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# Monthly gridded datasets for temperature and precipitation over Slovenia

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# Outline

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- Interpolation challenges
- Input data density and distribution
- Methodology and results

# Geographical facts



- Area : 20273 km<sup>2</sup>
- Complex terrain:  
0–2864 m a.s.l.

# Climate of Slovenia

- Diverse Climate
- Influence of three major climate types

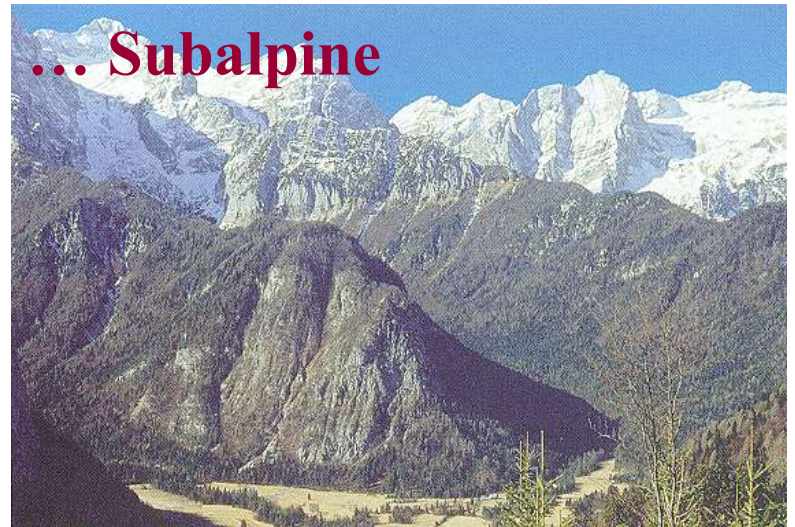
