

# Long-term Trends of Land Surface Temperature over Europe derived from a daytime normalized AVHRR Time Series

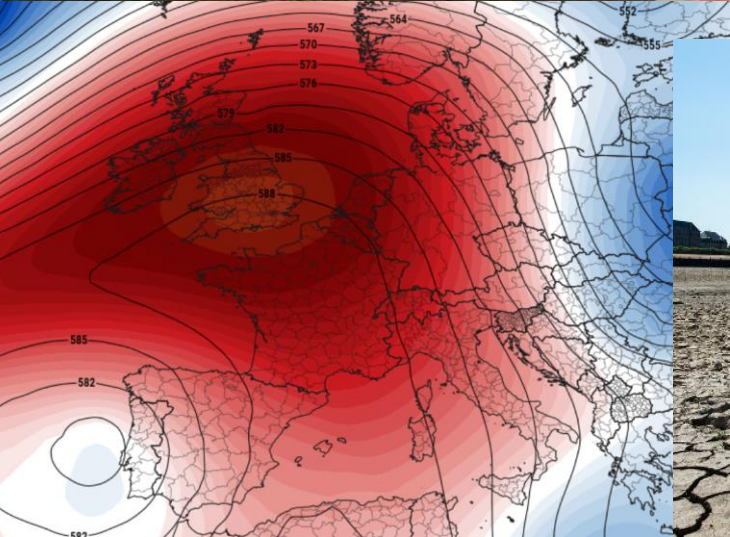
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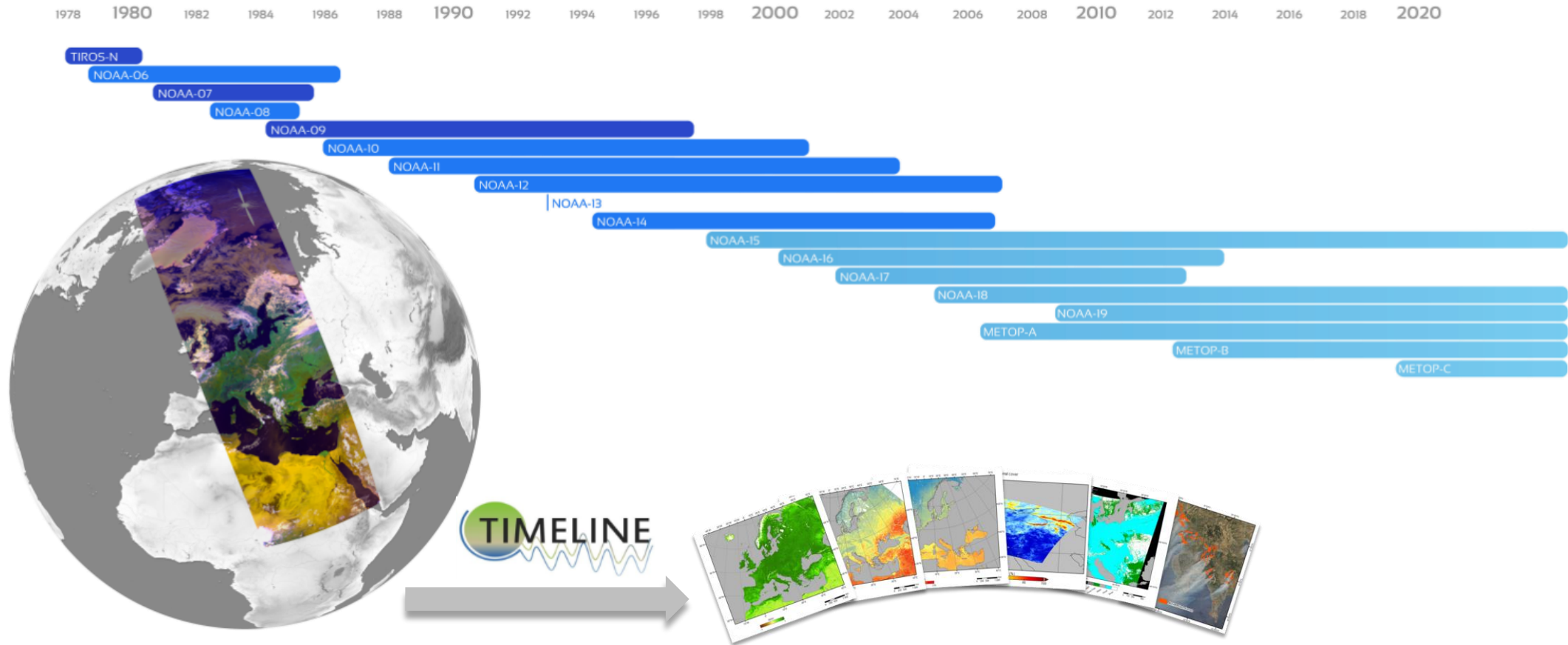
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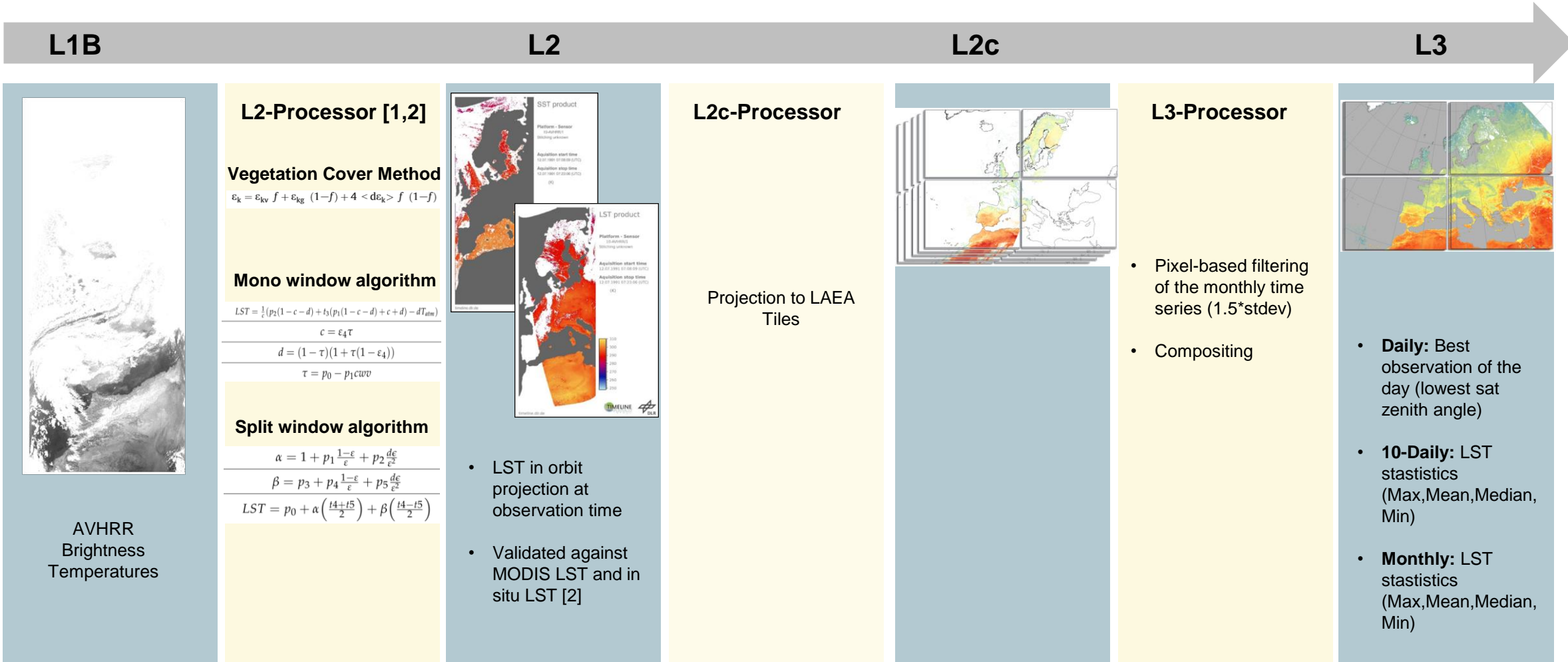


