

## MOTEDAS Century Database

### *Part 1: Temperature Evolution in Spanish Mainland (1916-2015).*

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# Motivation

- Climate variations have important impacts on the natural and anthropic environment. Understanding these variations is an important goal.
- The climatic databases with high spatial resolution and long temporal coverage allow us to know the spatio-temporal variability of climate variables.
- In order to have climatic databases with high spatial resolution and long temporal length, we need to obtain all the information available from different sources.

# Objectives

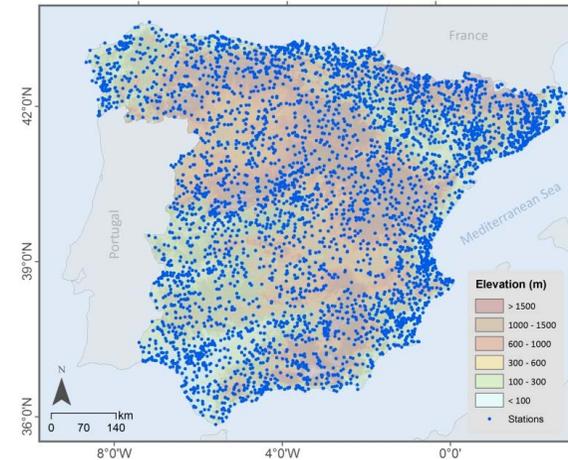
- To create a new database of monthly maximum and minimum temperatures in mainland Spain to 1916-2015 period.
- To analyse the temporal evolution of the monthly maximum and minimum temperatures for a period of 100 years and along the mainland Spain.

# Introduction

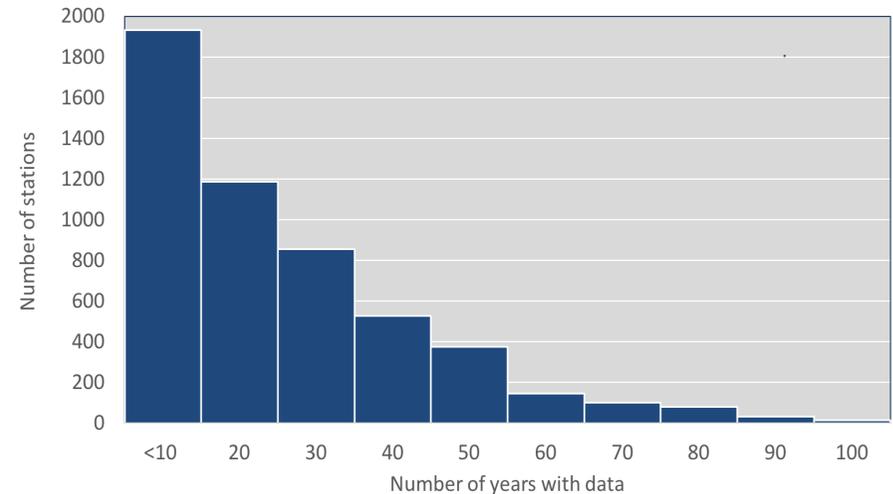
- The number of stations increase along the time for the study period.
- Many stations only have data of short periods, and it is not possible to generate reference series.
- The weather stations have a uniform distribution of the space.



*Temporal distribution of the temperature weather stations in the study period*



*Spatial distribution of the temperature weather stations in mainland Spain*



*Temporal length of the temperature weather stations in mainland Spain*

# Methodology

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Data rescue and digitization

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Merge sources of information

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Generation of temporal series using spatial reconstruction

