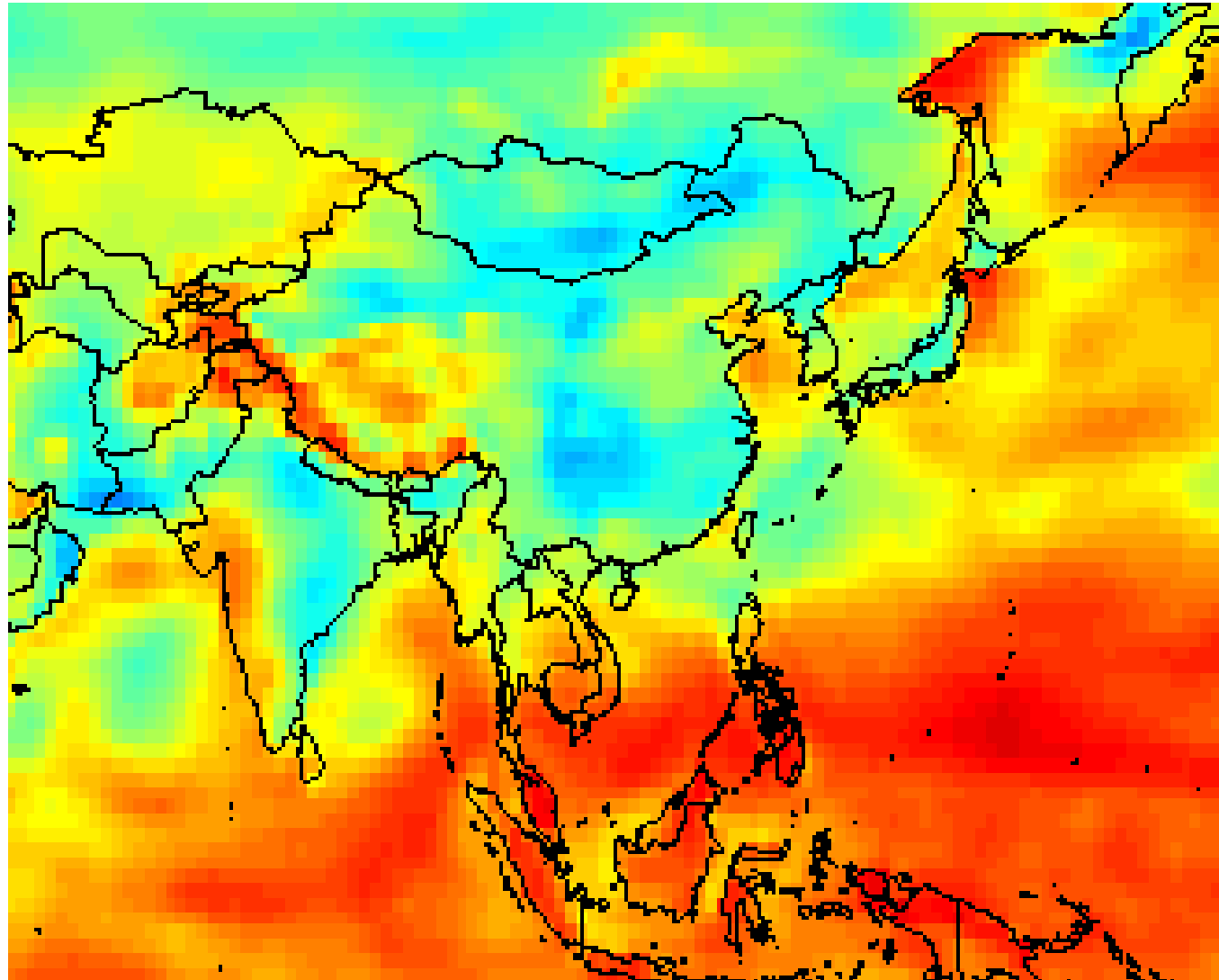
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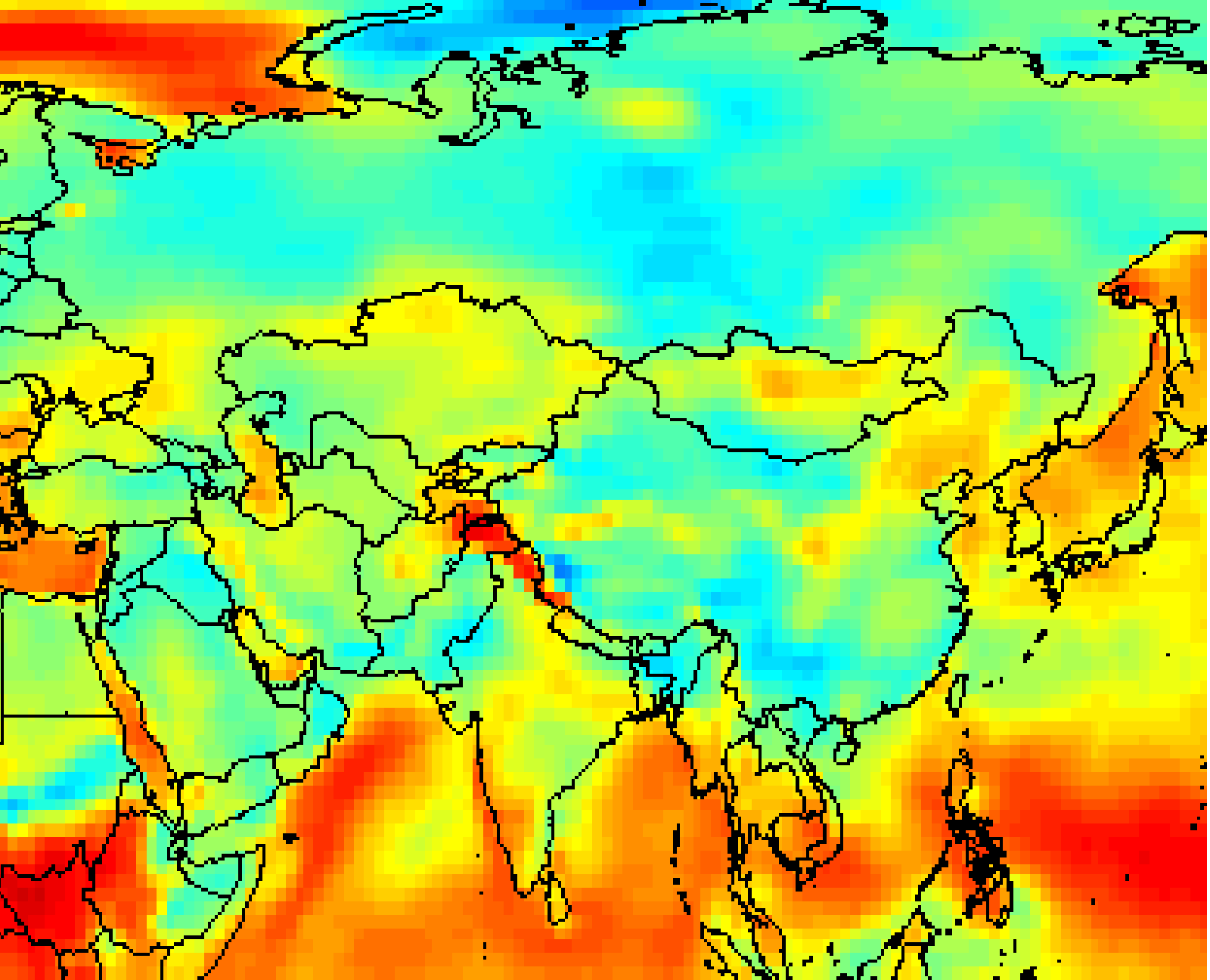


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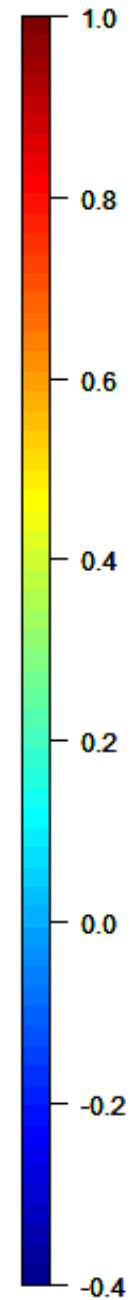
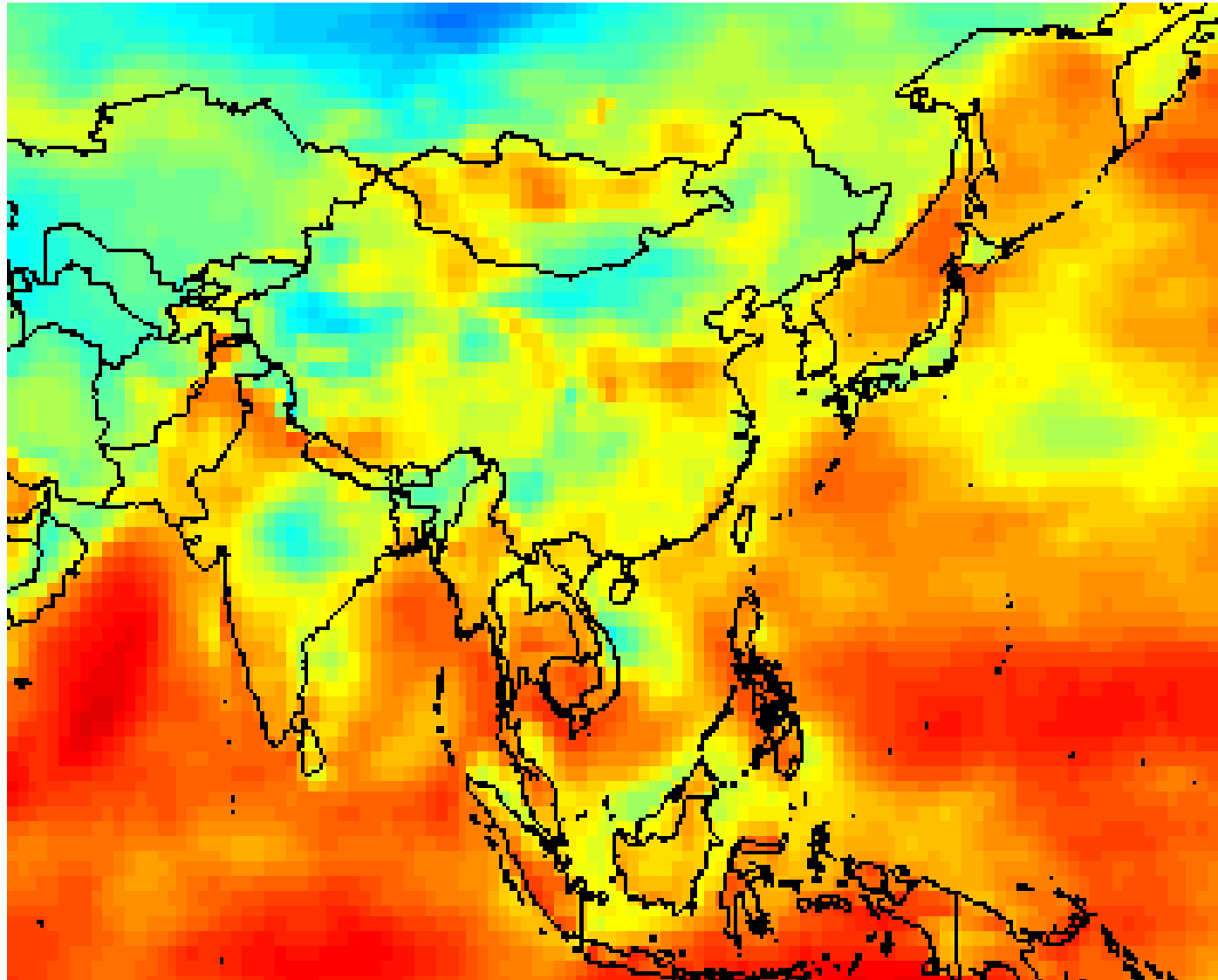


