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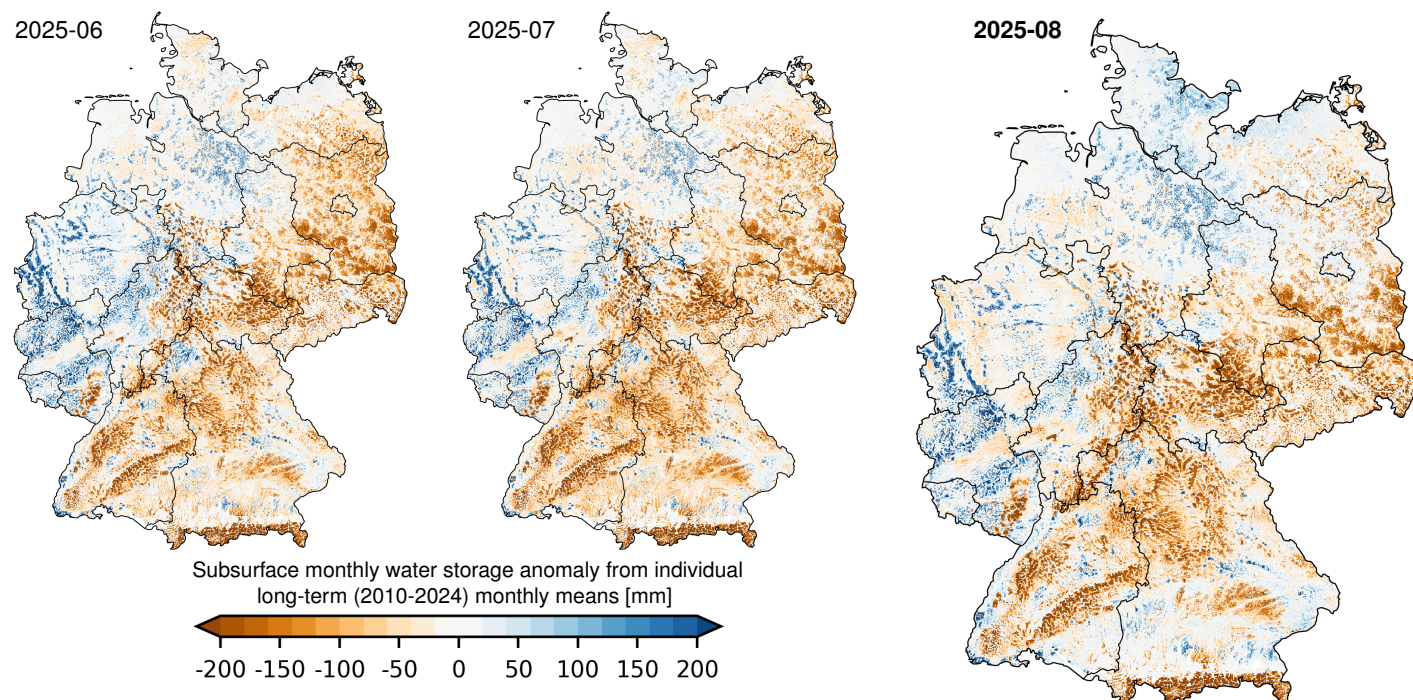


Fig. 1: **Monthly anomalies of total subsurface water storage, i.e. shallow groundwater, for the past season** with respect to long-term monthly means from 2010-2024 in mm water column. With the eWRB, the total subsurface water storage includes the shallow soil zone and groundwater to a depth of 60m.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

State and possible developments: The summer was less dry than predicted in the last eWRB. There were minor anomalies in the north-west, which will continue into autumn and winter. In the south and northeast, the deficit partially disappeared in August. In the centre and south, deficits may increase in autumn and winter. Basis: 50-member ensemble forecast from 2025-09-01.