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Evaluation of the database

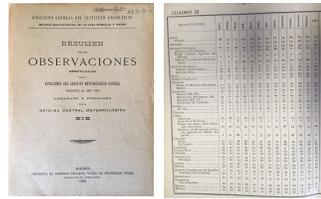
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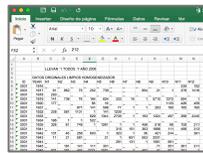
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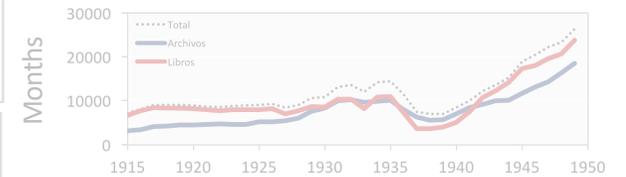
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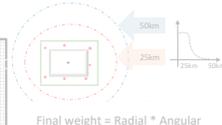
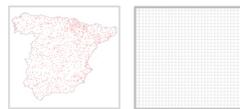
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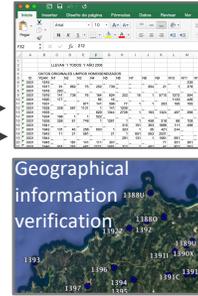
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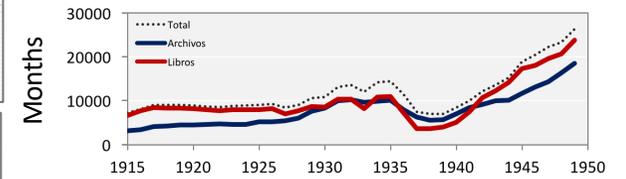
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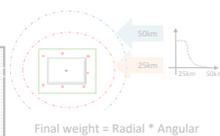
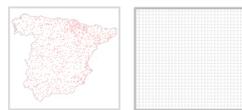
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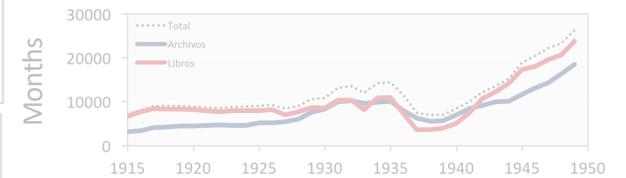
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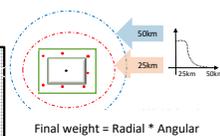
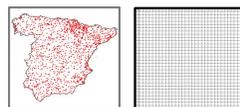
