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EXPERIENCE OF THE LIFE URBANKLIMA2050 PROYECT: CLIMATE CHANGE SCENARIOS FOR THE BASQUE COUNTRY

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INTRODUCTION & OBJECTIVE

- UrbanKlima2050 is a large-scale Integrated Life Project and the most ambitious initiative led by the Basque Country that aims to ensure the resilience of the territory through multi-level governance and climate action on the ground.
- The main objective of the UrbanKlima2050 project is to contribute to the full implementation of the Basque Climate Change Strategy 2050, developing a low-carbon and climate-resilient region by 2050.
- More details about Tecnalia participation in URBANKLIMA2050 in (Gaztelumendi et al 2022)

OBJECTIVE: to implement a bias-correction to EURO-CORDEX climate projections of **wind, humidity and radiation.**



Basque
Country

DATA & METHODOLOGY

1980-2009

EURO-CORDEX (historical)
vs.
E-OBS (v26)

**WIND (28), HUMIDITY (26)
RADIATION (7)**



**Quantile Delta
Mapping**

Jacob et al. (2014)
Costoya et al. (2020)
Ballarin et al. (2023)

EURO-CORDEX
(projections)

2011 → 2100

rcp4.5

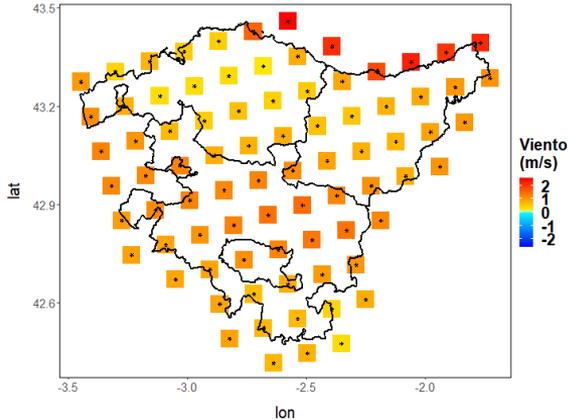
rcp8.5

**WIND (15)
HUMIDITY (11)
RADIATION (5)**

RESULTS Model - Observations (1980-2009)