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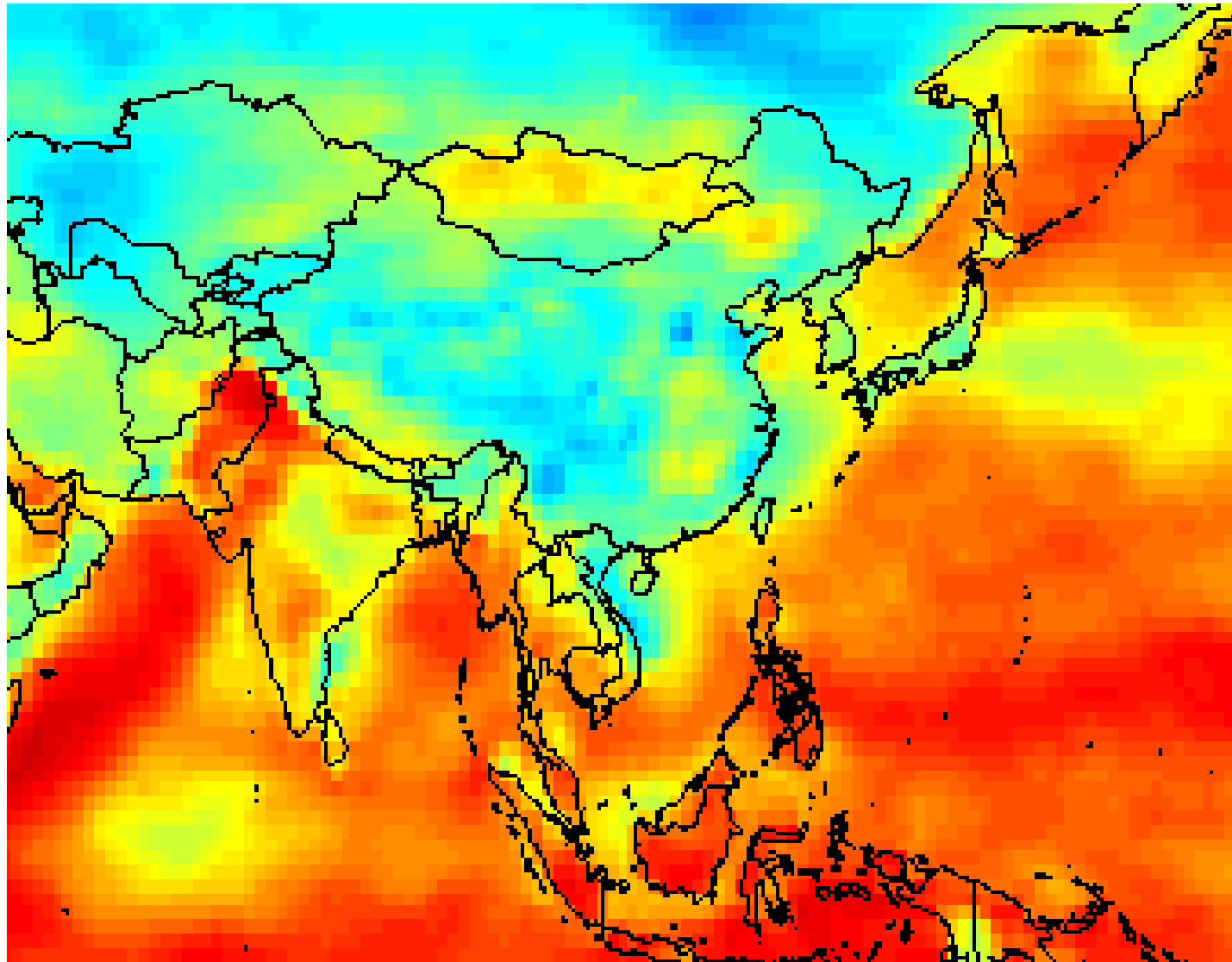