**Continental ...**



**... Submediterranean ...**



**... Subalpine**

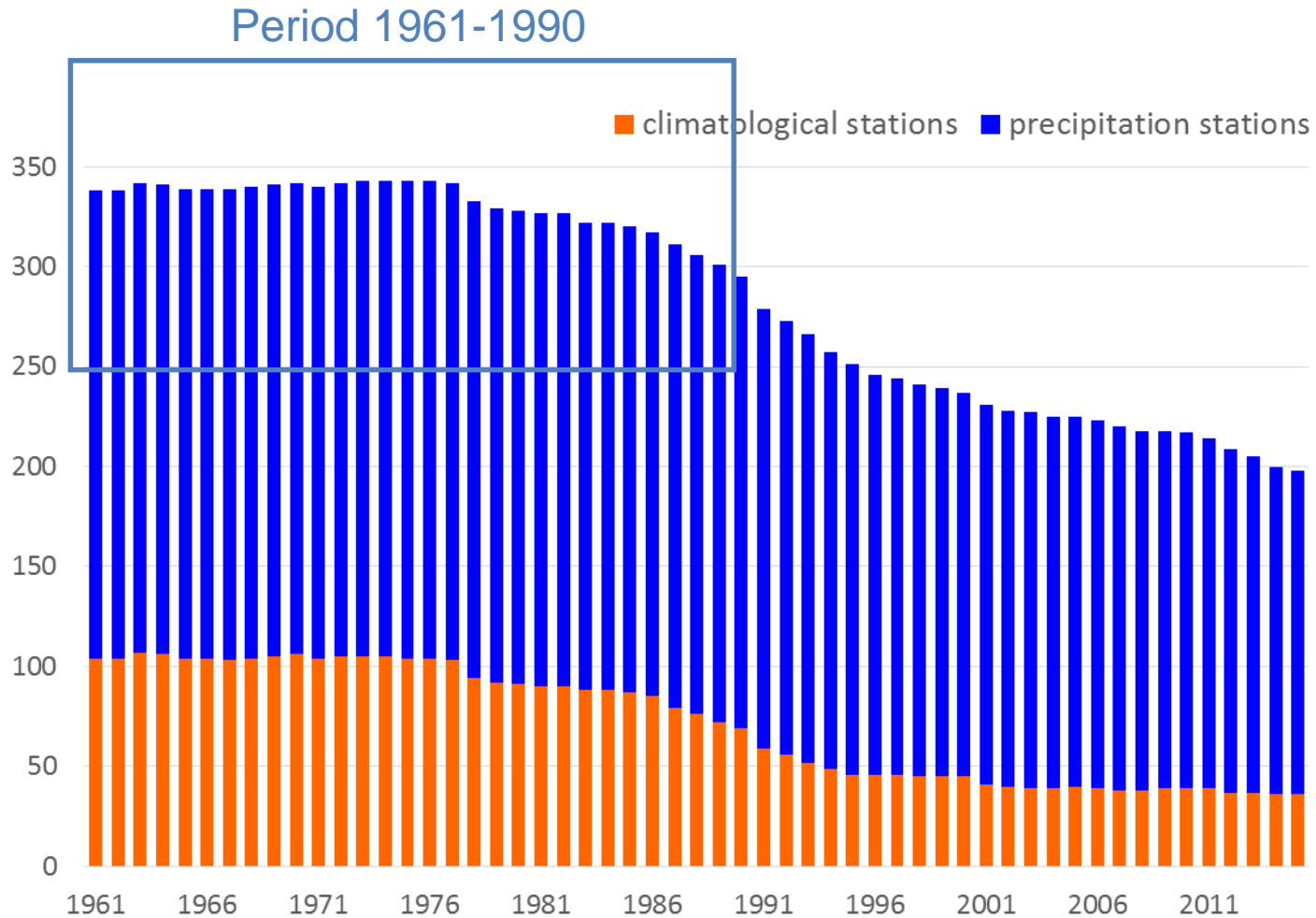


# Monthly gridded dataset

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- The aim: the production of monthly homogenous spatial dataset
- **How to ensure consistency and homogeneity over time**
- **How to address high spatial variability in 1 km resolution**

# High variability in data density over time

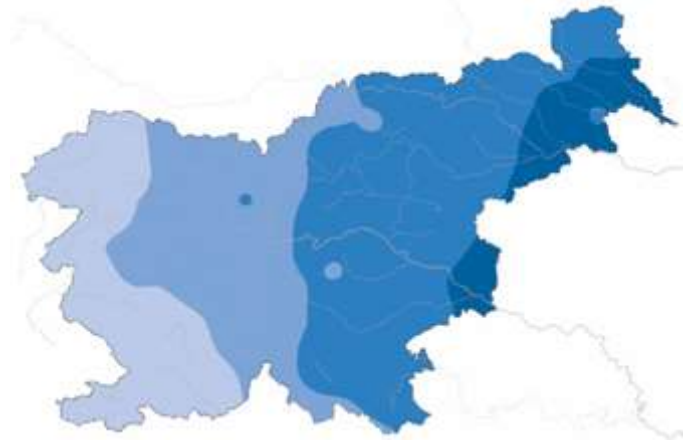
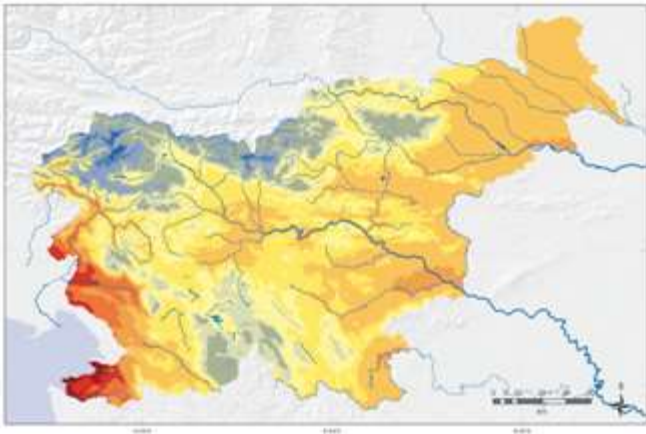


