

Land cover change impacts on EURO-CORDEX climate by regional climate model (COSMO-CLM) simulations

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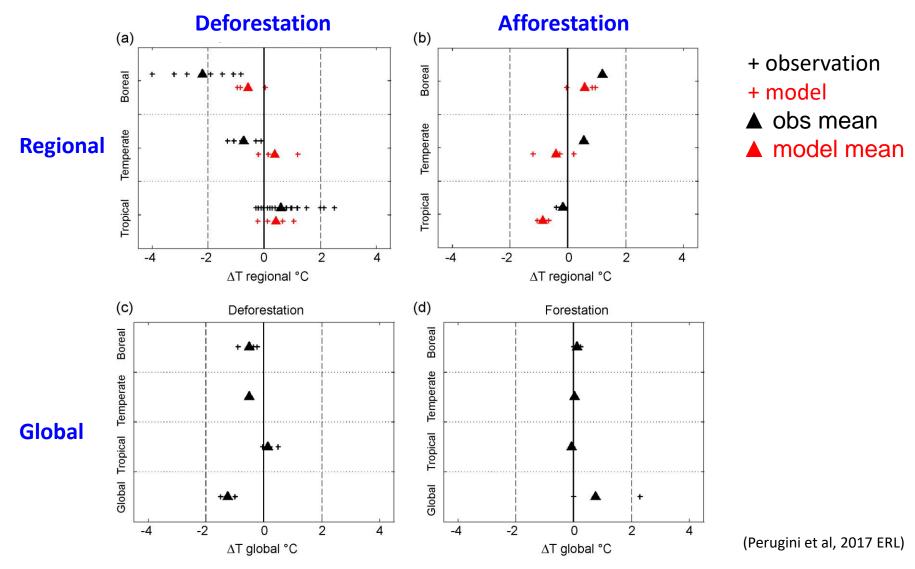
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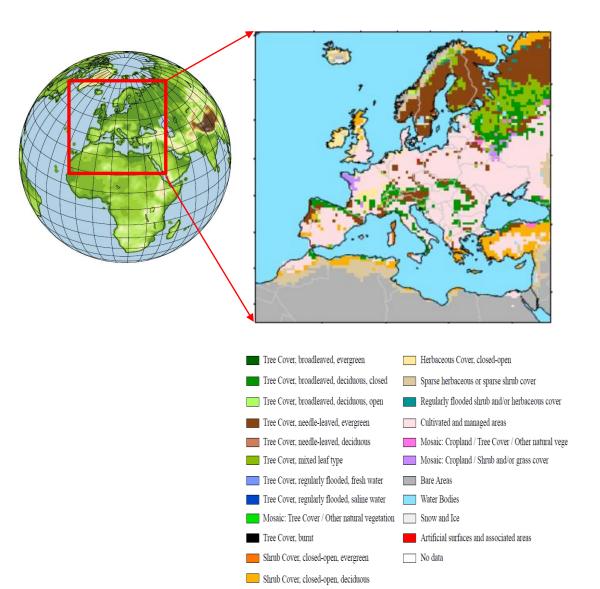
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Forest changes impact on climate



Model and Simulations



Model: COSMO-CLM4.8 **Driven data:** ERA-Interim

Simulation period: 1981-2010 **Horizontal resolution**: 0.44°

Simulations: control simulation

(GLC2000) &

deforestation (forest to bare land and forest to herbaceous

vegetation) &

afforestation (cropland to evergreen needle-leave forest and cropland to deciduous broad-leave forest)