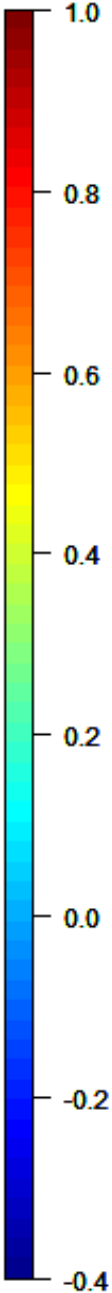
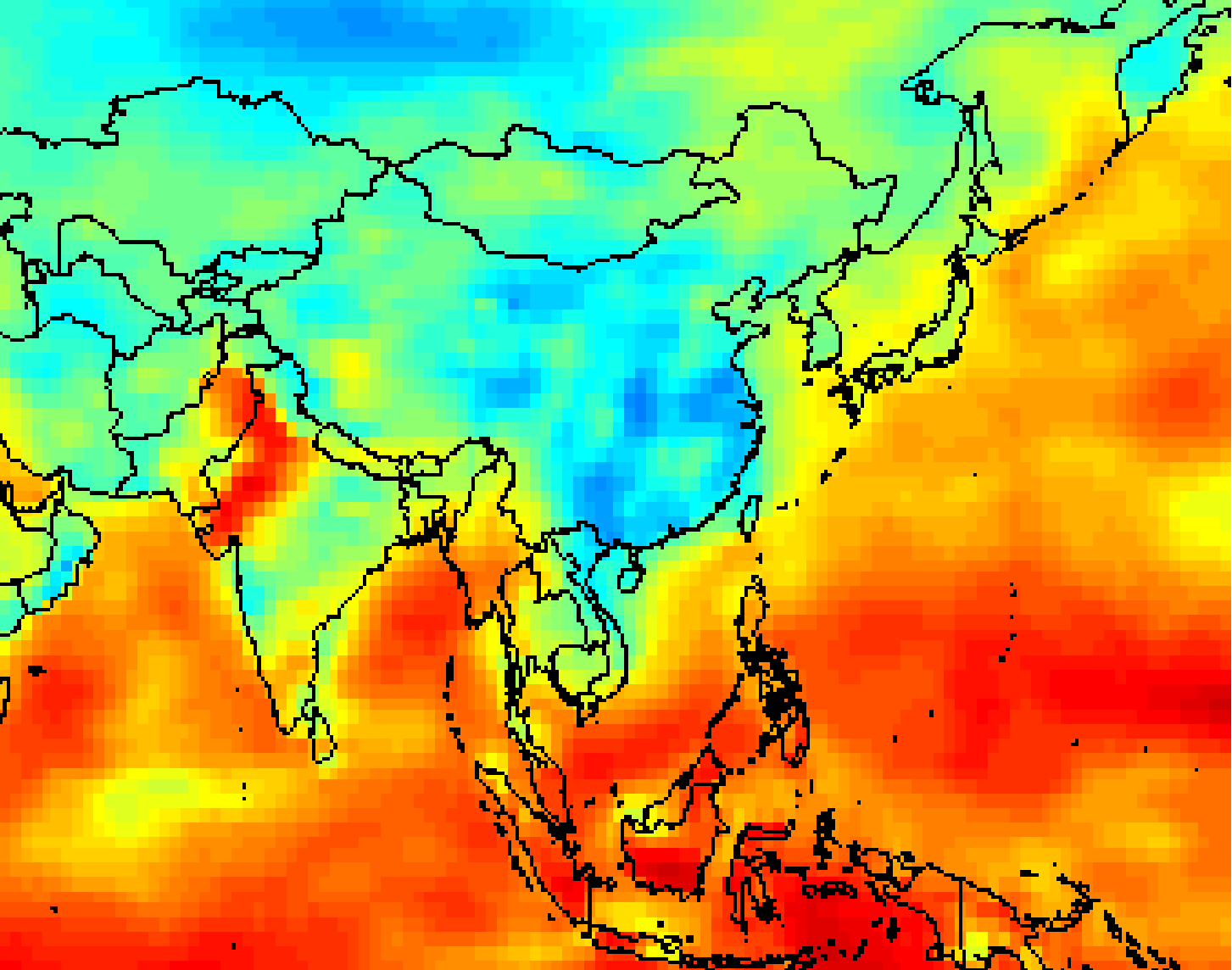
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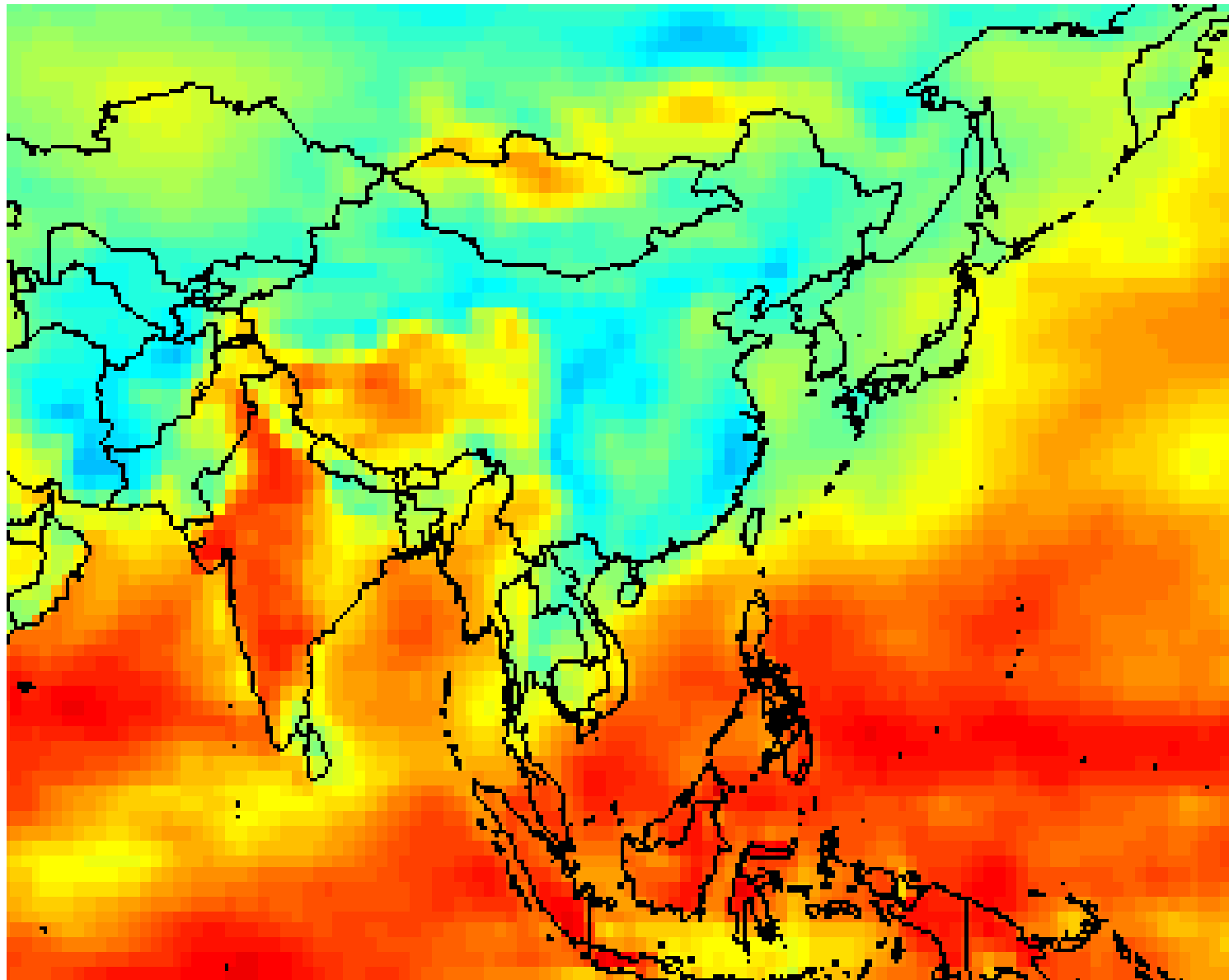
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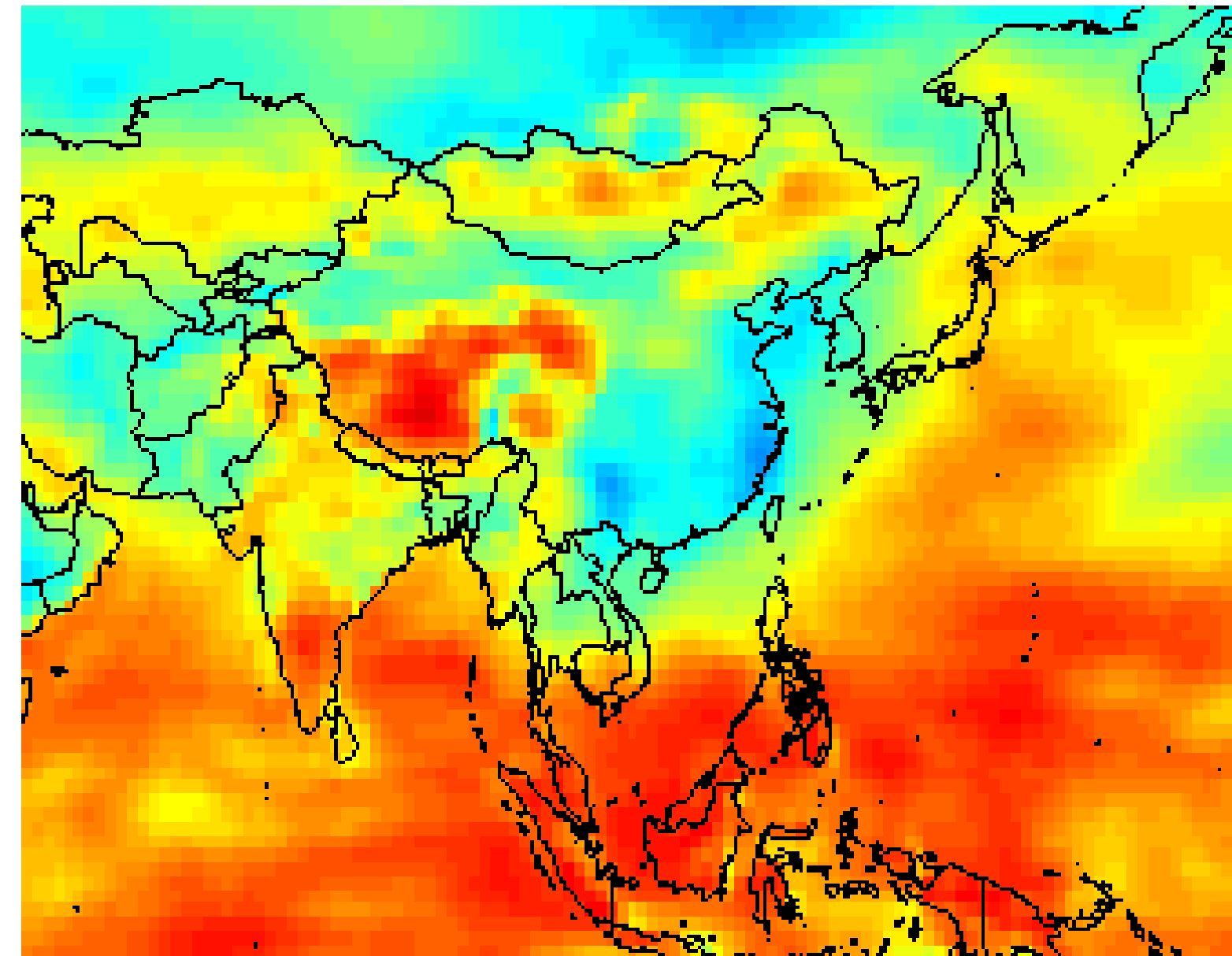
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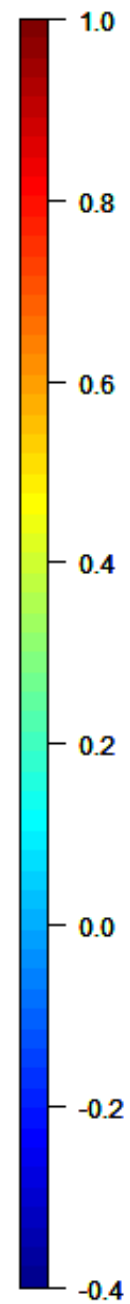
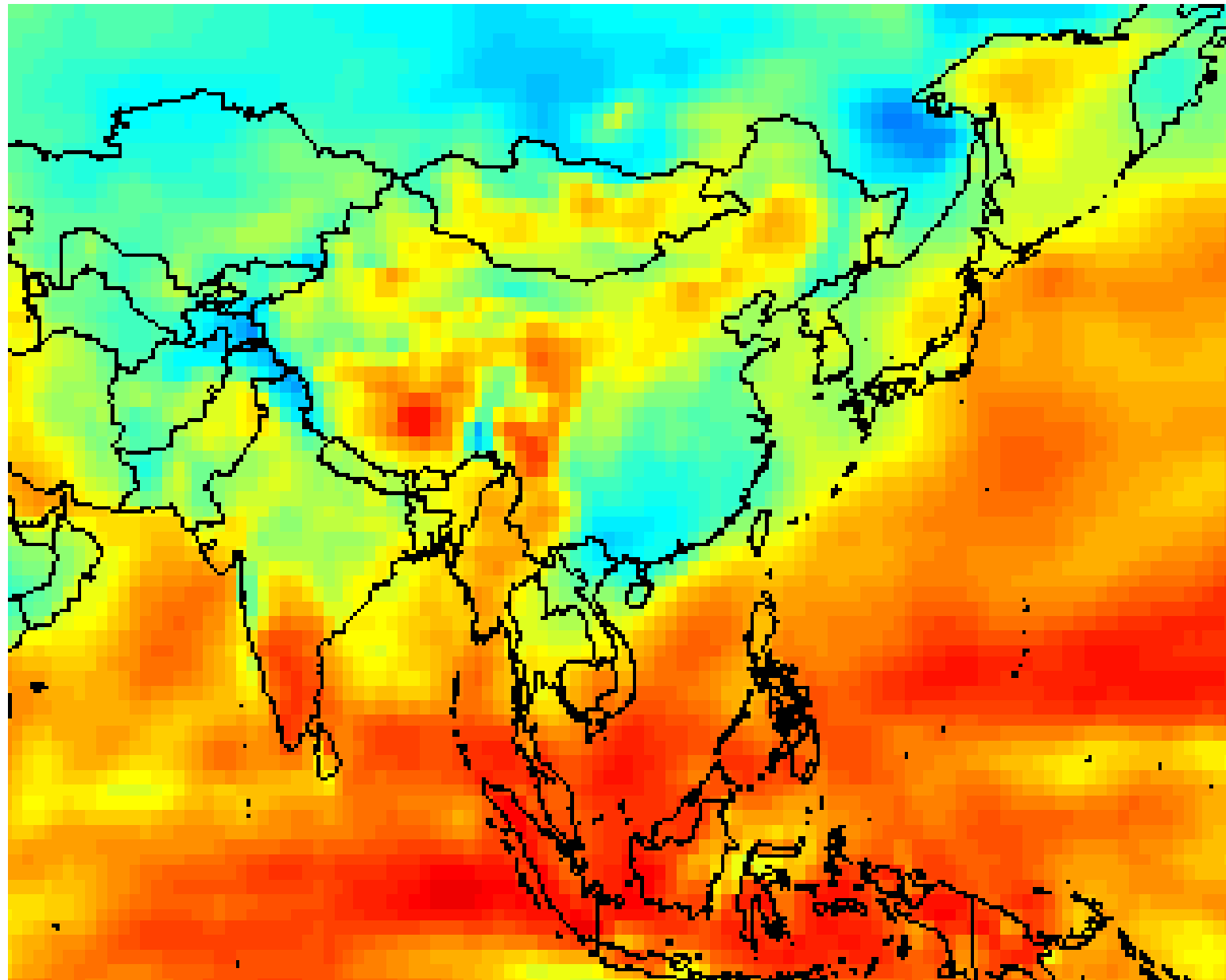
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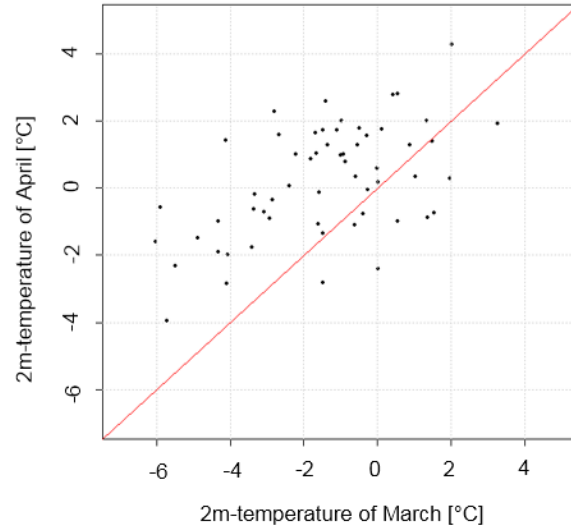
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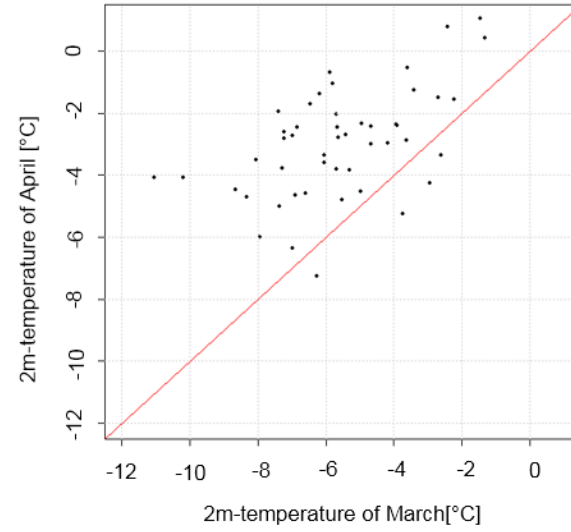
Some key points