# The TIMELINE Project – Geophysical Products over Europe from ~40 Years of AVHRR Data



- **Sensors:** AVHRR-1 (4 Channels), AVHRR-2 (5 Channels) & AVHRR-3 (6 Channels) onboard NOAA 7 - 19 [integrated] and MetOp-A, -B, & -C [being integrated]
- **Resolution:** 1 km (LAC + HRTTP data)
- **Coverage:** Europe and North Africa

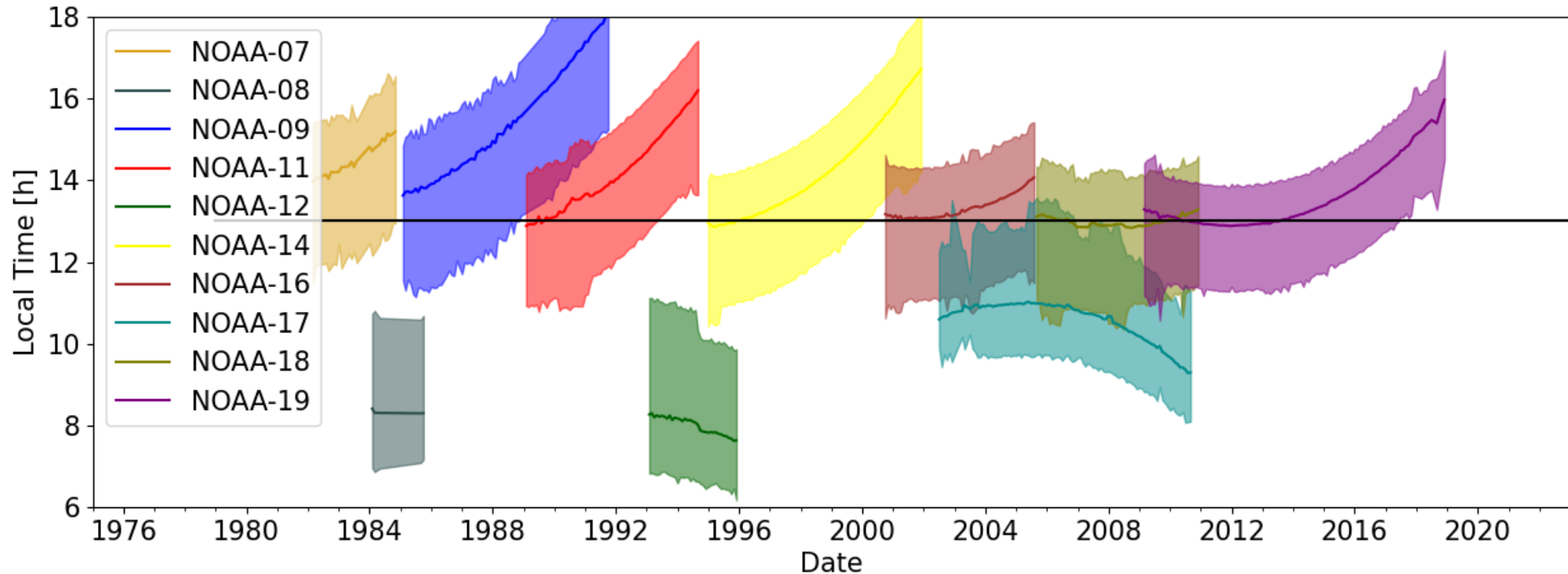
# TIMELINE LST Product Generation Overview



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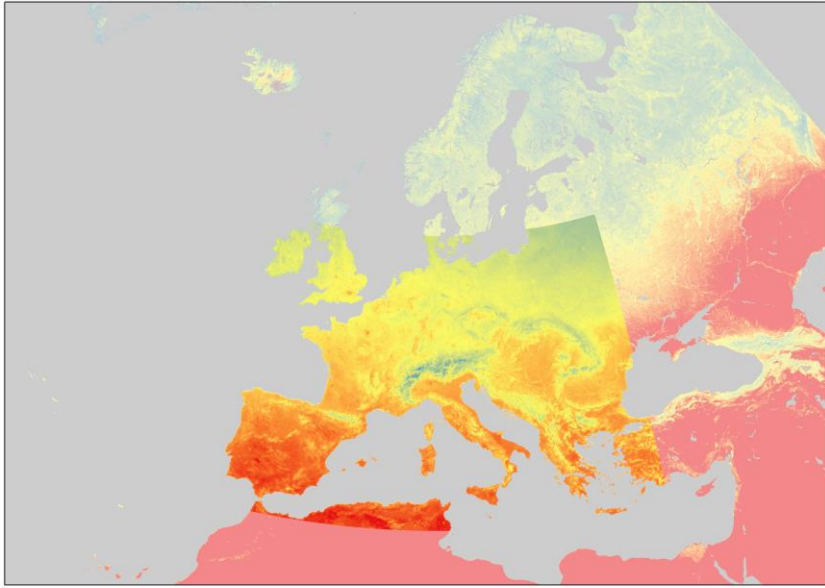
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# Challenge for LST Time Series: AVHRR Orbit Drift



AVHRR observation times over Europe

# Fusion of SEVIRI continuous LST with AVHRR LST



Available Area for diurnal LST cycles from SEVIRI

- LST model parameters derived from SEVIRI LST by Sismanidis et al (2021)
- 1 km resolution Dataset containing the annual LST cycle parameters (ACPs) on a pixel level for every 30 min interval of the day