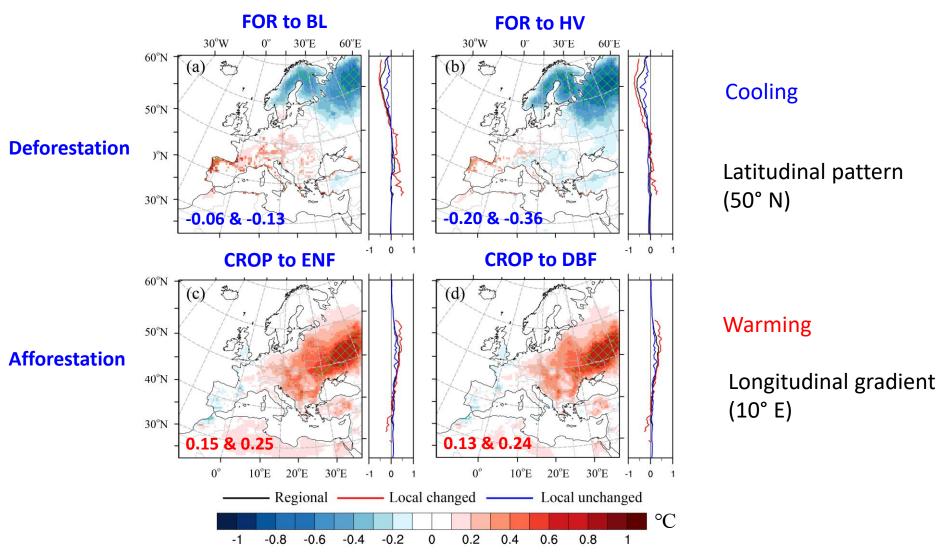
FOR to BL and FOR to HV: 1527

grid cell changed

CROP to ENF and CROP DBF: 1835

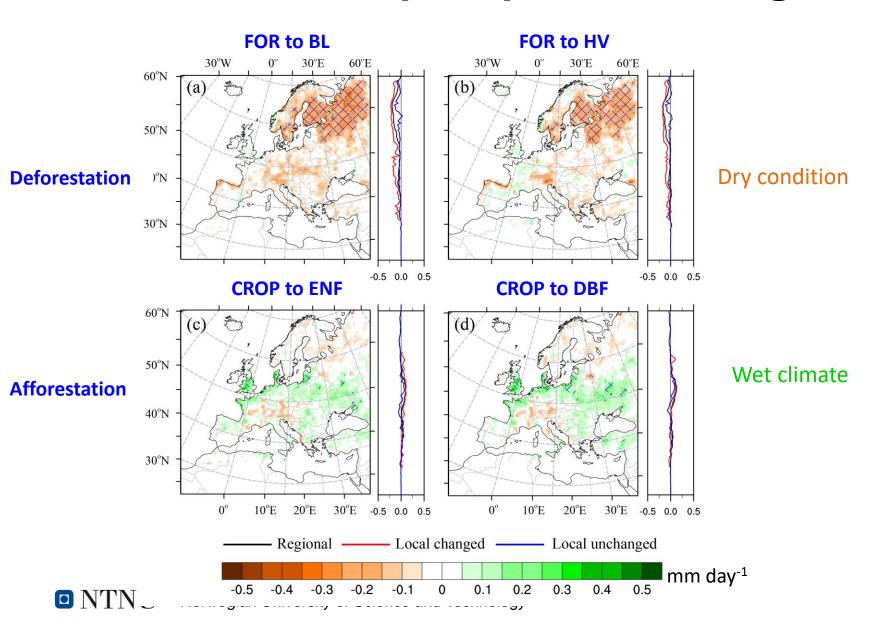
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Annual mean temperature changes