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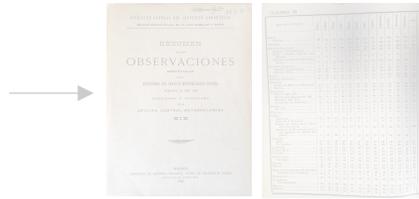
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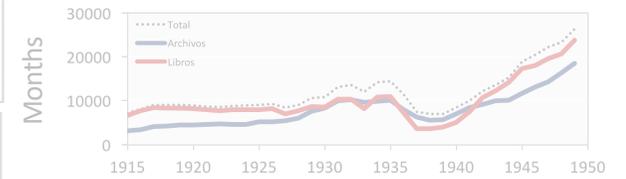
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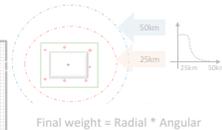
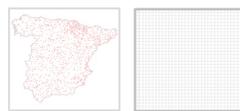
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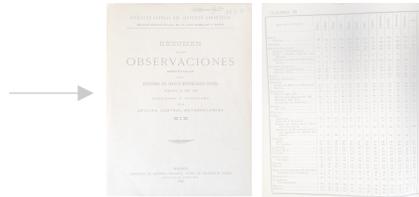
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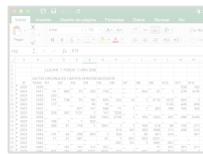
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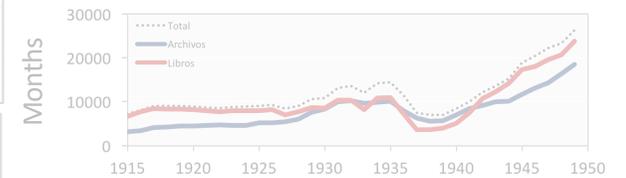
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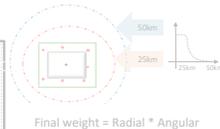
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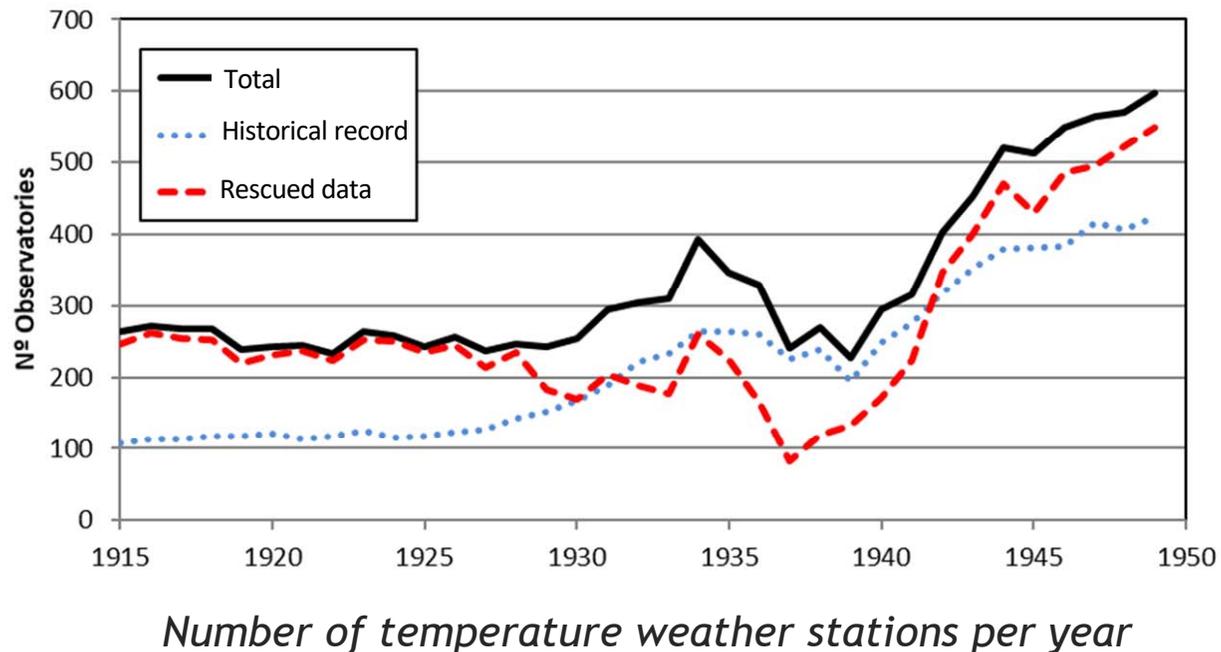
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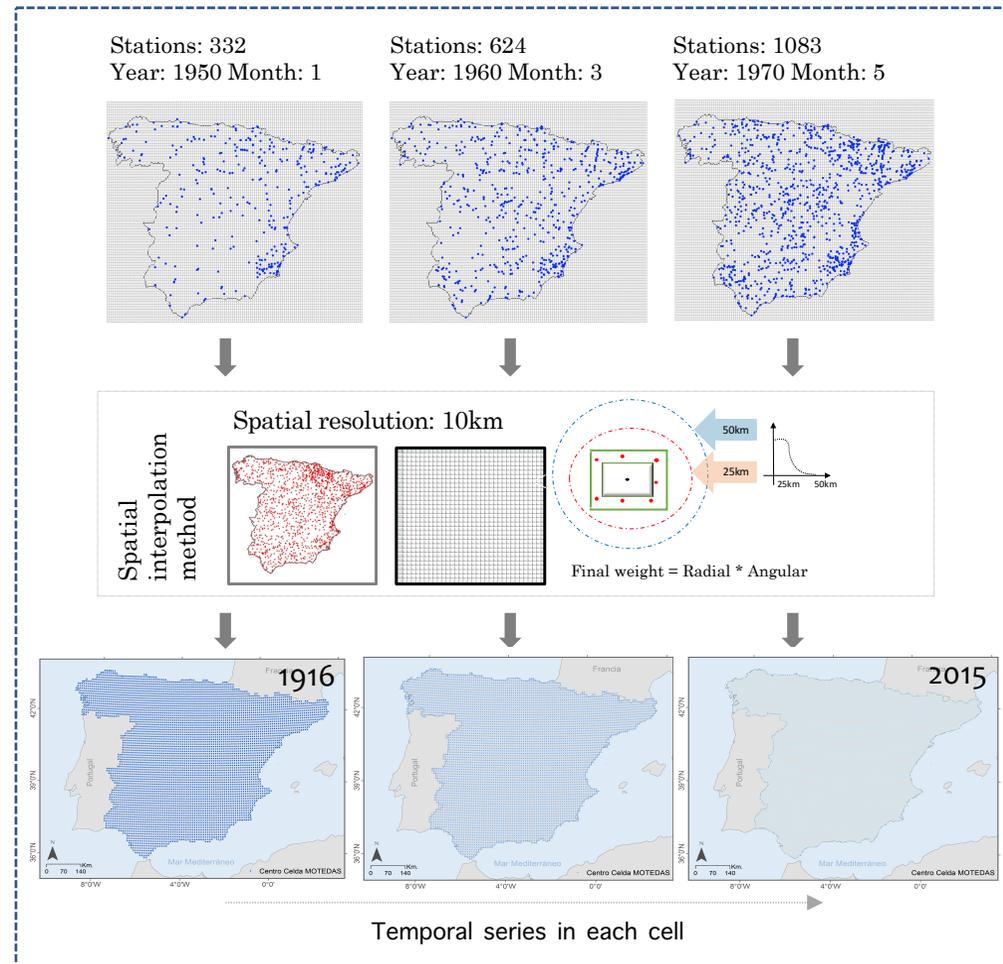
- The number of station of “rescued data” exceed the number of stations of “historical record” of the State Meteorological Agency.
- This is an example of how important is the old data rescue.