➔ Can be used to calculate gap free LST in 30 min resolution

$$\Delta LST_1 = LST_{SEVIRI}(13h, doy) - LST_{SEVIRI}(t_1, doy)$$

$$\Delta LST_2 = LST_{SEVIRI}(13h, doy) - LST_{SEVIRI}(t_2, doy)$$

$$\Delta LST = \Delta LST_1 + (t - t_1) * \frac{\Delta LST_2 - \Delta LST_1}{t_2 - t_1}$$

$$LST_{AVHRR}(13h) = LST_{AVHRR}(t) + 0.75 * \Delta LST$$

$LST_{AVHRR}(t)$  : AVHRR LST at observation time

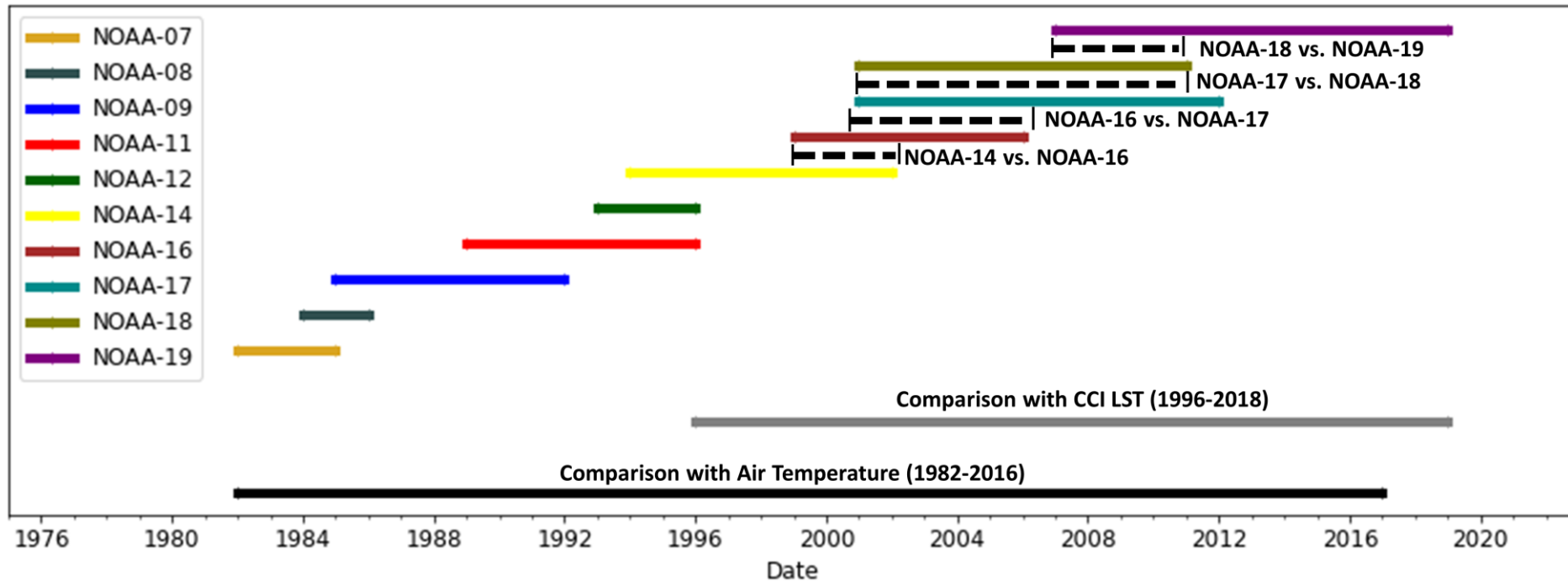
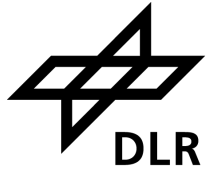
$LST_{AVHRR}(13h)$  : AVHRR LST at 13h

$LST_{SEVIRI}(t_1, t_2)$  : Modelled SEVIRI LST at nearest times to t

$LST_{SEVIRI}(13h)$  : SEVIRI LST at 13h

doy = day of the year

# Validation of the Daytime Normalized AVHRR LST

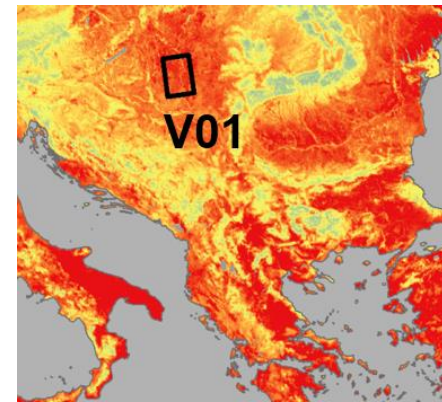


Cross Validation with „Same Day Observations“ from different platforms

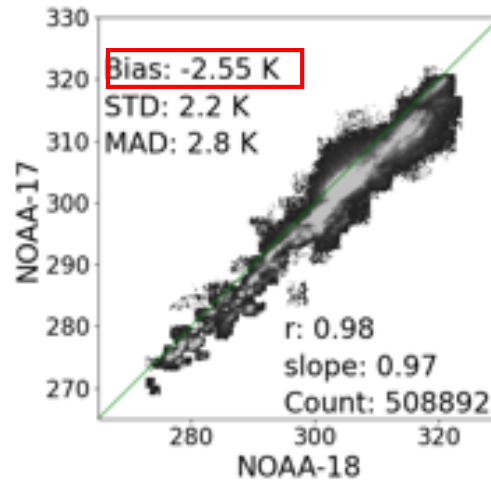
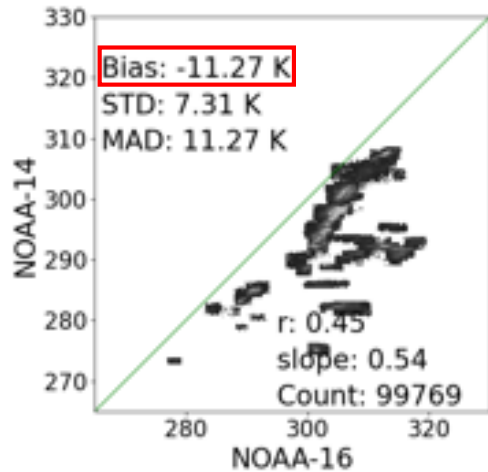
Time Series Comparison with Daily CCI LST (1996-2018)

Time Series Comparison with EUSTACE Air Temperature Data (1982-2018)