- Sub-seasonal forecasting is a high-resolution issue
- Rapid increase in surface winds are associated with surface conditions and processes that are small-scale of nature. The NWP models struggle with these rapid changes.
- The data indicates that accurate and high-resolution representation of the surface is very important, not only for temperature, but also on the winds through the impact of the surface on static stability of the lowest part of the atmosphere

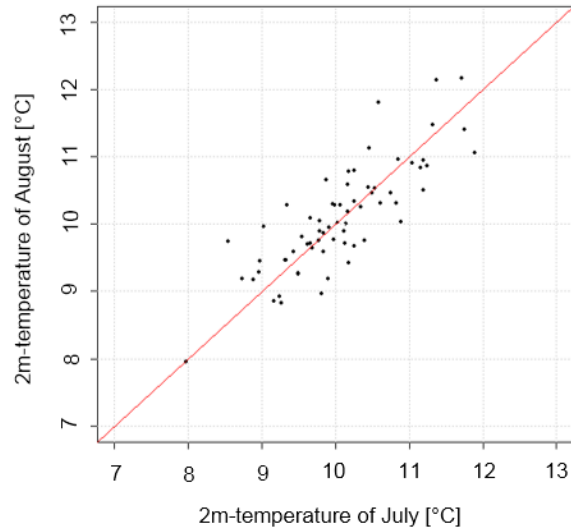
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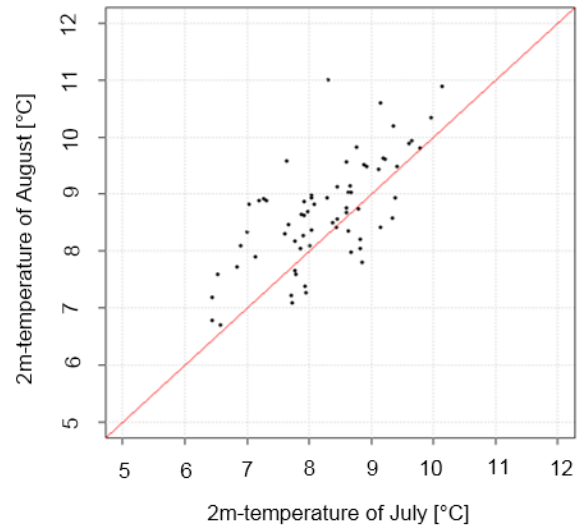
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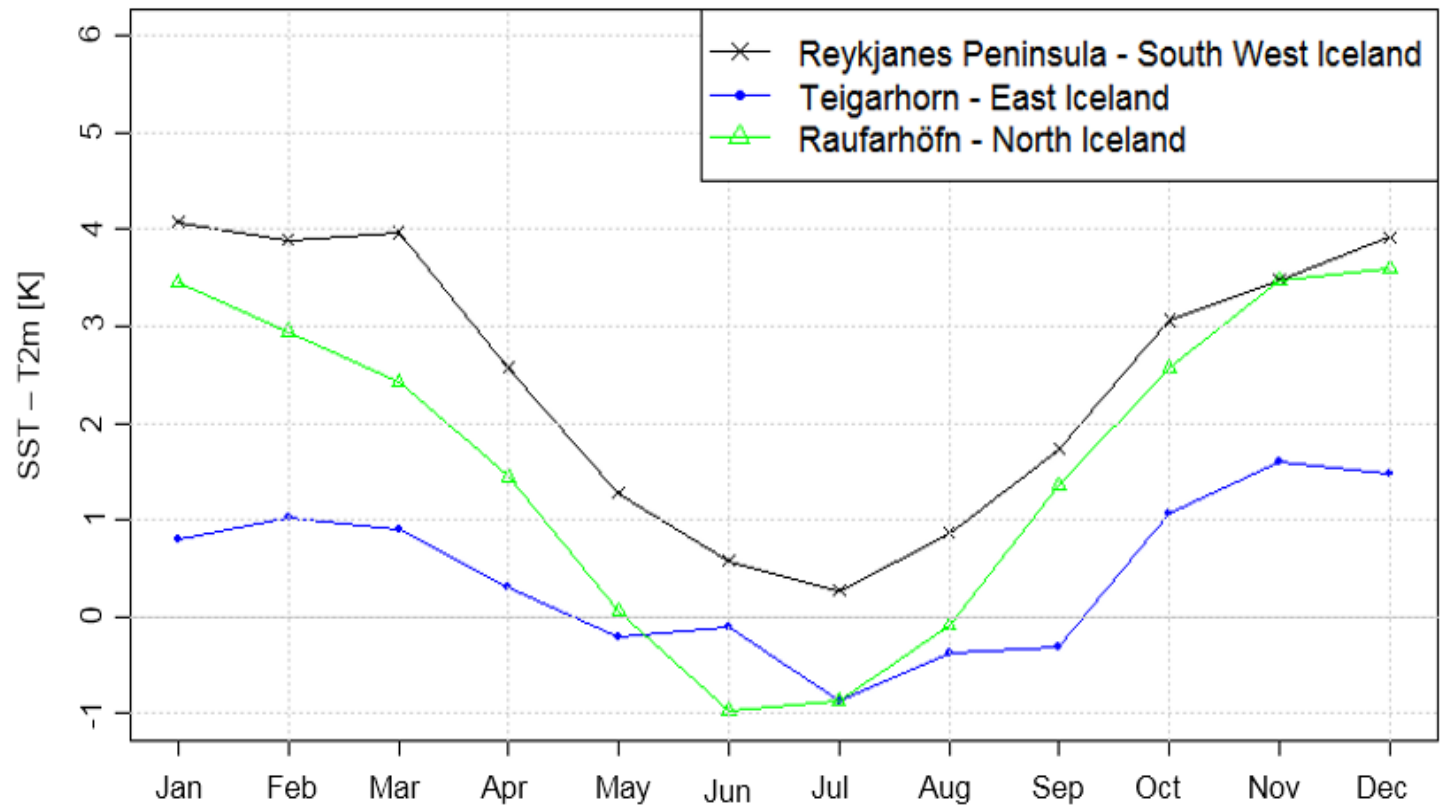