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- We obtained a monthly grid applying spatial interpolation in each year with all the available information.
- We chose the spatial interpolation method with the “Leave One Out” validation technique.
- Grid of the monthly maximum and minimum temperature of mainland Spain in the 1916-2015 period (resolution 10\*10km).

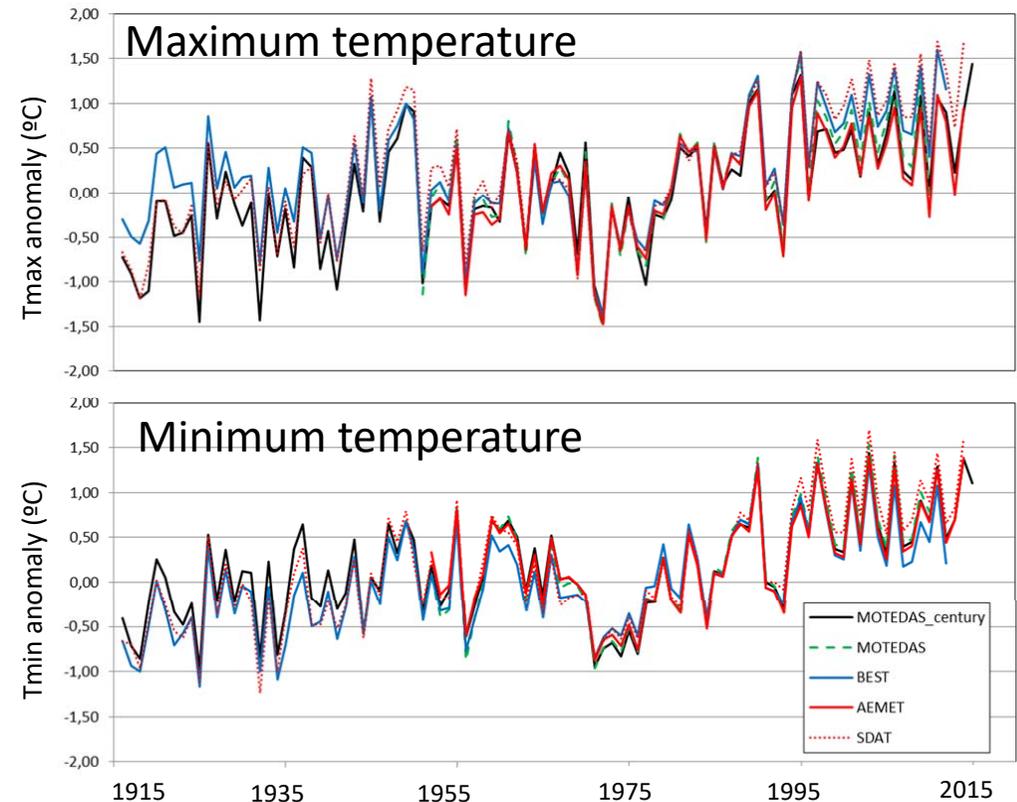
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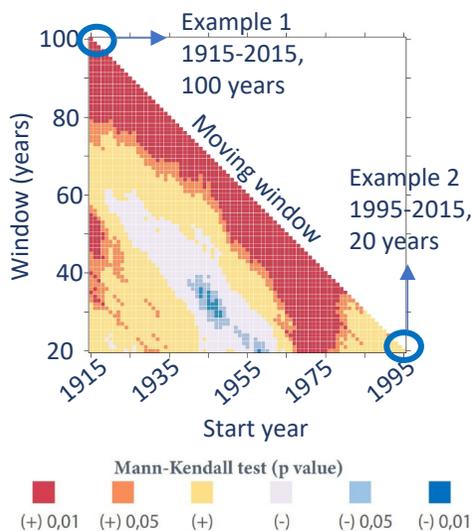
- The national series of the annual mean, maximum and minimum temperature agrees with other databases.
- Others databases:
  - MOTEDAS (González-Hidalgo et al., 2015)
  - Best (Rohde et al., 2013)
  - SDAT (Sigro et al., 2015)
  - AEMet (Guijarro, 2013)