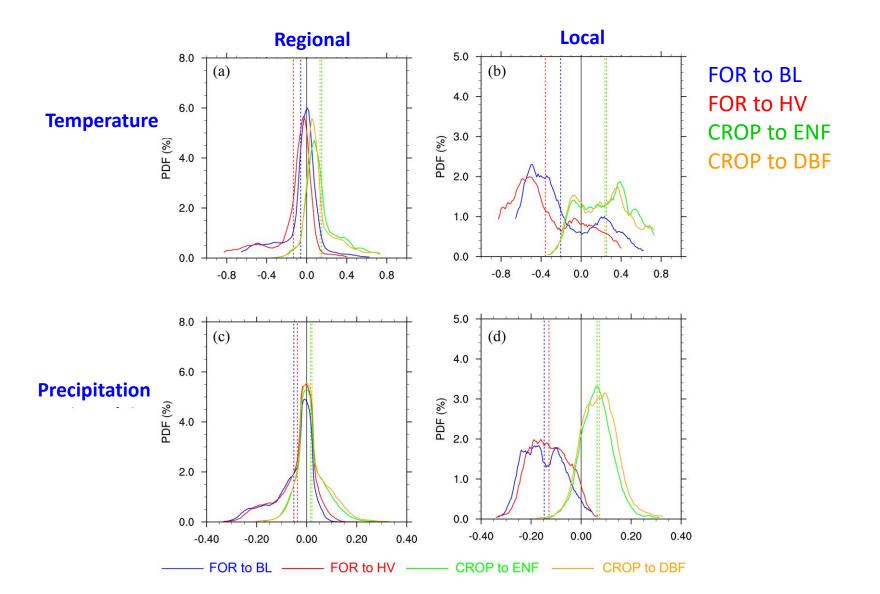




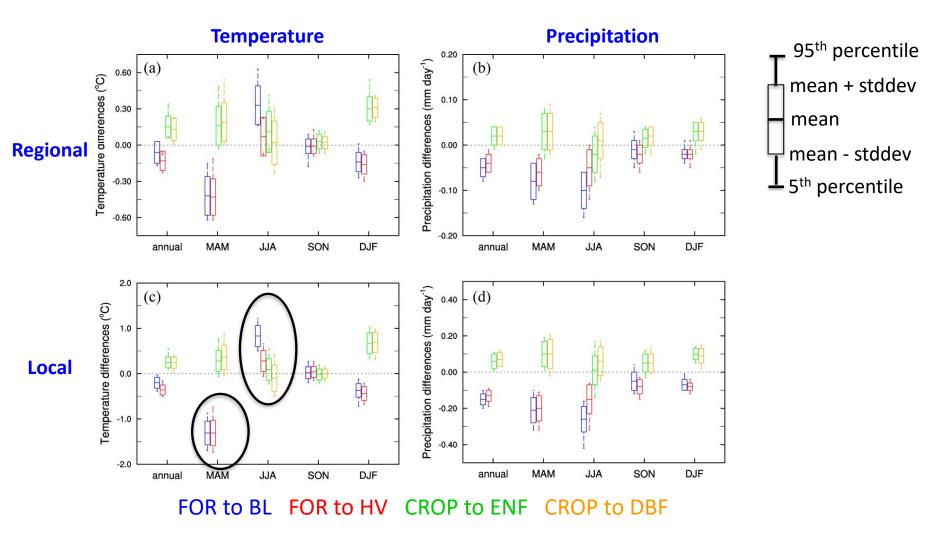
Annual mean precipitation changes



Climate change at regional and local scale



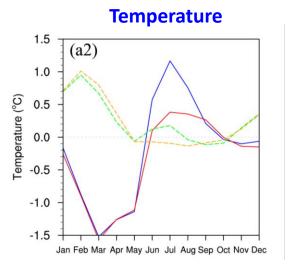
Seasonal climate changes



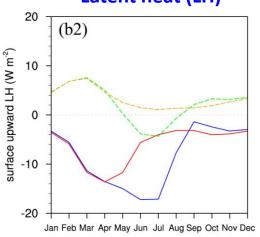


Changes in surface heat flux on local scale

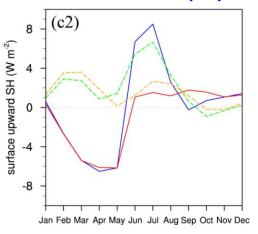




Latent heat (LH)

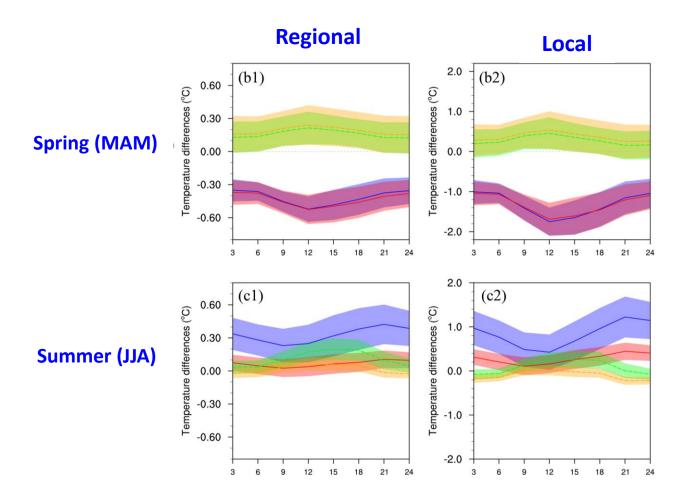


Sensible heat (SH)