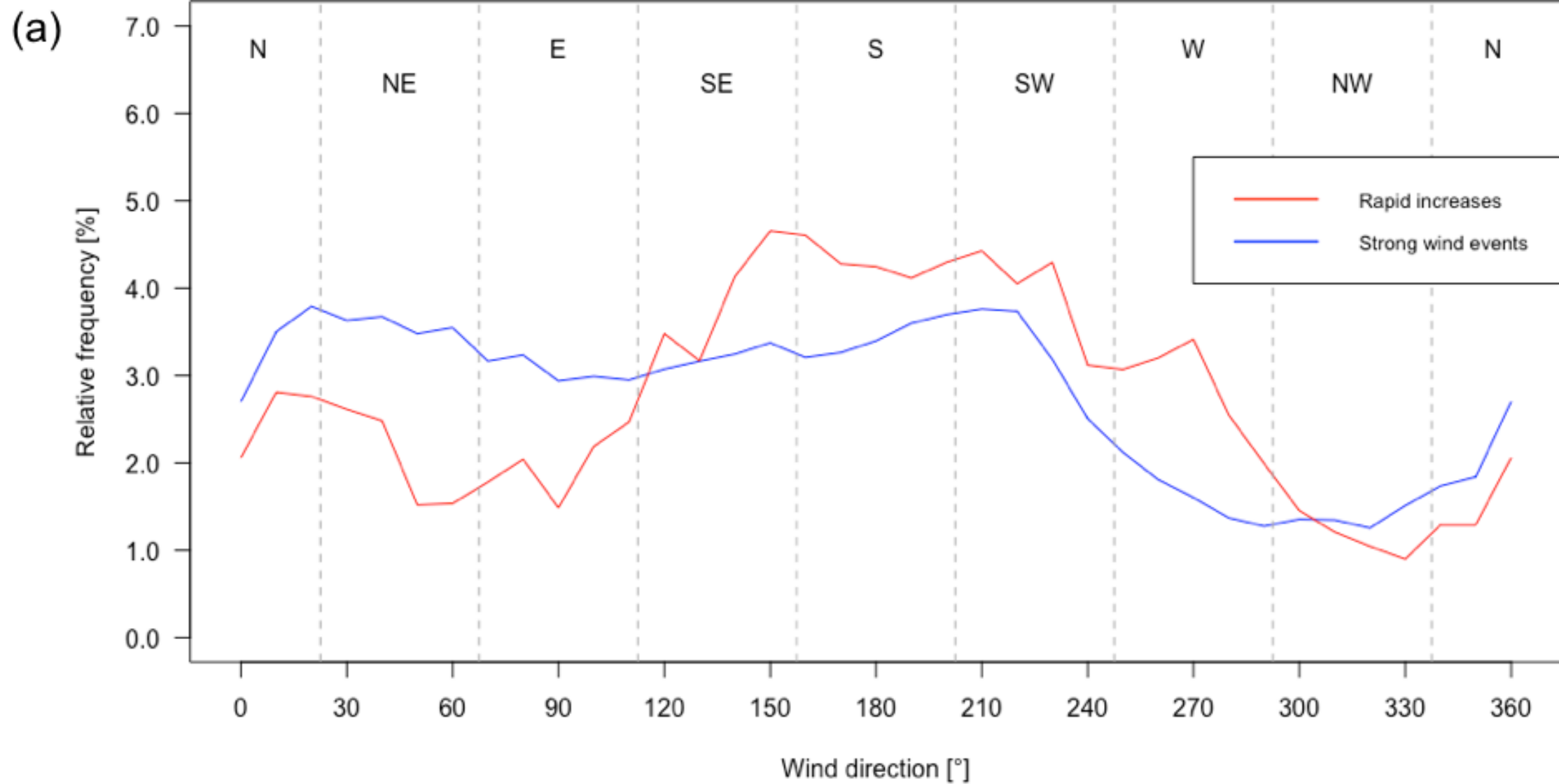
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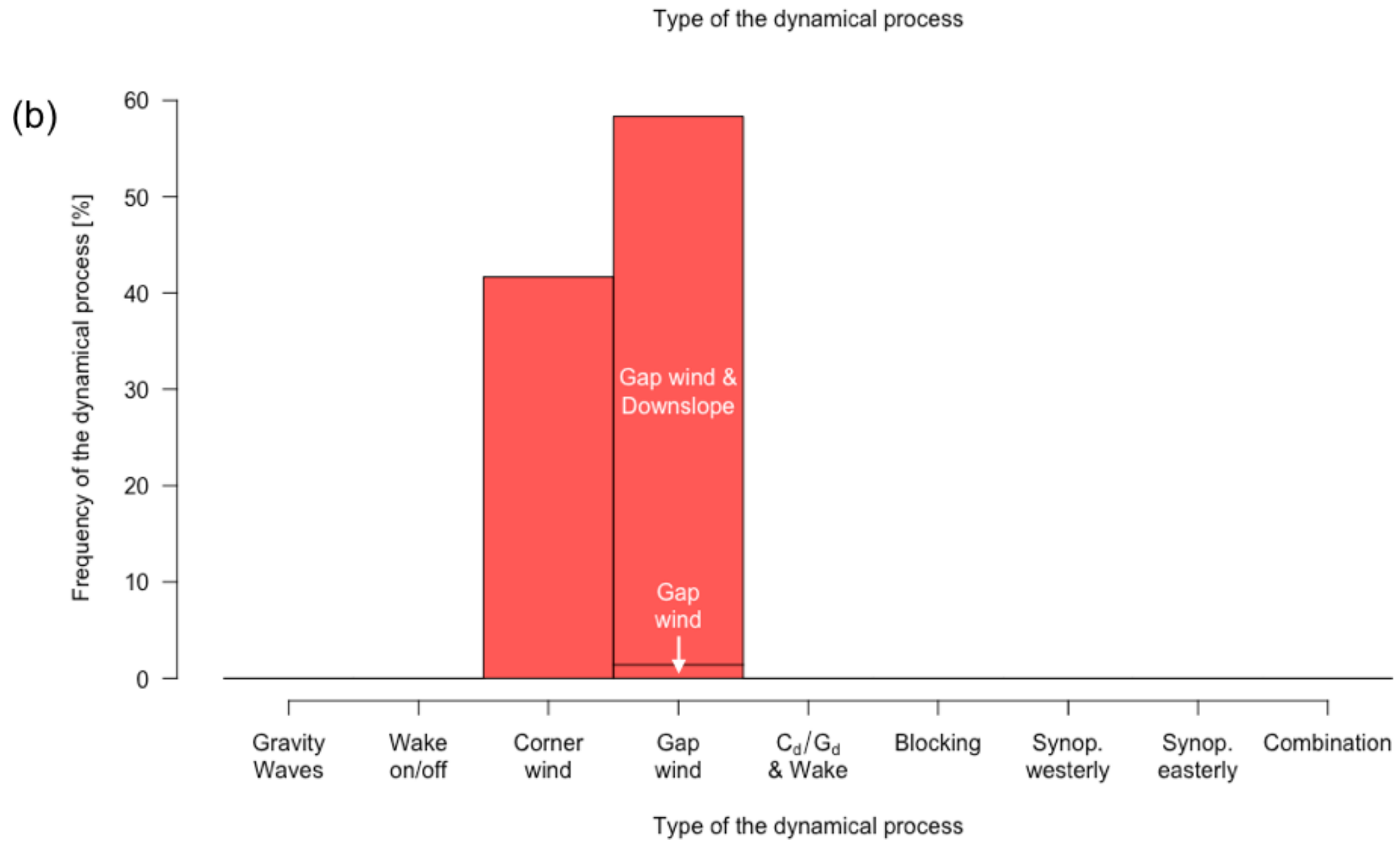


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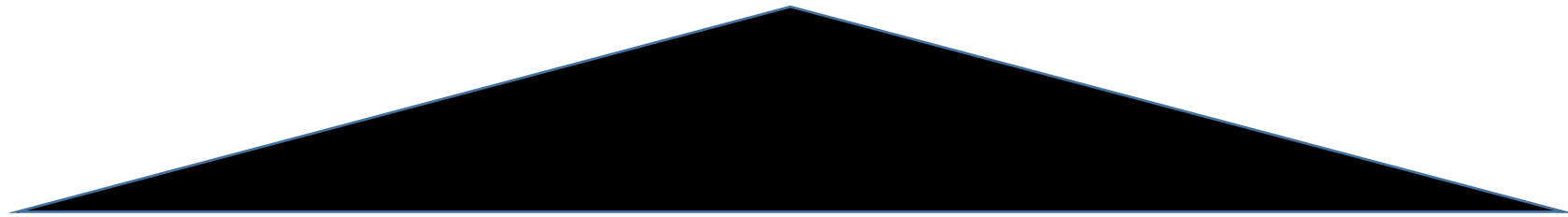








The mesoscale circulation negative feedback
How can a cold June give a warm July?