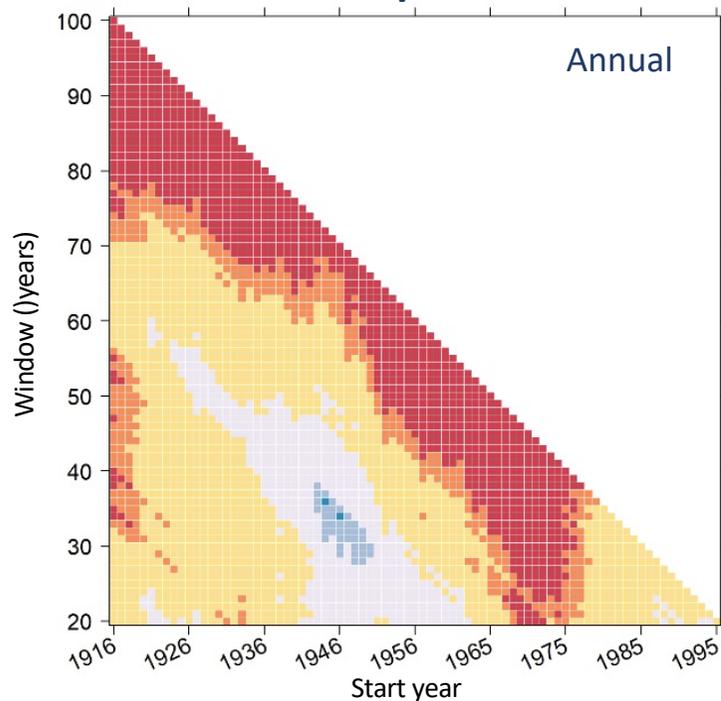
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- Trend analysis of the national series of the annual and seasonal maximum and minimum temperature in mainland Spain (1916-2015).

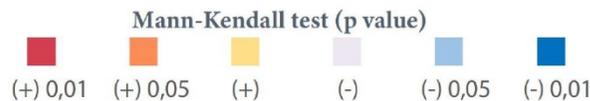
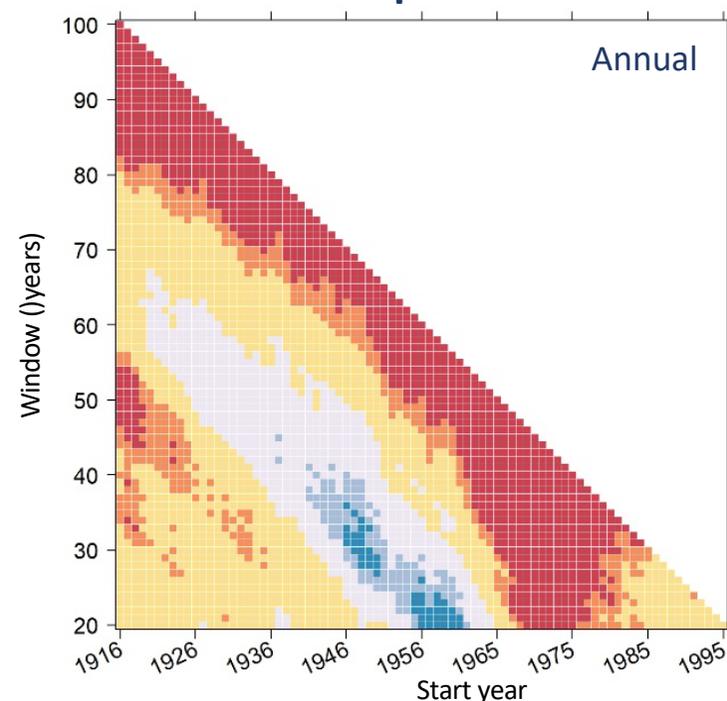
Example of graph “trend window” of annual mean temperature (1916-2015)