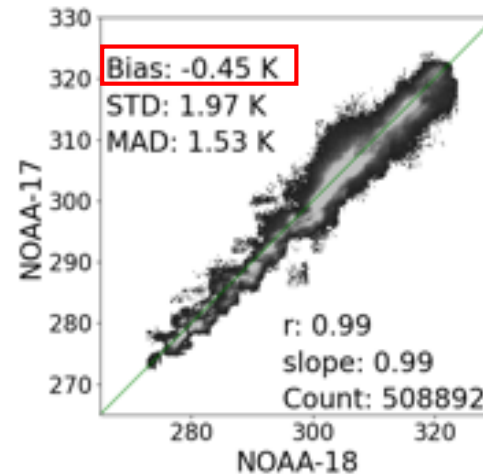
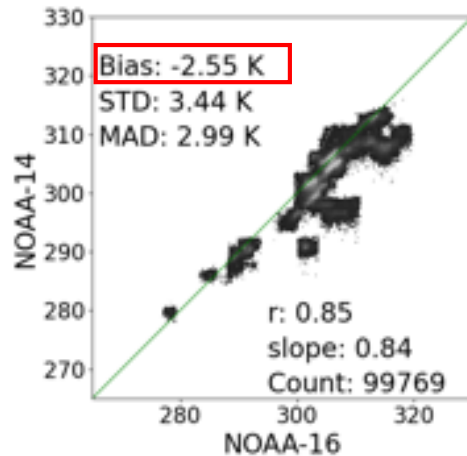
# Results for the Cross Platform Validation for Hungarian Plane (V01)



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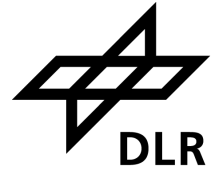
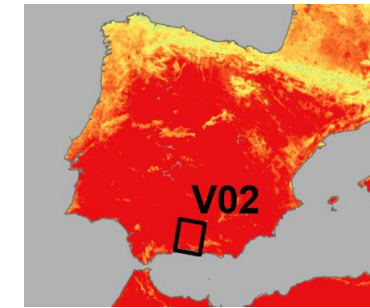


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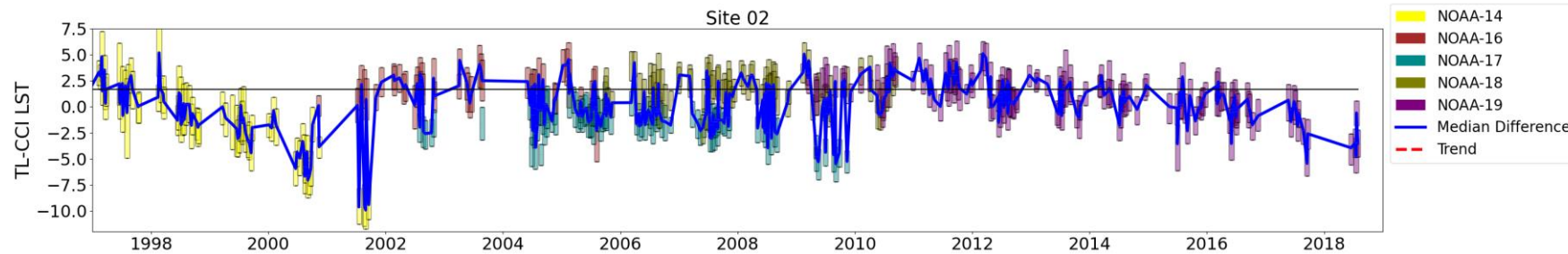




# Results for the Comparison with CCI LST for Southern Spain (V02)

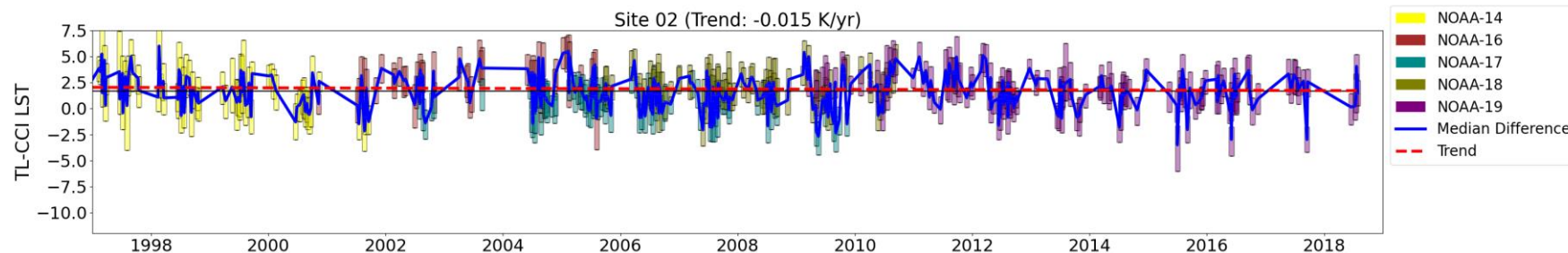


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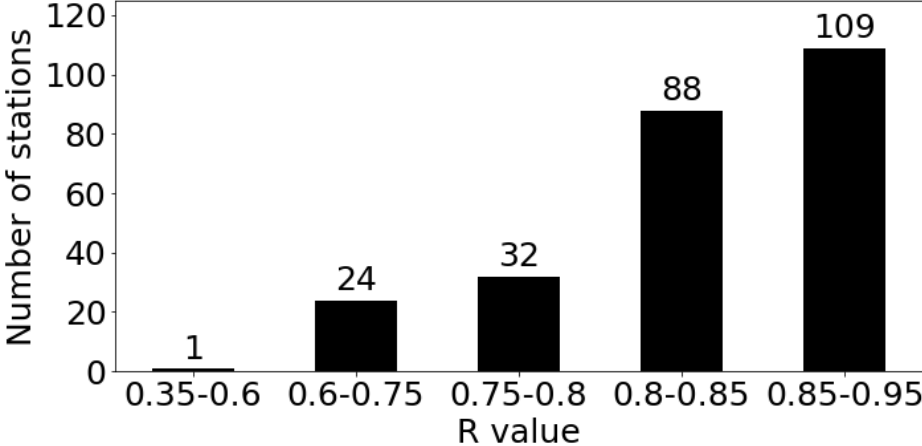
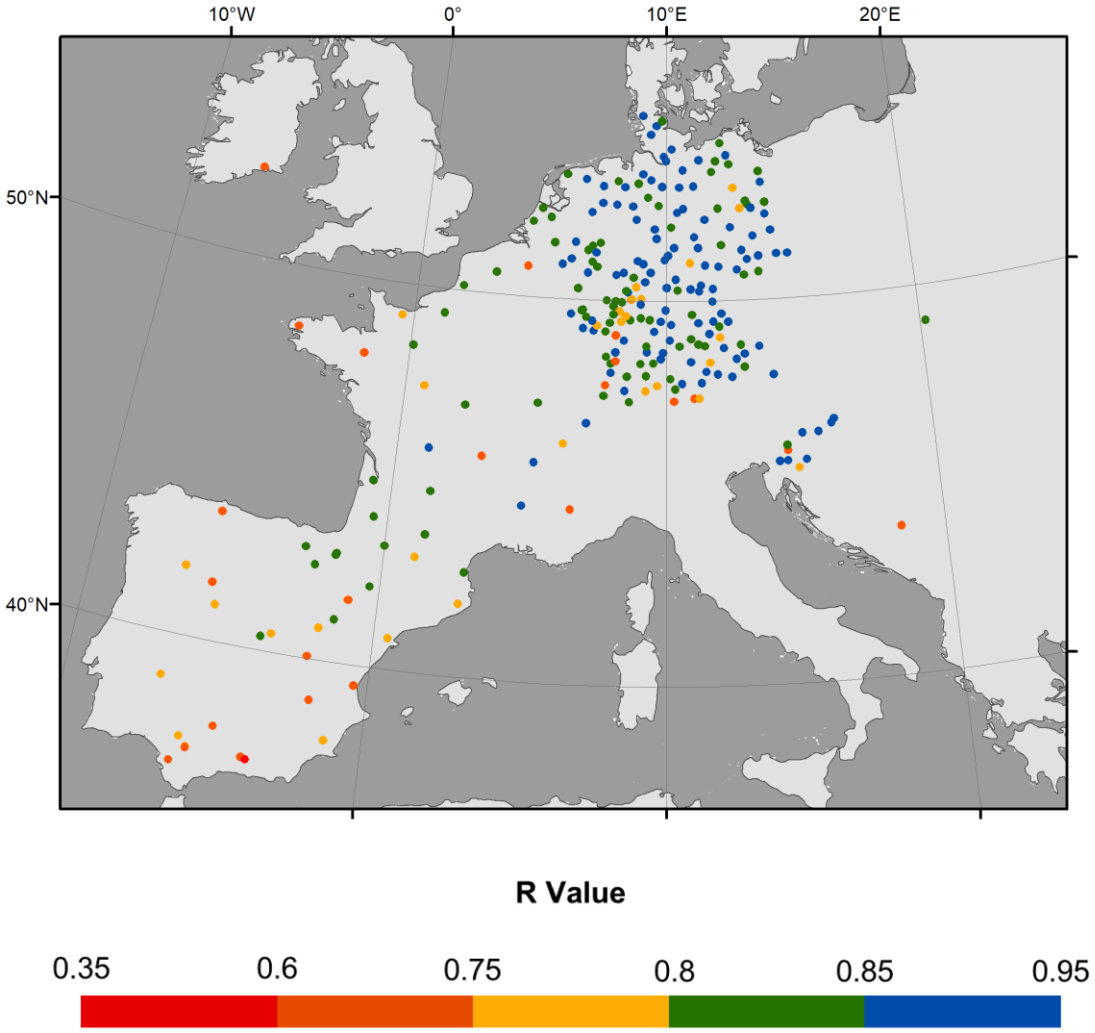
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|-------|------|-------|
| -1.39 | 2.94 | n.s.  |