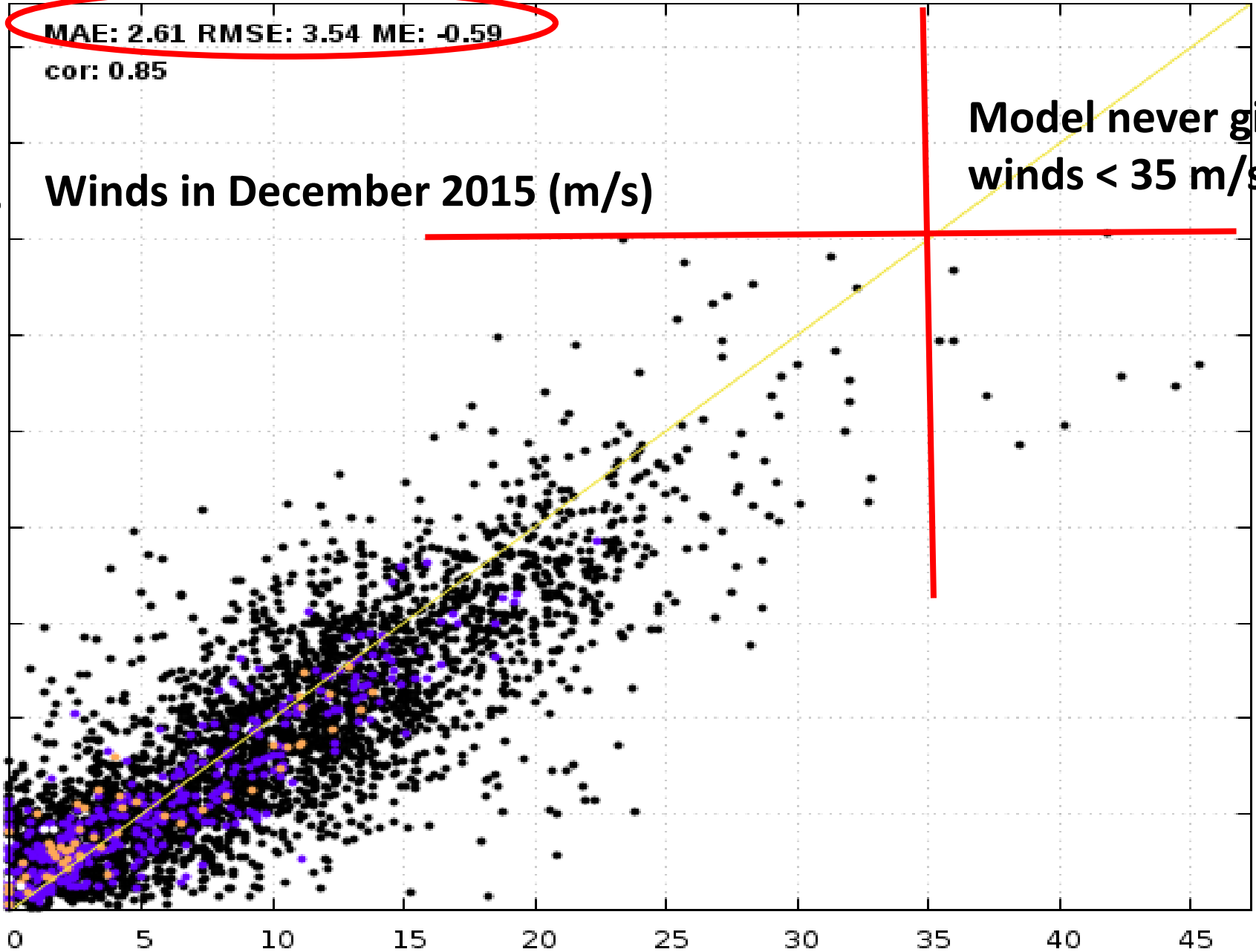
MODEL

Winds in December 2015 (m/s)

**Model never gives
winds < 35 m/s!**

Spá [m/s]

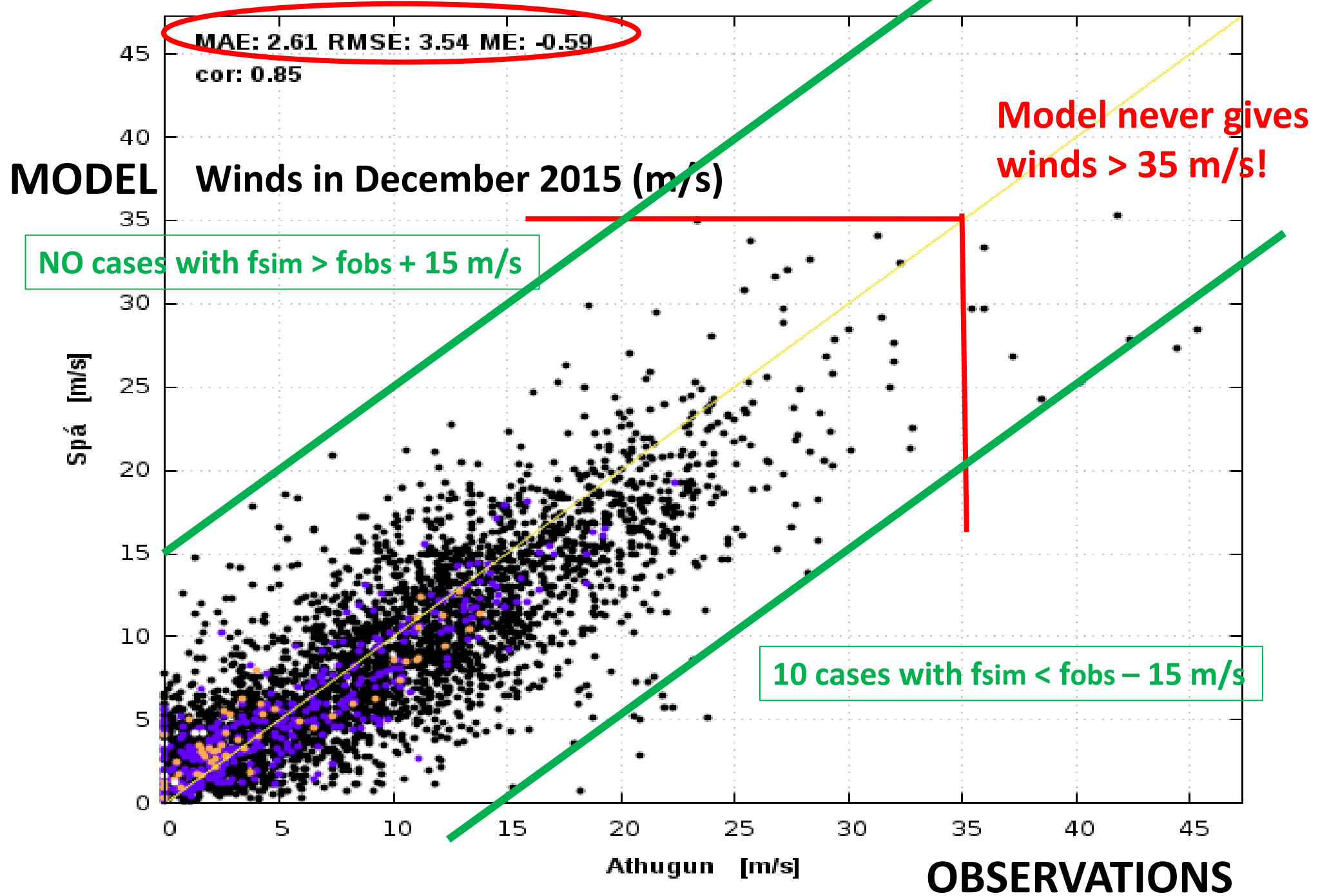
45
40
35
30
25
20
15
10
5
0



**MAE: 2.61 RMSE: 3.54 ME: -0.59
cor: 0.85**

Athugun [m/s]

OBSERVATIONS



More about verification

Haraldur Ólafsson

With contribution from WRF user (Fowler/Jensen/Brown), Ó. Rögnvaldsson & H. Ágústsson

Why do we verify?

Assessment of the quality of the system for user purpose

Tool to improve the system

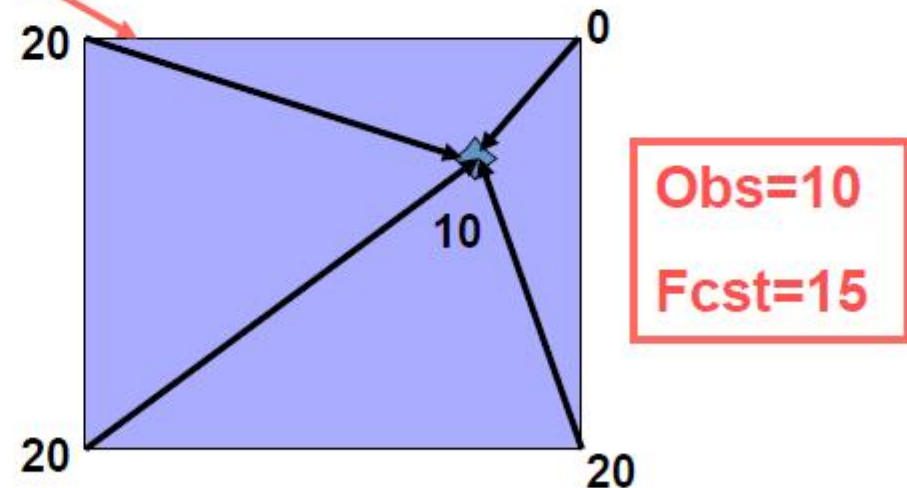
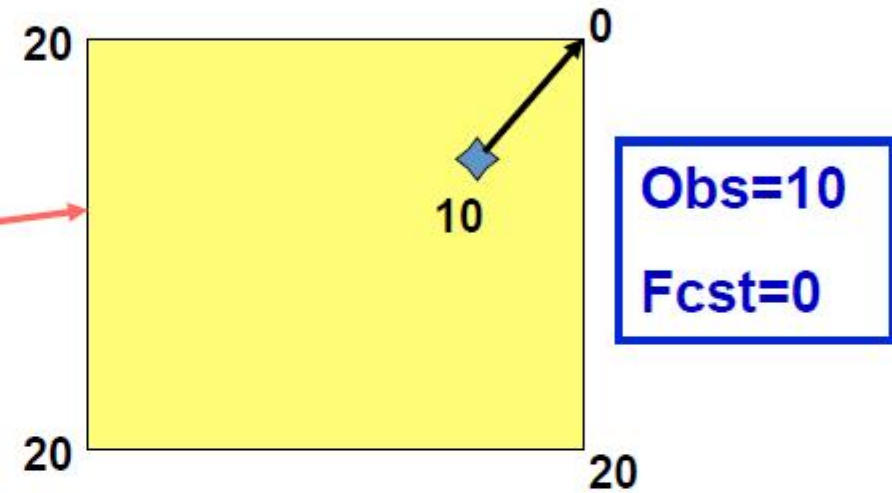
Matching forecasts and observations