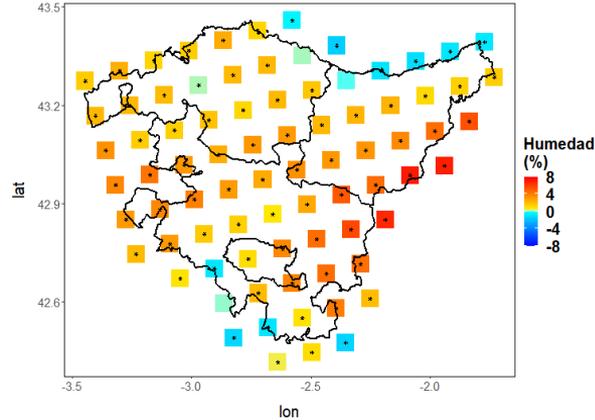
WIND

Modelo - Observaciones: 1980-2009



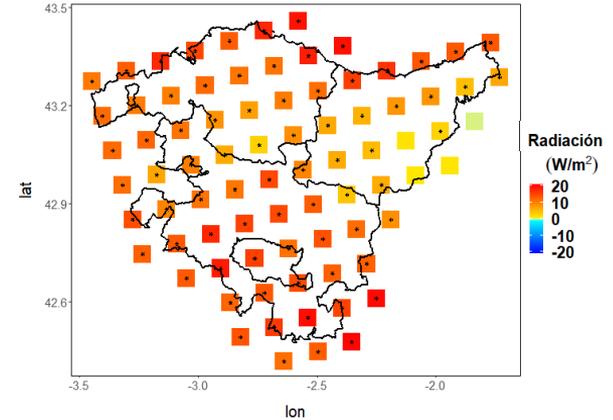
HUMIDITY

Modelo - Observaciones: 1980-2009



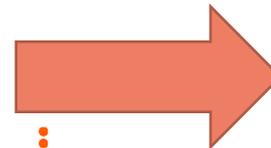
RADIATION

Modelo - Observaciones: 1980-2009



The **model** tends to **overestimate** the observations

BIAS-CORRECTION



RESULTS

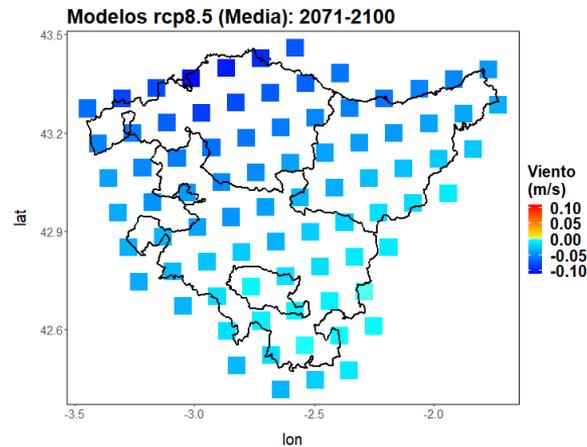
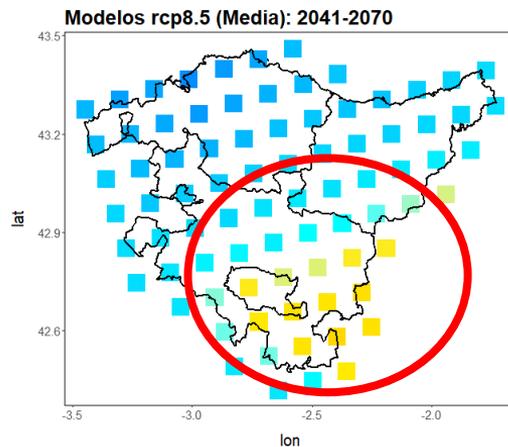
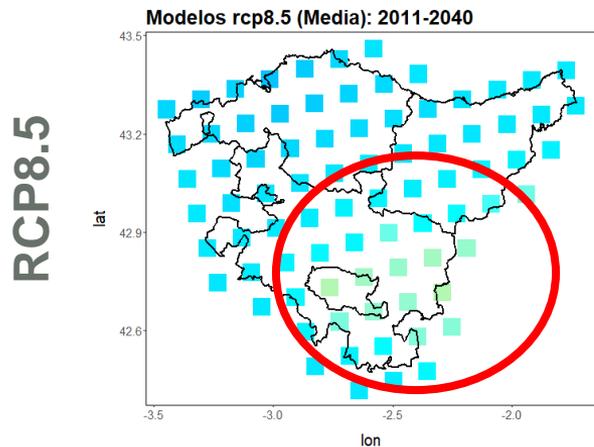
WIND

Bias-adjusted climate projections with respect to 1980-2009

2011-2040

2041-2070

2071-2100



Viento
(m/s)
0.10
0.05
0.00
-0.05
-0.10

A **downward** trend of wind intensity in the future is showed (4%)

RESULTS

WIND

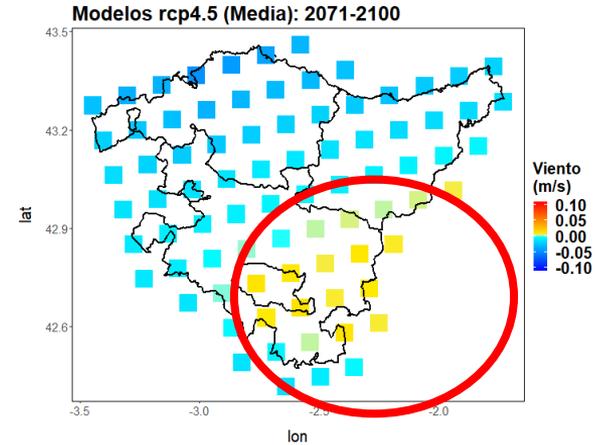
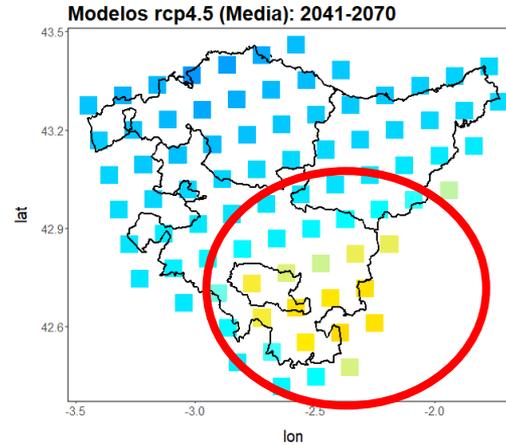
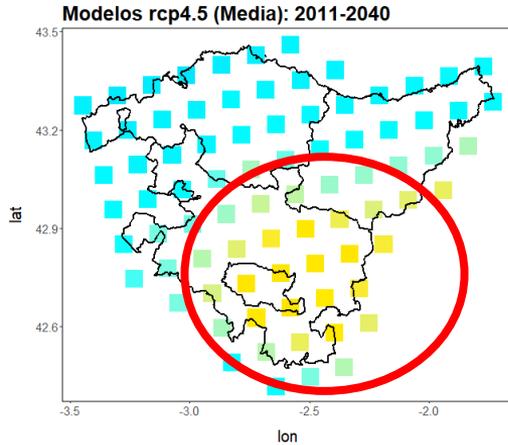
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RCP4.5



