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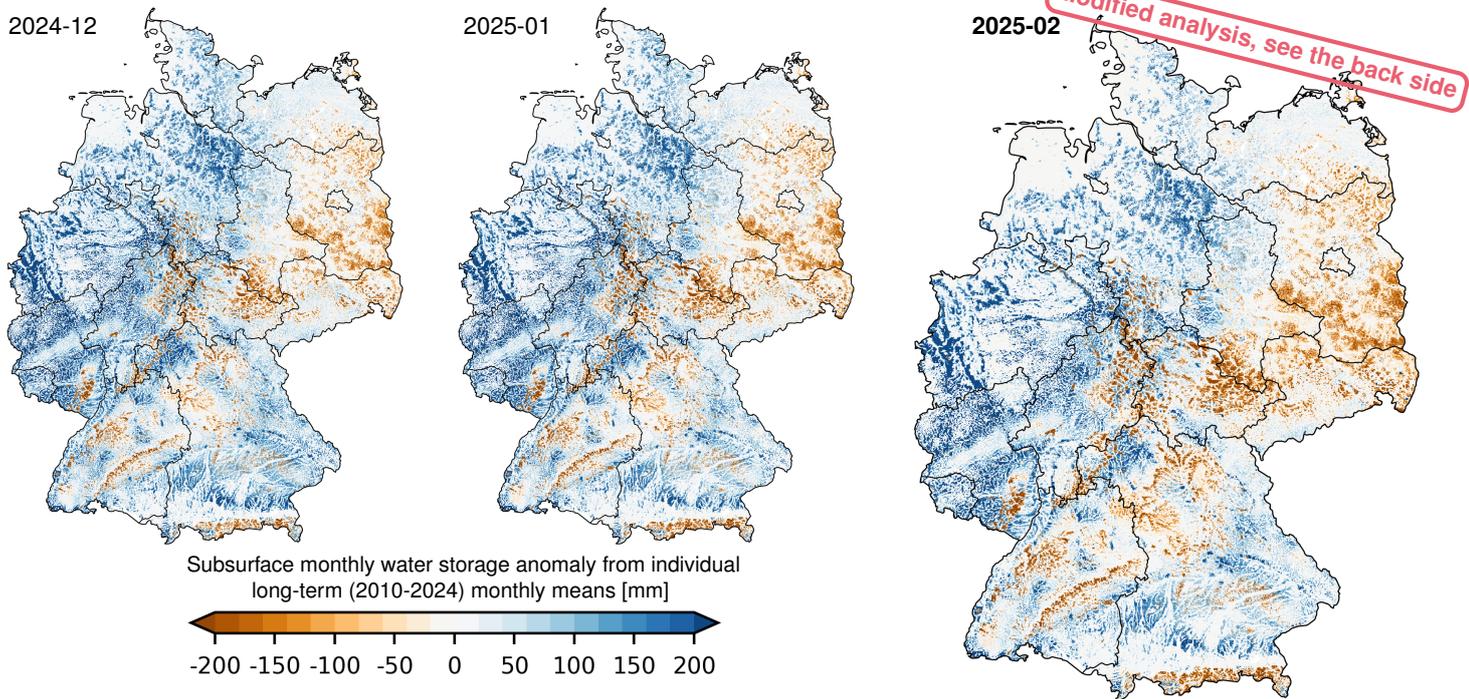


Fig. 1: Monthly anomalies of total subsurface water storage, i.e. shallow groundwater, for the past season with respect to long-term monthly means from 2010-2024 in mm water column. With the eWRB, the total subsurface water storage includes the shallow soil zone and groundwater to a depth of 60m. Data: Hindcasts from ParFlow/CLM simulations with ECMWF HRES atmospheric forcing.

State and possible developments: Over the winter the subsurface water storage has slightly decreased. Drier conditions are widely expected for spring and summer, with a normalization in the northwest and increasing deficits in the southeast. Based on the 50-member ensemble forecast from 2025-03-01.