Example:

- Two approaches:
 - Match rain gauge to nearest gridpoint *or*
 - Interpolate grid values to rain gauge location
 - Crude assumption: equal weight to each gridpoint
- Differences in results associated with matching:

“Representativeness”
difference

*Will impact most
verification scores*



$$\text{MAE} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^n |y_j - \hat{y}_j|$$

Mean absolute error

$$\text{RMSE} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^n (y_j - \hat{y}_j)^2}$$

Root mean square error

$$\text{bias} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \hat{y}_i)}{n}$$

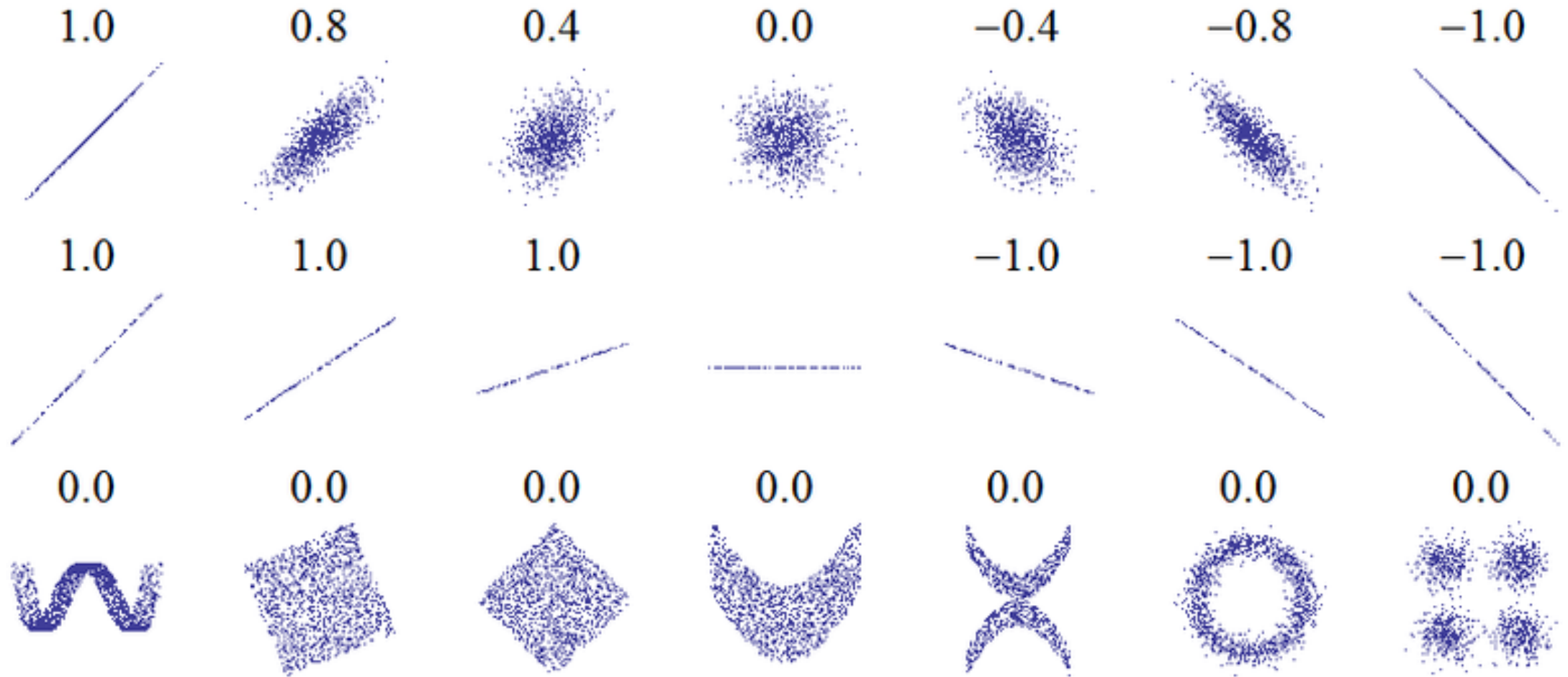
Bias

$$\text{BS} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{t=1}^N (f_t - o_t)^2$$

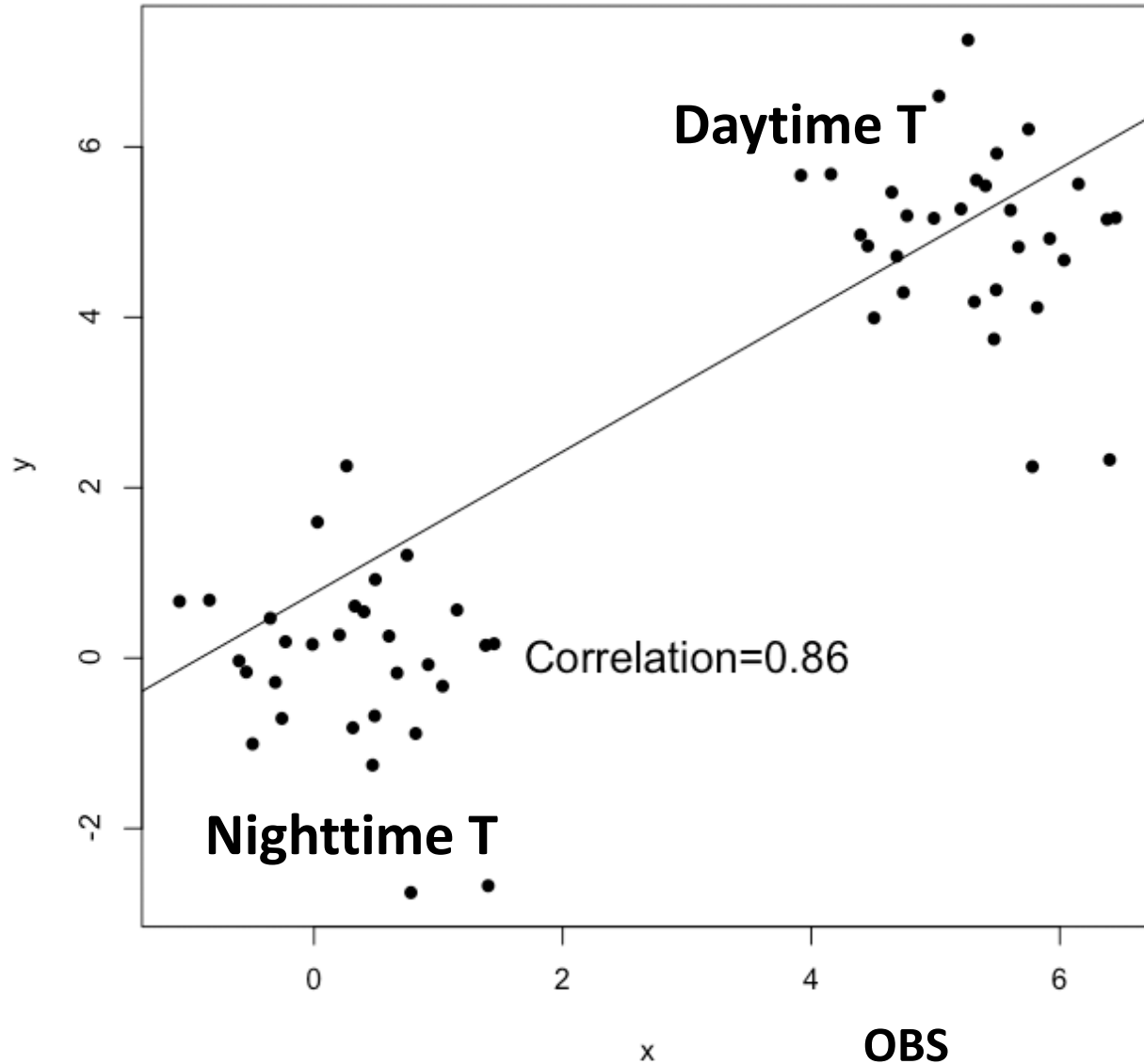
Brier score

Correlation coefficient

$$r_{fx} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (f_i - \bar{f})(x_i - \bar{x})}{(n-1)s_f s_x}$$



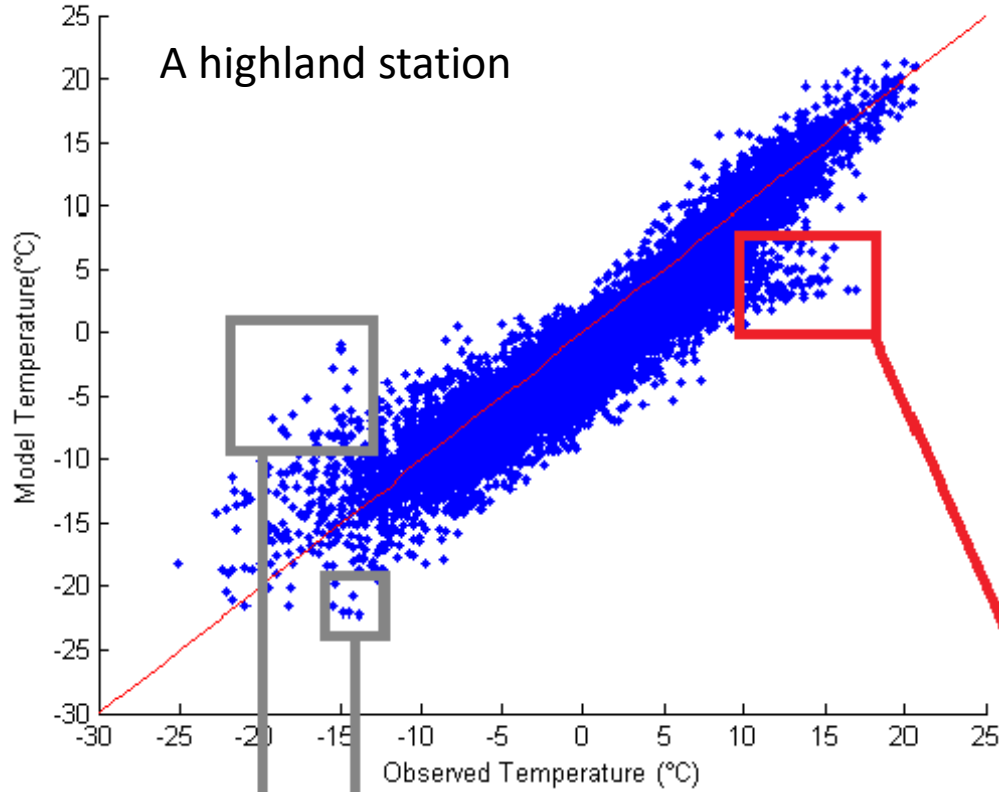
MODEL Not much value in this one



$$r_{fx} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (f_i - \bar{f})(x_i - \bar{x})}{(n-1)s_f s_x}$$