### Maximum temperature

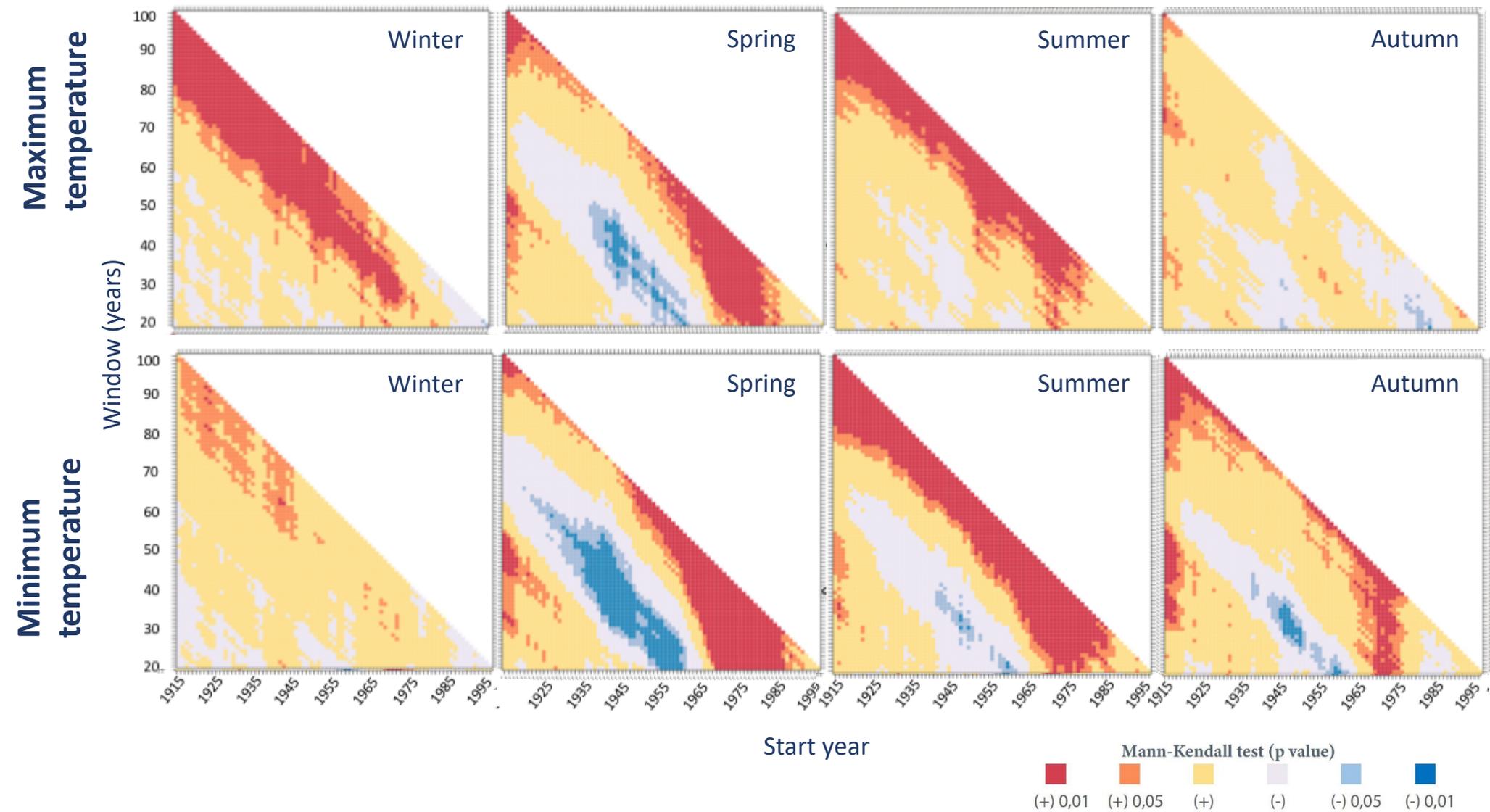


### Minimum temperature



# Results

## Seasonal trend analysis



# Summary

- There is a large amount of climate data that has not yet been recovered and that is a source of information of great interest.
- The temporal series reconstruction of climate data based on spatial interpolation allows us to benefit from all the available information and it can be updated easily.
- The analysis of the trend indicates the monthly maximum and minimum temperatures have risen in mainland Spain for 1916-2015 period.
- The trend of the monthly maximum and minimum temperatures in mainland Spain shows great differences between them, which affect to the Diurnal Thermal Range.
- There are important seasonal differences in the trends of the monthly maximum and minimum temperature in mainland Spain.

# Thanks for your attention!

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