## After Correction

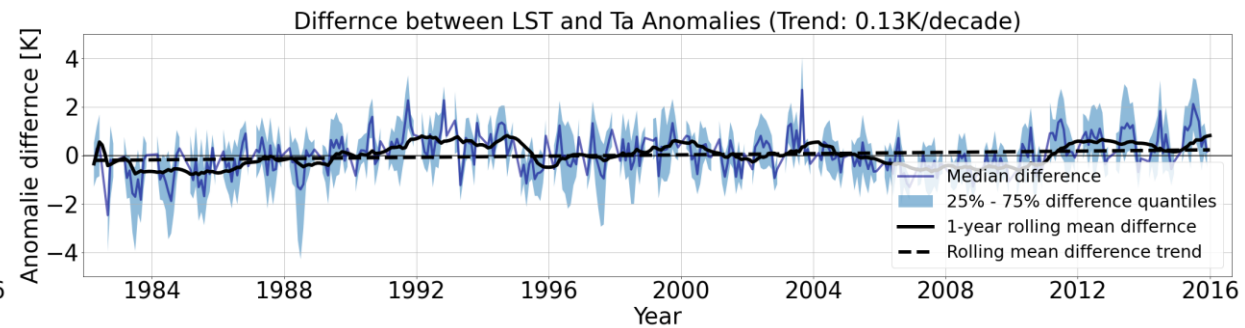
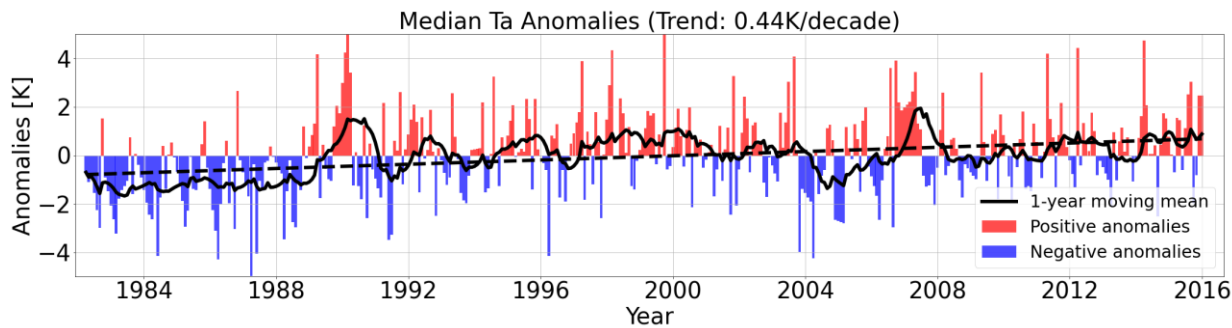
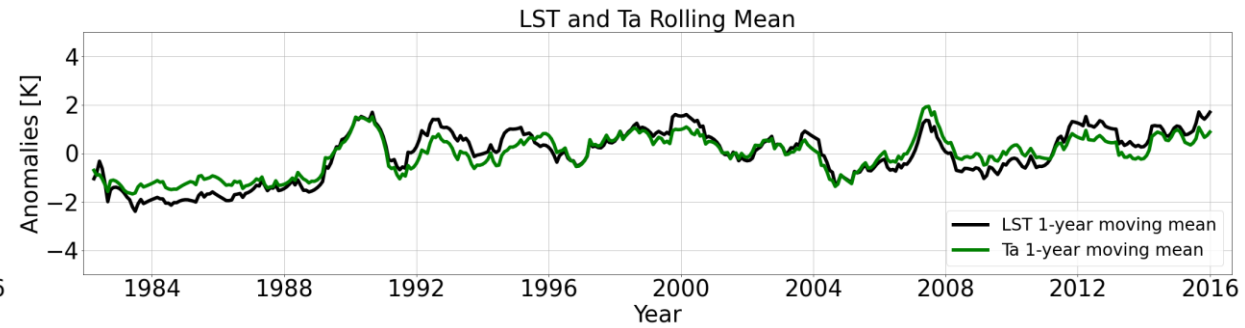
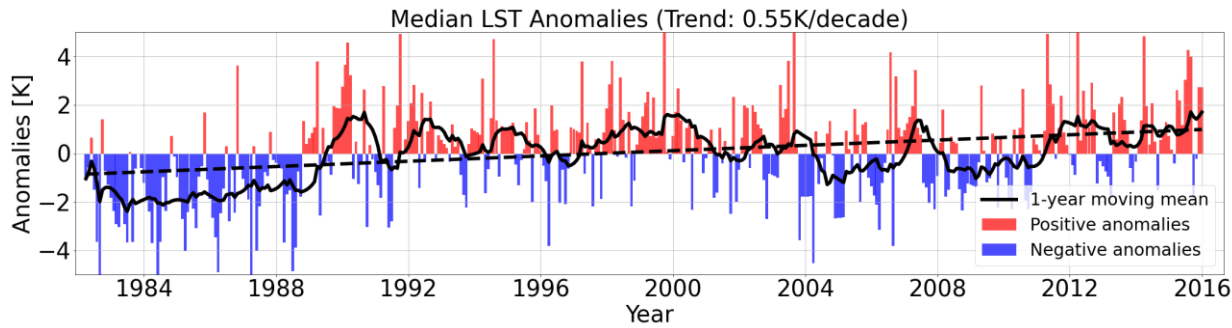
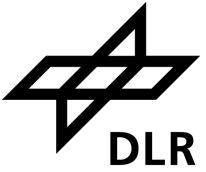