The **increase** in the south-east **persist**

RESULTS

HUMIDITY

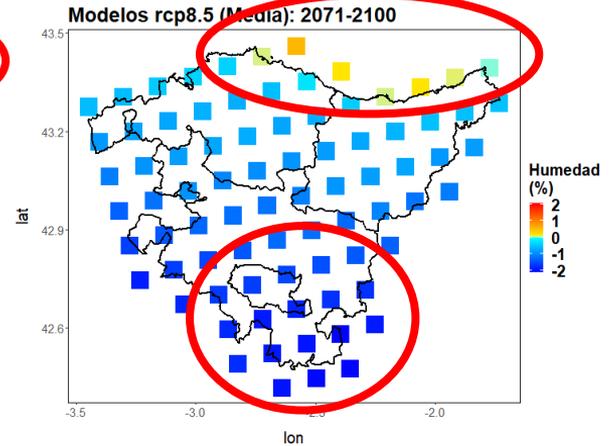
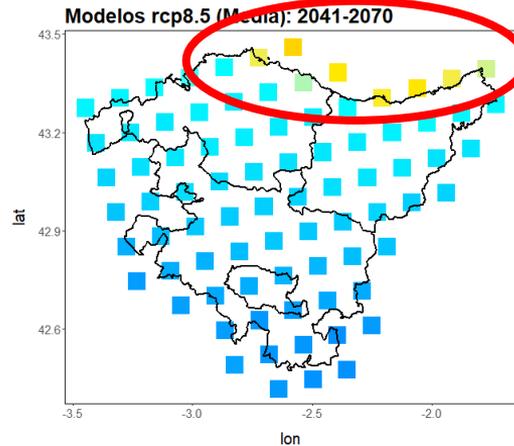
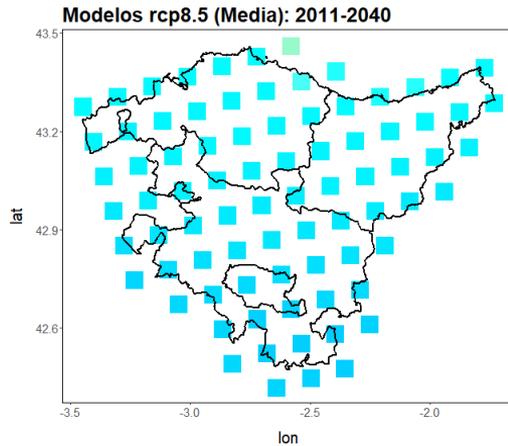
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Humidity tends to **decrease** in future projections (2%)