# Methodology

Temperature signal

← Climate normals

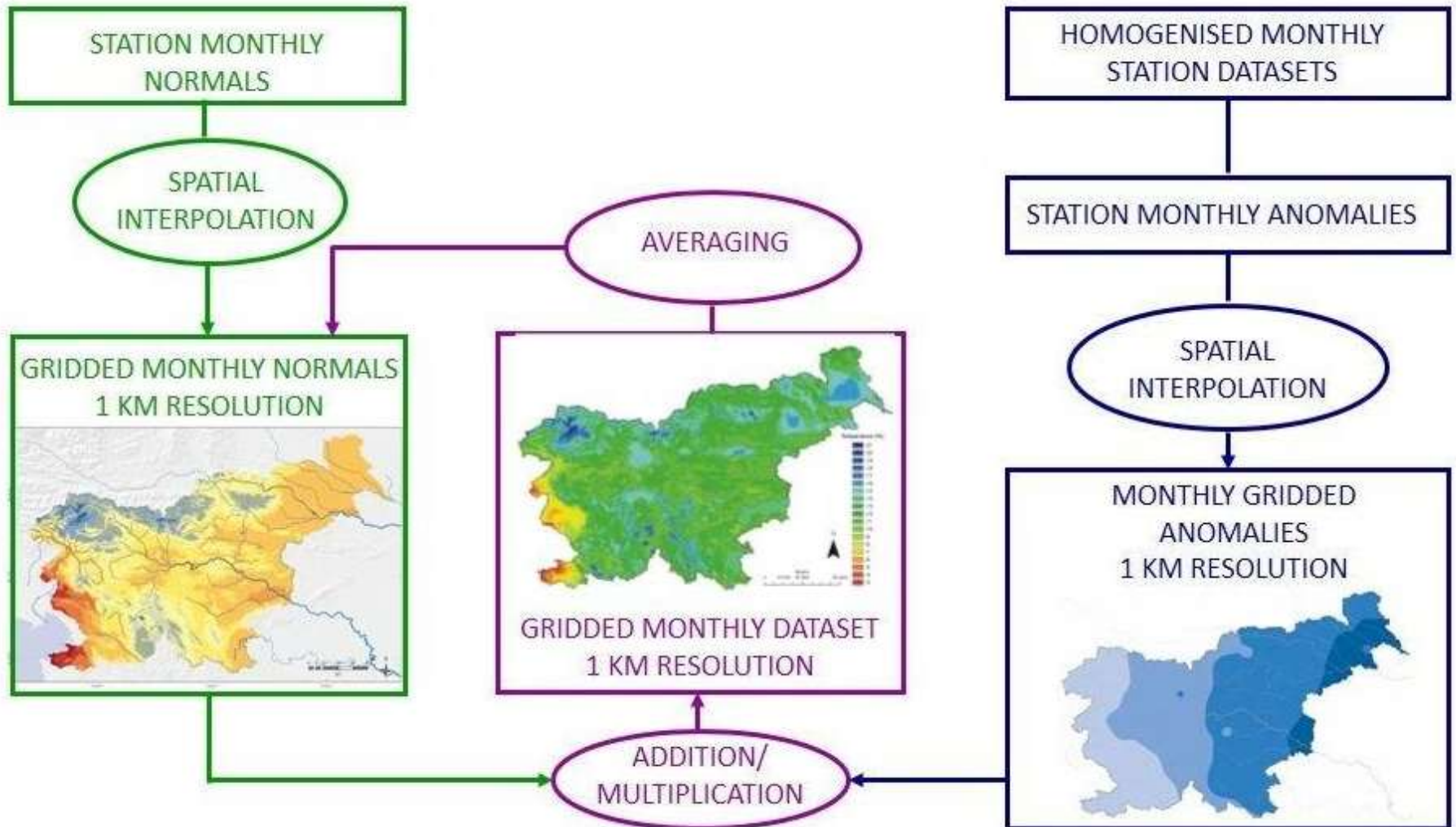
→ Anomalies



- Strongly linked to local geographical characteristics
- Very high spatial variability