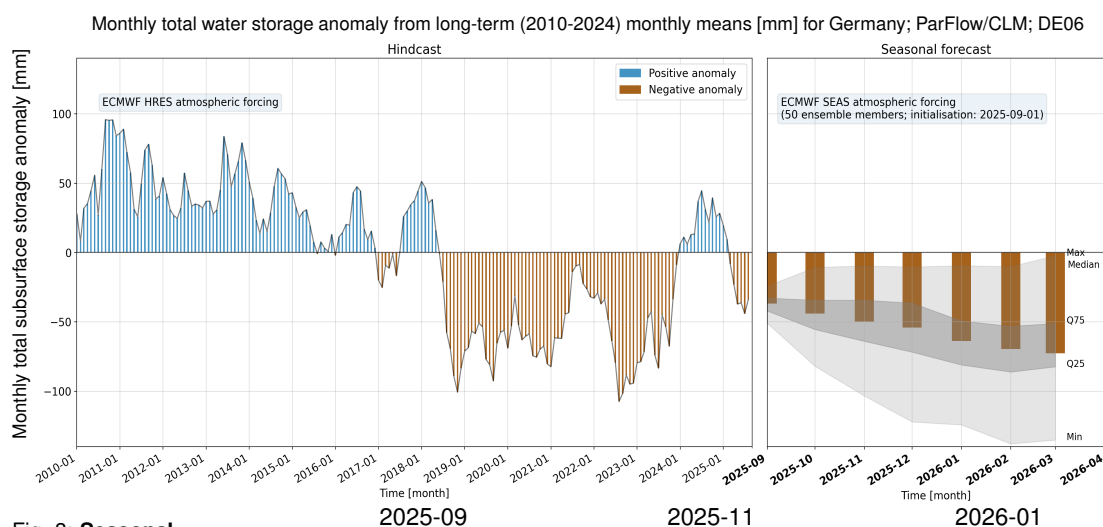
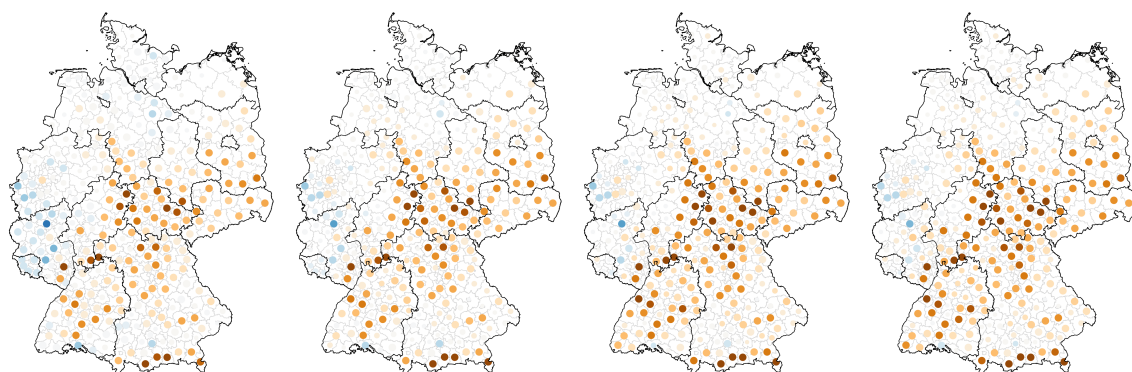


Fig. 2: **Past evolution of monthly total subsurface water storage anomalies as spatial means for Germany** from 2010-Jan to 2025-Aug as simulated at 611m resolution with the ParFlow/CLM (www.parflow.org) integrated hydrological model based on daily forecasts driven by ECMWF HRES deterministic atmospheric forcing ("hindcast"), and 7-months forecast from 2025-Sept to 2026-Mar based on ECMWF SEAS 50-member ensemble ("seasonal forecast").

Fig. 3: **Seasonal forecasts (2025-Sept to 2026-Mar); mean of total subsurface water storage anomalies** from 50-member ParFlow/CLM ensemble (initialized on 2025-09-01), ECMWF SEAS seasonal ensemble prediction driven. Dots: NUTS-3 level administrative regions; dot size: proportional to how many members agree in their sign.



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