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HUMIDITY

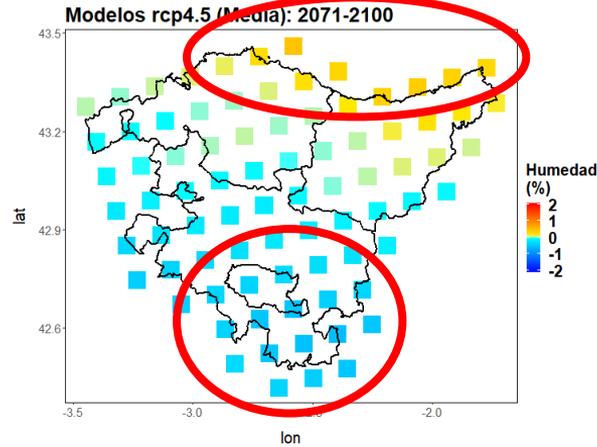
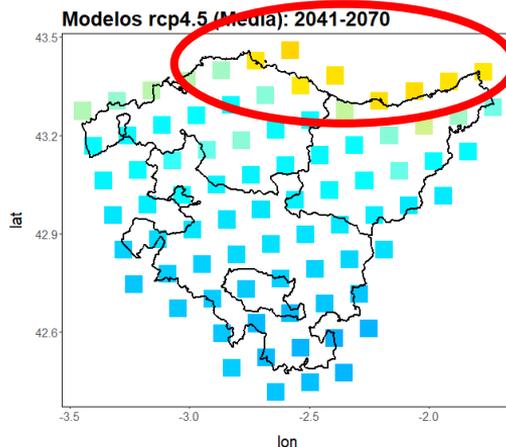
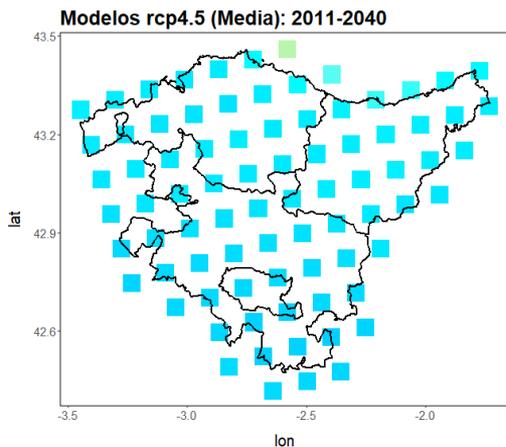
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The **same** tendency is found

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RADIATION

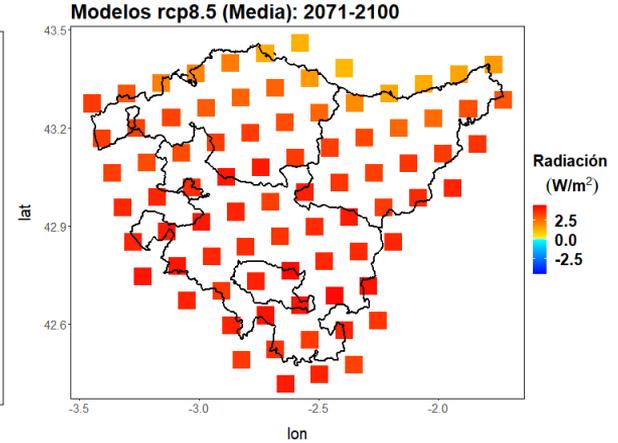
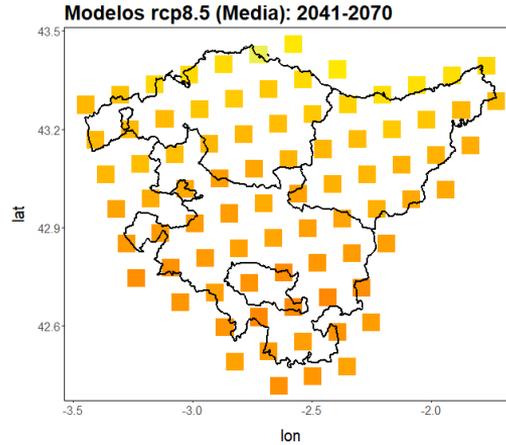
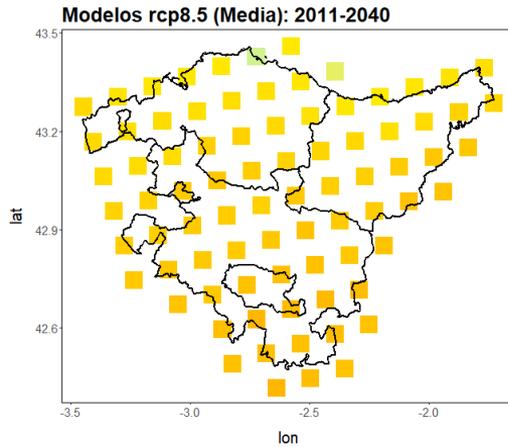
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Radiation shows a generalized **increase** in the coming decades (3%)