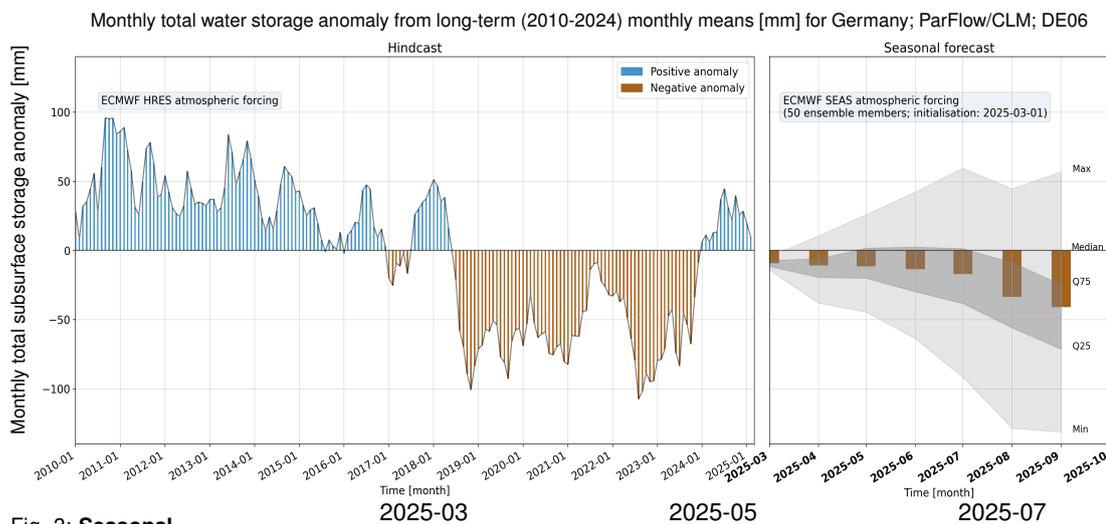
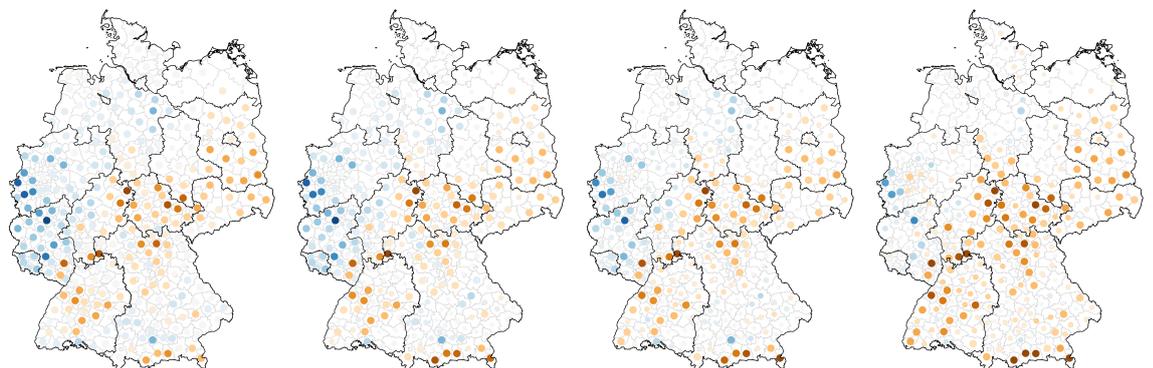


Fig. 3: Seasonal forecasts (2025-Mar to 2025-Sept); mean of total subsurface water storage anomalies from 50-member ParFlow/CLM ensemble (initialized on 2025-03-01), ECMWF SEAS seasonal ensemble prediction driven. Dots: NUTS-3 level administrative regions; dot size: proportional to how many members agree in their sign.

Fig. 2: Past evolution of monthly total subsurface water storage anomalies as spatial means for Germany from 2010-Jan to 2025-Feb as simulated at 611m resolution with the ParFlow/CLM (www.parflow.org) integrated hydrological model based on daily forecasts driven by ECMWF HRES deterministic atmospheric forcing ("hindcast"), and 7-months forecast from 2025-Mar to 2025-Sept based on ECMWF SEAS 50-member ensemble ("seasonal forecast").



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Please note: From the Spring 2025 eWRB onwards, a new baseline climatology (v3) is used for the anomaly calculation and the reference time span is expanded from 2013/01-2022/12 to 2010/01-2024/12. This affects all analyses and shows when comparing with previous eWRB issues.

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