Isolate errors in time and space and weather
parameter space

Simulated T



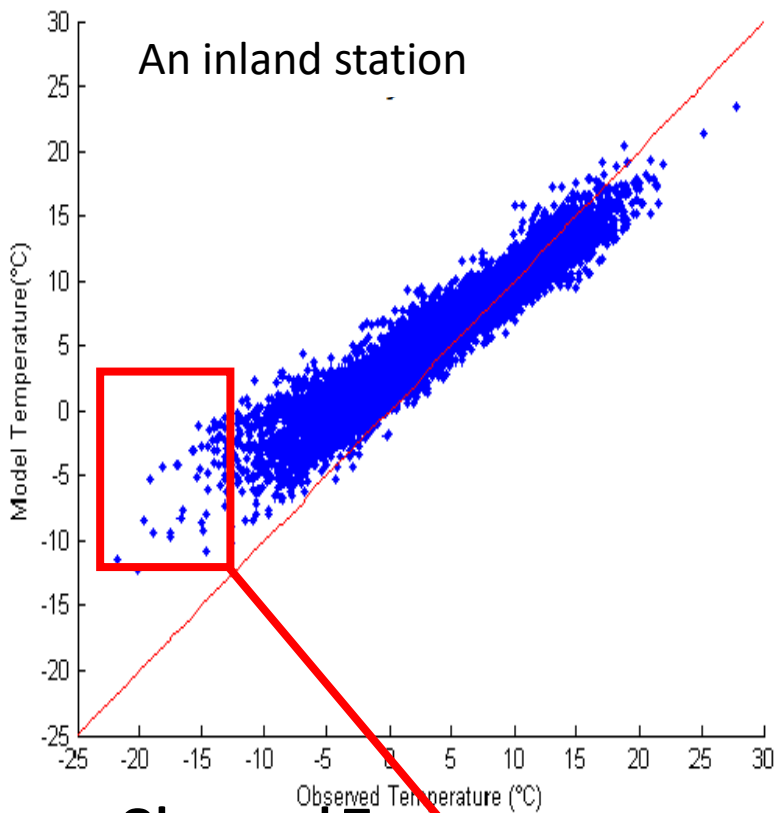
Wrong radiation :
the model fails to reproduce the cloud cover correctly

Observed T

Wrong surface flux : in the highlands, the ice doesn't melt early enough in spring, implying lower simulated temperature than observations

Dynamic downscaling to dx=3km (Massad, Olafsson, Rögnvaldsson et al.)

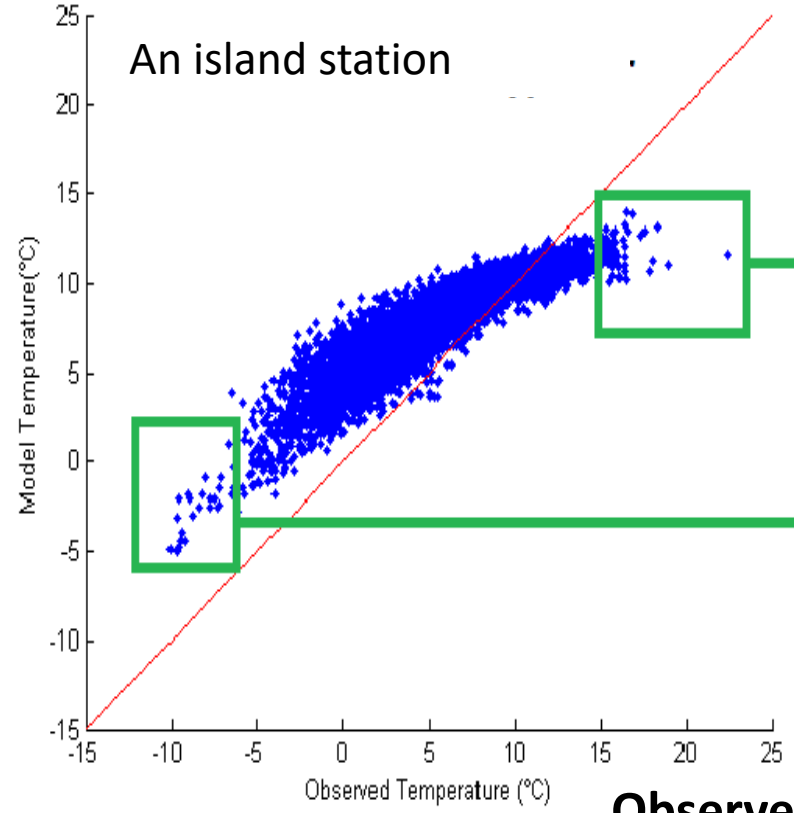
Simulated T



Observed T

Too strong simulated winds in weak wind situations, leading to excessive vertical mixing

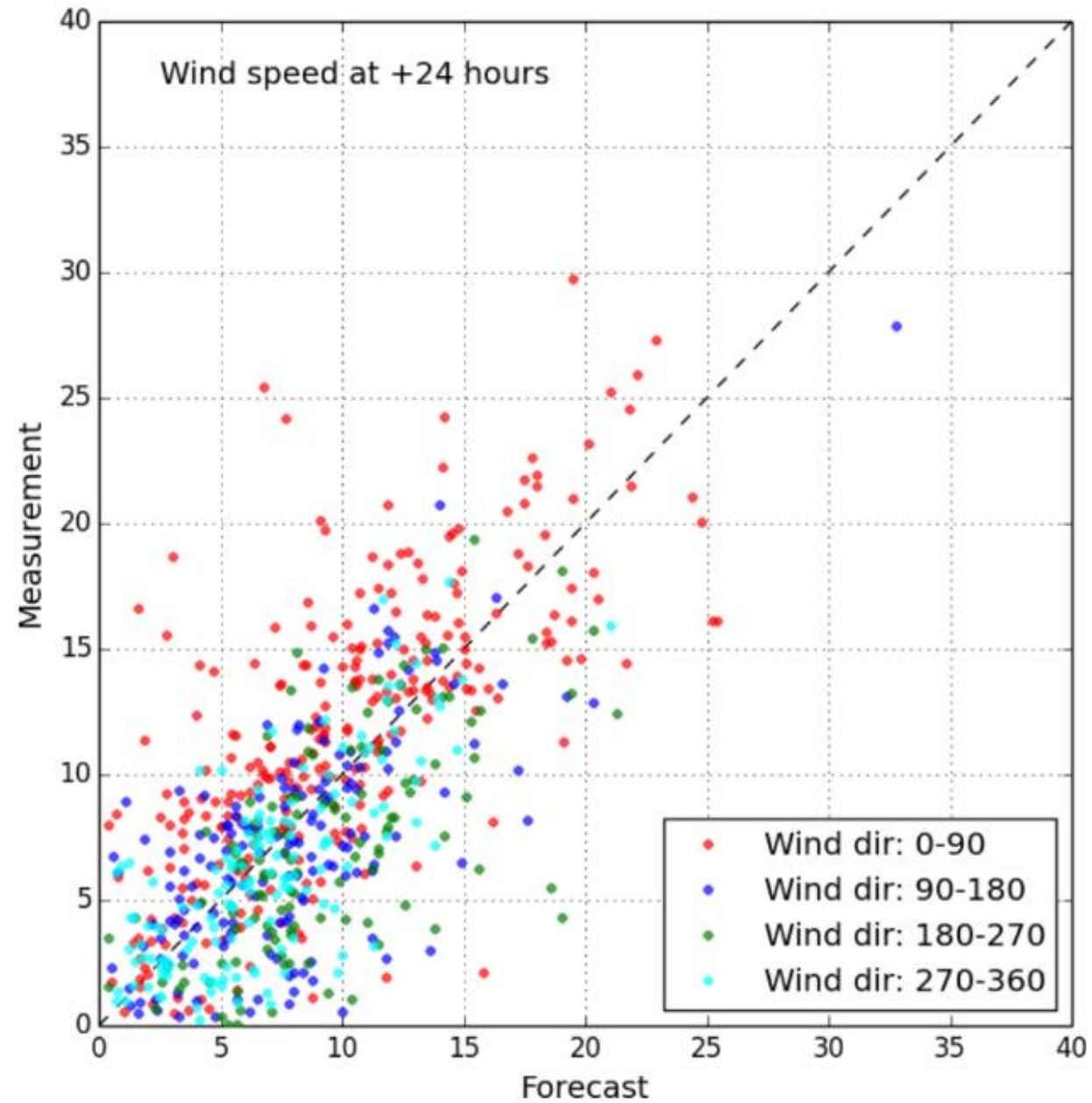
Simulated T



Observed T

Wrong surface flux : the model doesn't detect the presence of the island. The simulated temperatures are systematically higher than the observed ones in winter and lower during summer as the ocean's temperature doesn't fluctuate as much as the land's

Northwesterly winds appear to result in a slight positive bias (appendix).



Classifying errors according to wind direction