RESULTS

RADIATION

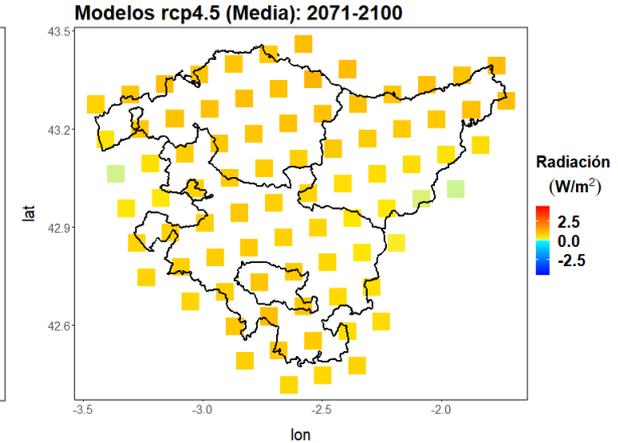
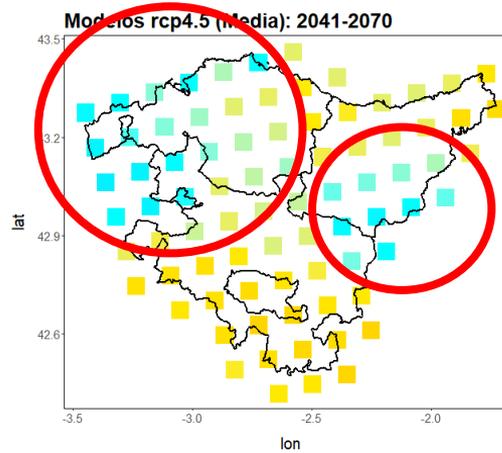
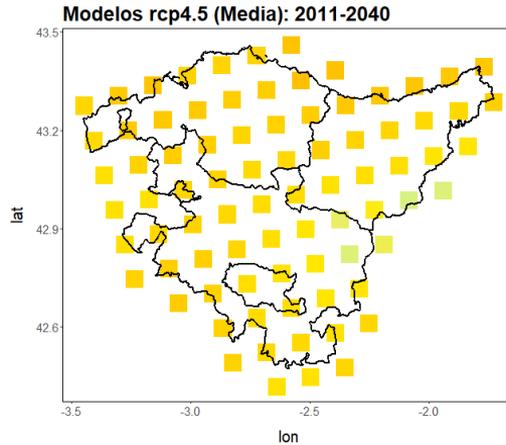
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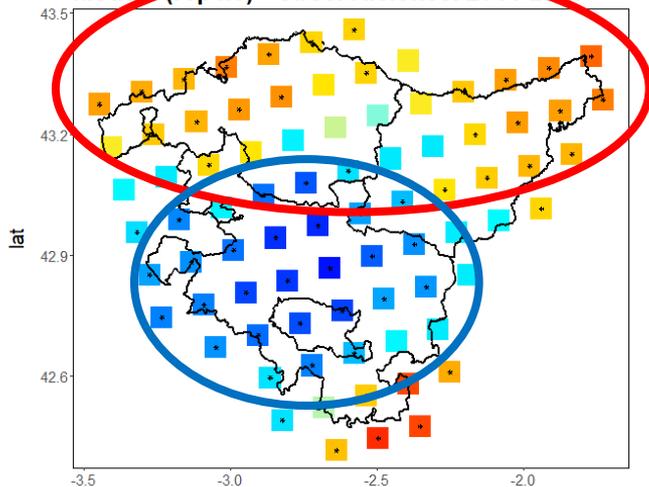


Radiation shows a slight **decrease** in the middle future
(0.2%)

VALIDATION (2011-2020)