| Bias  | MAD | Trend  |
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| -0.11 | 2.5 | -0.016 |

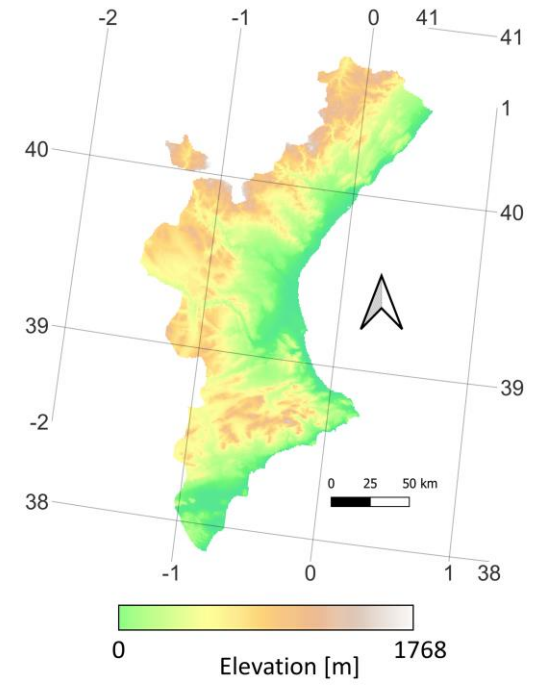
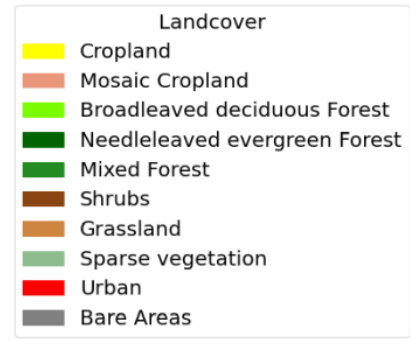
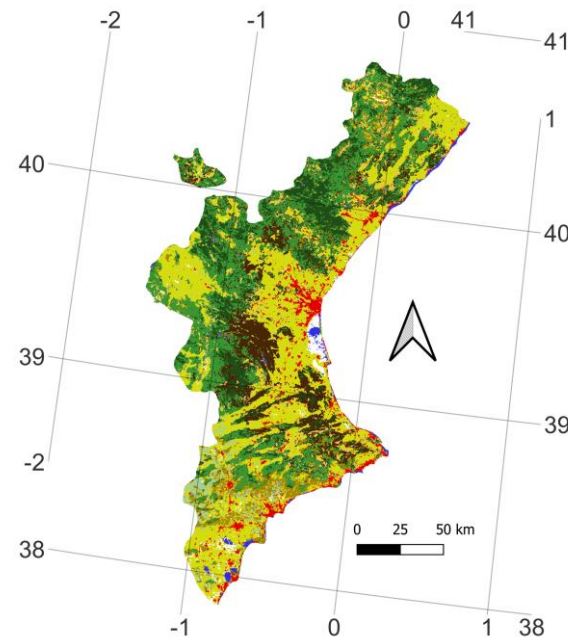
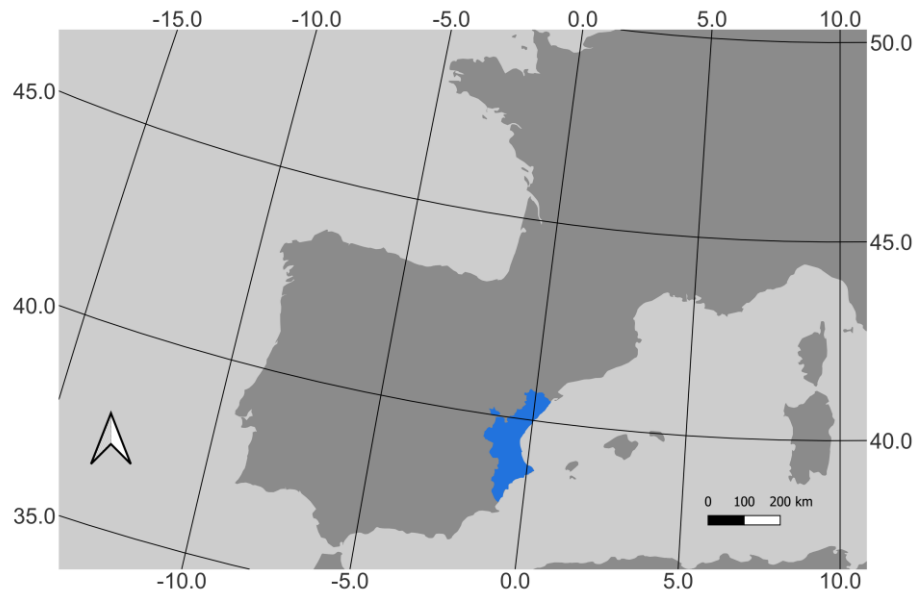
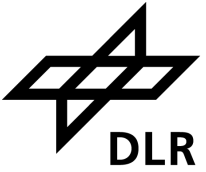
# Correlation between LST and Air Temperature Anomalies (1982-2018)