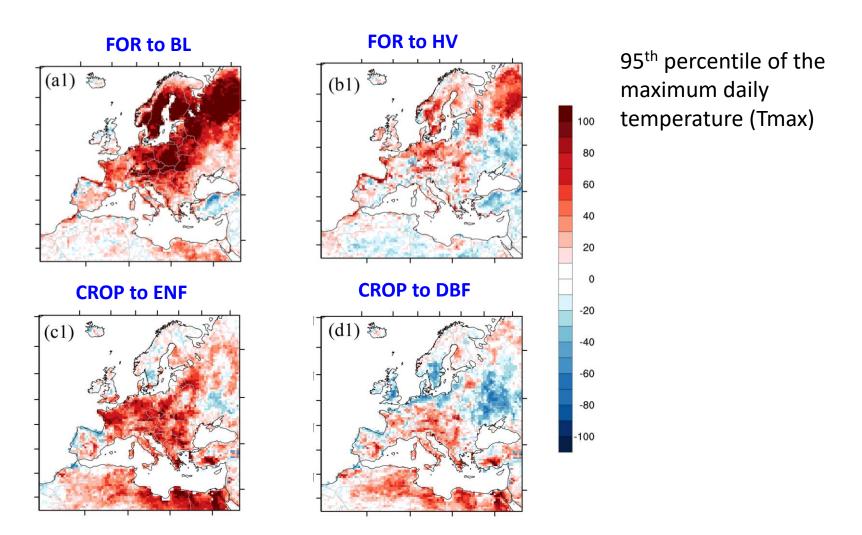
Changes in diurnal cycle of temperature



FOR to BL
FOR to HV
CROP to ENF
CROP to DBF



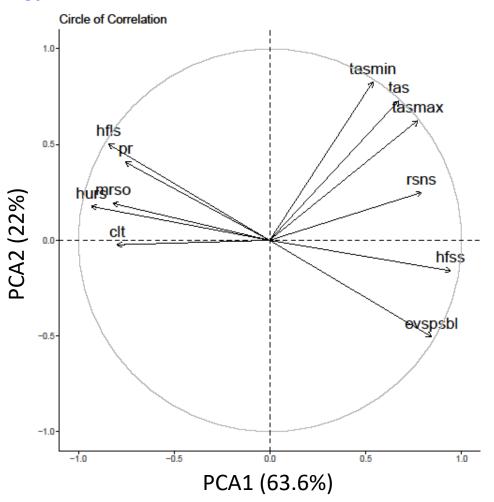
Changes in the frequency of hot days





Circle correlation between variables

Annual mean



clt: total cloud cover

tas: 2m temperature

pr: total precipitation

tasmin: minimum 2m tas

tasmax: maximum 2m tas

evspsbl: surface evaporation

hurs: 2m relative humidity

rsns: surface net downward

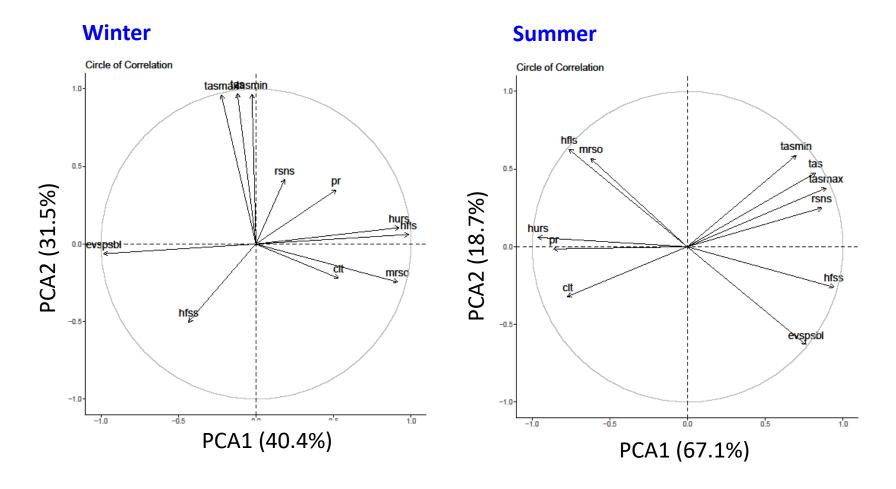
shortwave radiation

mrso: soil water content

hfss: surface sensible heat flux

hfls: surface latent heat flux

Circle correlation between variables in winter and summer





Summary

- Annual mean cooling of -0.06 ± 0.09 °C for conversion to BL and -0.13 ± 0.08 °C to HV
- Annual mean warming of 0.15 ± 0.09 °C and 0.13 ± 0.09 °C for conversion to ENF and DBF
- Deforestation causes a dry condition and afforestation leads to a wet climate
- From south to north, deforestation impacts on mean temperature change from positive to negative at around 50° latitude, and causes the strongest cooling in spring (> 2 °C at high latitudes) but warming in summer (> 1 °C in some locations), when it increases the average number of hot days
- Afforestation leads to a major warming in winter (0.69 ± 0.22 °C at a local scale), where it reduces the frequency of cold temperature extremes