RCP4.5

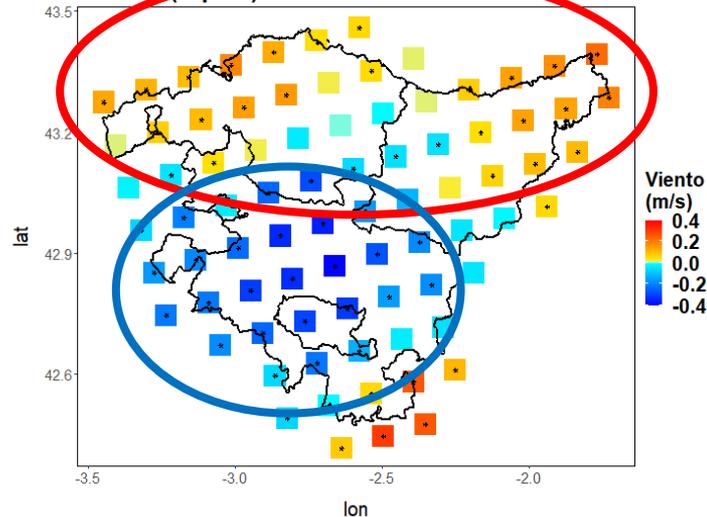
Modelo (rcp4.5) - Observaciones: 2011-2020



WIND

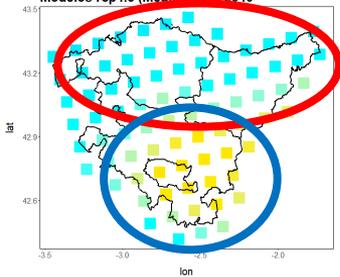
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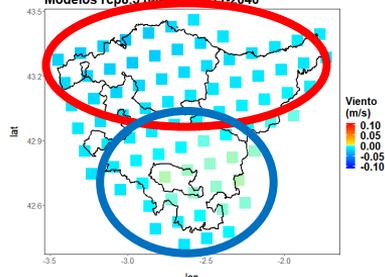


2011-2040

Modelos rcp4.5 (Media): 2011-2040



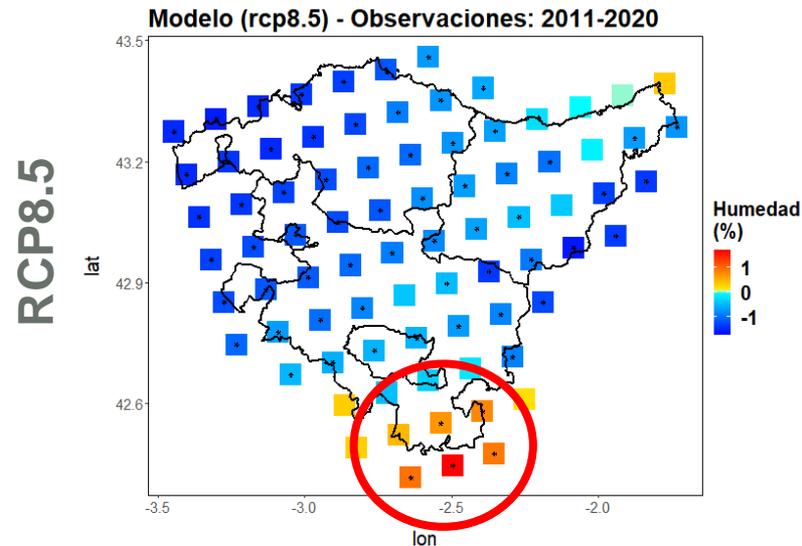
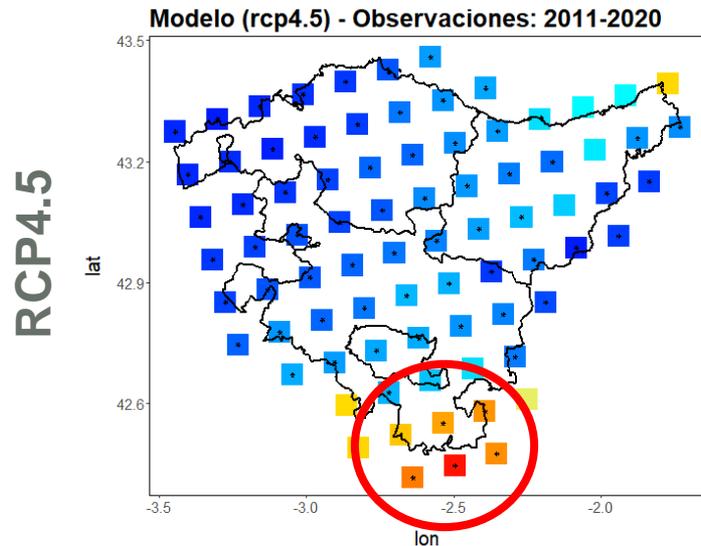
Modelos rcp8.5 (Media): 2011-2040