# Time Series Comparison between LST and Air Temperature

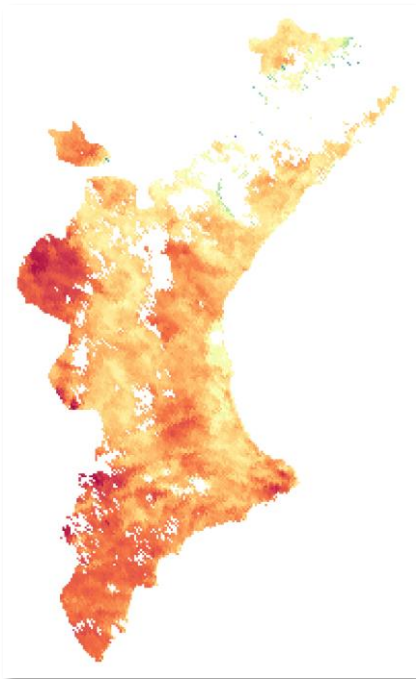


# Example Study Area: Valencia Community

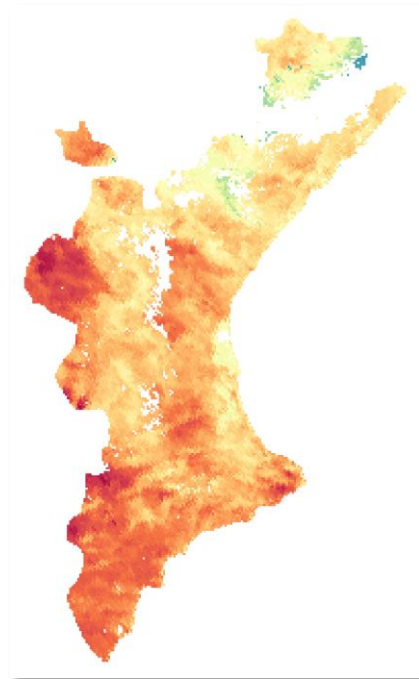


# Filling of Cloud Gaps on the 10-daily Products

10-daily maximum  
LST

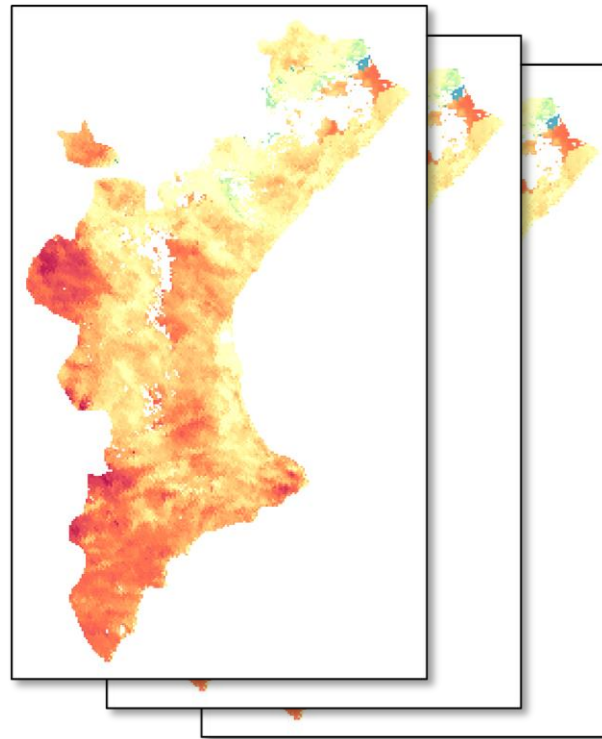


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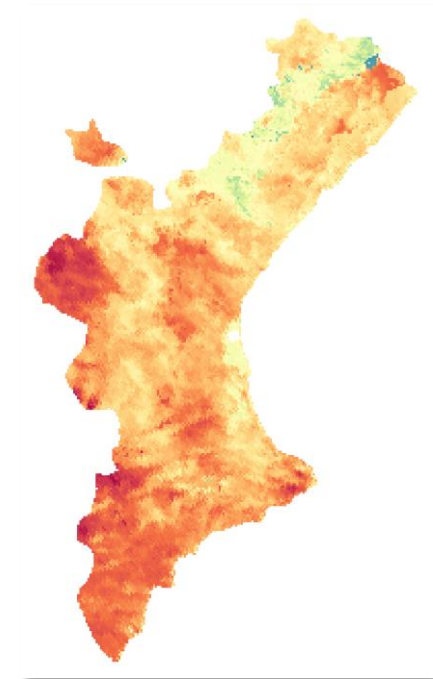
Filled with values within a 10x10 window with similar NDVI and elevation

2. Temporal Filling



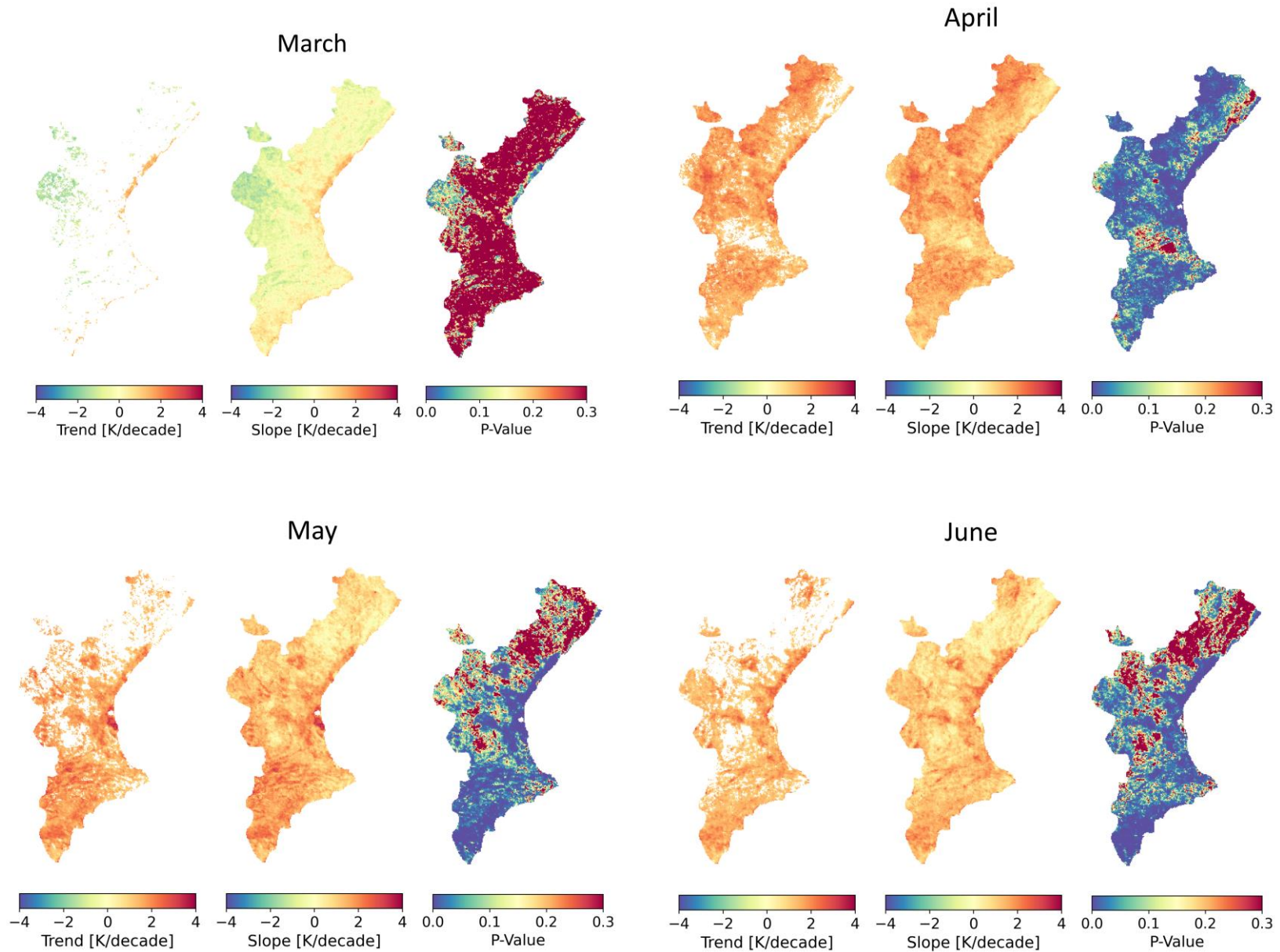
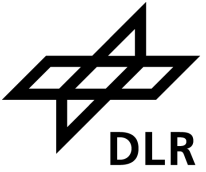
Interpolated between the 10-daily product before and after

3. Random Forest Regression Filling

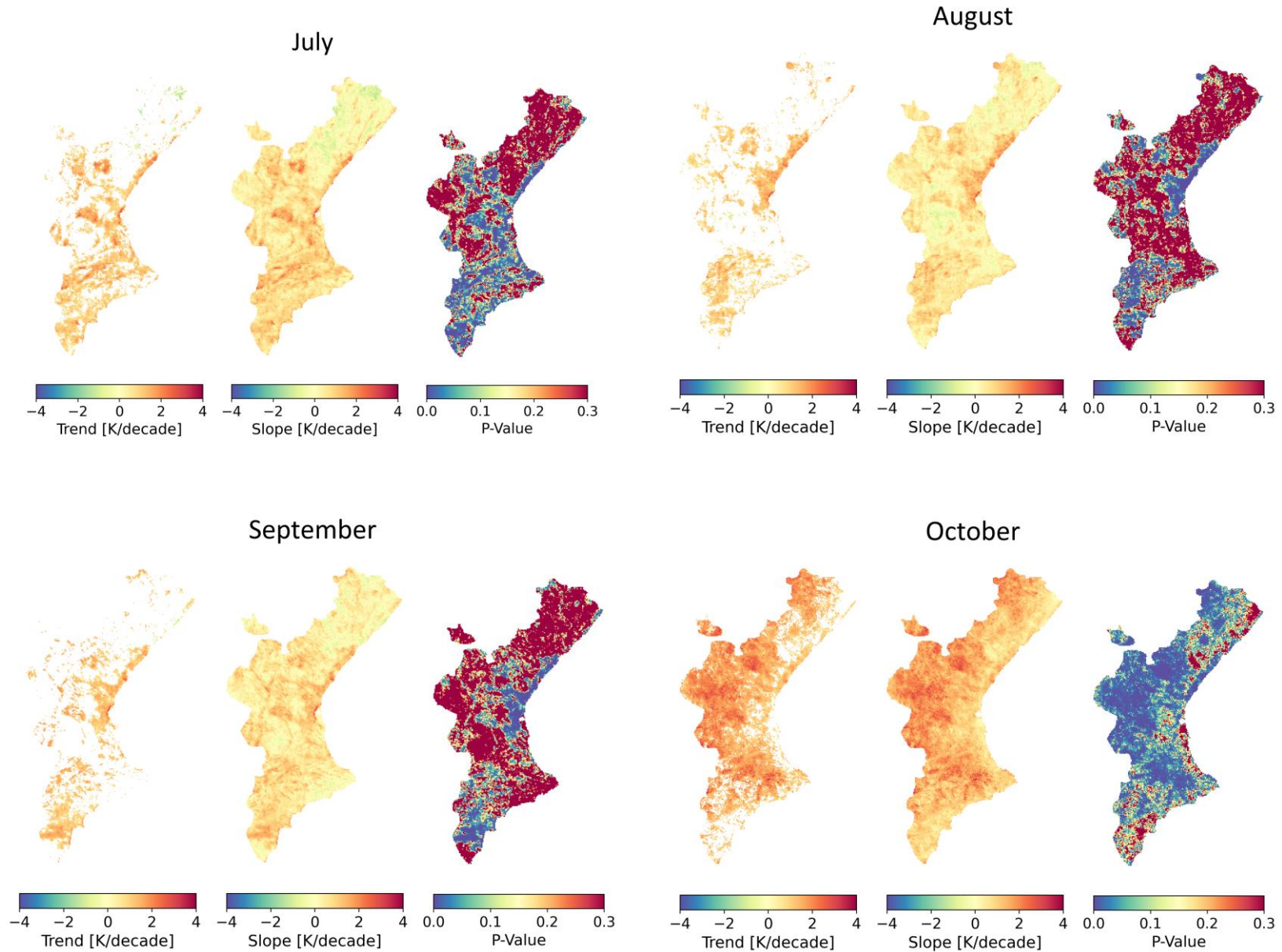
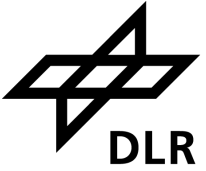


Based on 10-daily longterm climatology, NDVI and elevation

# Monthly Maximum LST Trends (1982-2018)



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# Summary and Outlook



- ✓ Harmonized the spectral response curves of the different NOAA satellites
  - ✓ Implemented the correction for emissivity, sensor view angle and water vapor content
  - ✓ Validated the instantaneous (Level 2) LST with in situ measurements and MODIS LST
  - ✓ Implemented and validated an orbit drift correction by using LST Annual Cycle Parameters (ACPs) from geostationary data
  - ✓ Created a long-term daily maximum LST time series (1982-2018) as well as 10-daily and monthly products
- ⚙️ Extend the LST time series by incorporating latest NOAA-19 and MetOp data
  - ⚙️ Further compare the AVHRR LST time series and the LST trends to other available long-term LST sources (e.g. ERA land, CCI products)
  - ⚙️ Extend the LST trend analysis to other regions in Central and Southern Europe
  - ⚙️ Extend the LST time series by incorporating latest NOAA-19 and MetOp data
  - ⚙️ Combine analysis with other variables from the TIMELINE product suite (NDVI, Hot Spot/Burnt Area)



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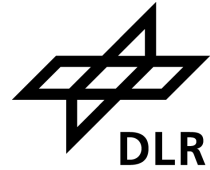


(Frey et. al., 2017)

Article  
First Analyses of the TIMELINE AVHRR SST Product: Long-Term Trends of Sea Surface Temperature at 1 km Resolution across European Coastal Zones



(Reiners et. al., 2024)



Article  
Validation of AVHRR Land Surface Temperature with MODIS and in situ LST—A TIMELINE Thematic Processor



(Reiners et. al., 2021)

Fusing AVHRR LST with geostationary SEVIRI LST to create a long-term daily Maximum LST Time Series over Europe

(Reiners et. al., under review)

Review  
Satellite-Derived Land Surface Temperature Dynamics in the Context of Global Change—A Review



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