Models smooth the trend

VALIDATION (2011-2020)

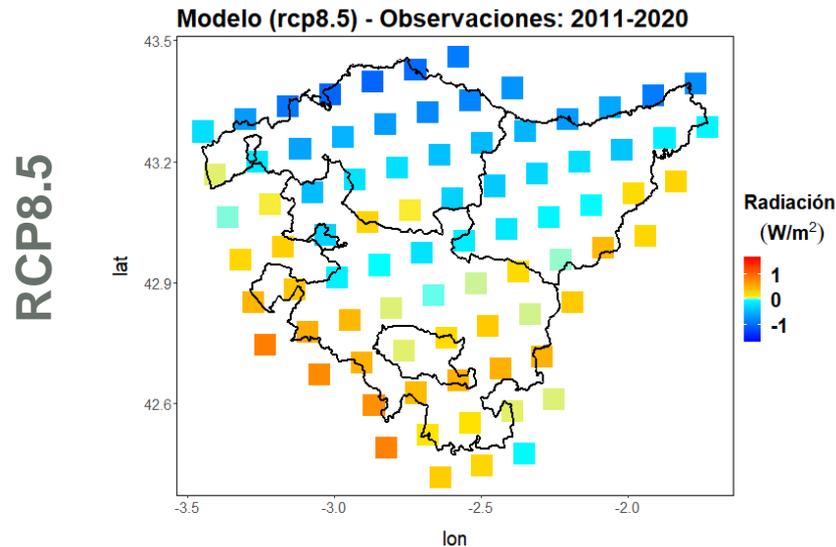
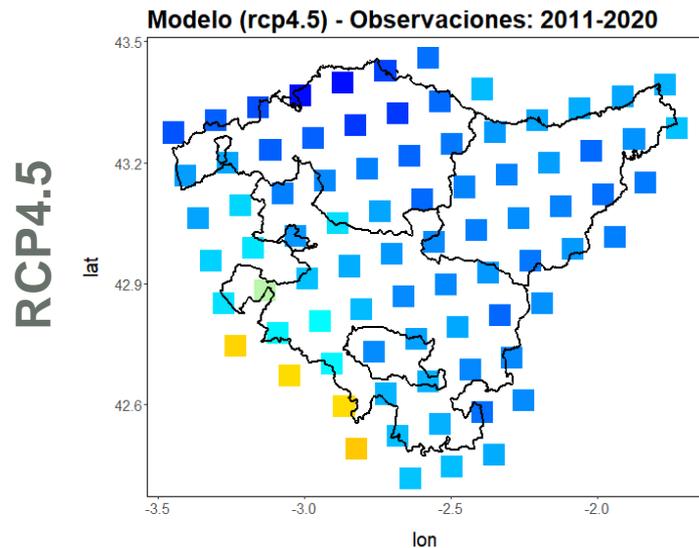
HUMIDITY



Models **underestimate** the observations in most of the region

VALIDATION (2011-2020)

RADIATION



Models **adequately** reproduce the observations

CONCLUSIONS

- **WIND:** A **downward trend** is detected over the decades. The decrease is around 4% in the distant future in the rcp8.5 scenario. In near and middle future, **in the south** a slight **increase** is showed that persists until the end of the century in the rcp4.5 scenario.
- **HUMIDITY:** A **decreased** tendency appears, specially in the south, where exceed the 2%. In the coast seems to increase around a 1% in the distant future.
- **RADIATION:** A generalized **increase** in showed. In the distant future this increase reaches the 4% in the rcp8.5 scenario. In the rcp4.5, in the **middle future**, a slight **decrease** is showed in **some areas**.

FUTURE WORK will be focused on the creation of high-resolution grid (1 km).

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