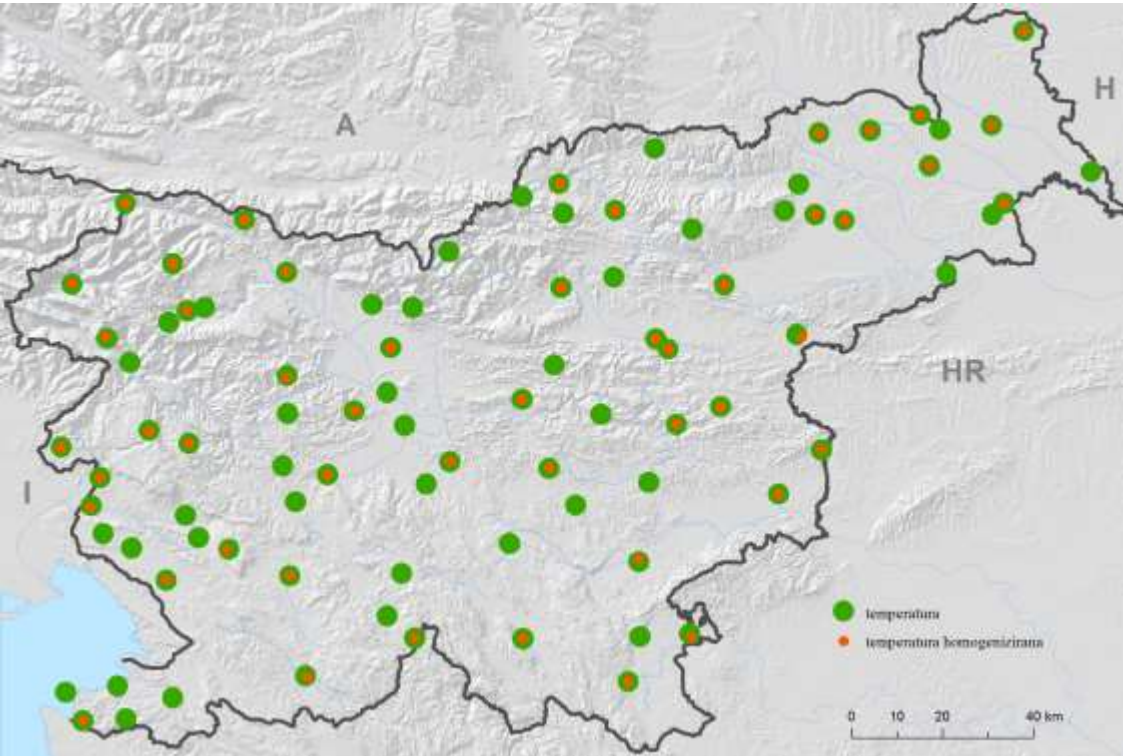
- Climate variability and change signal
- Higher spatial coherence

# Methodology





# Spatial interpolation of temperature - data

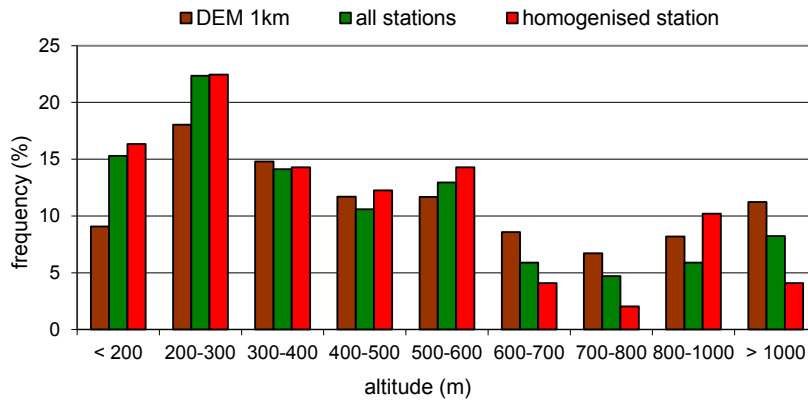


## NORMALS:

- All available data (15 years)
- 89 quality controlled stations
- Adaptation to the reference period using correlation with neighboring stations

## ANOMALIES:

- 49 homogenised monthly datasets



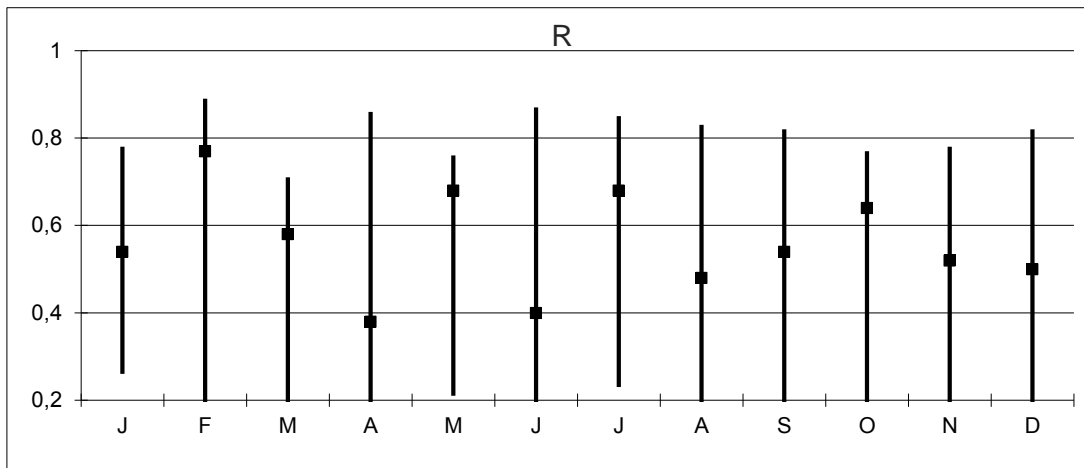
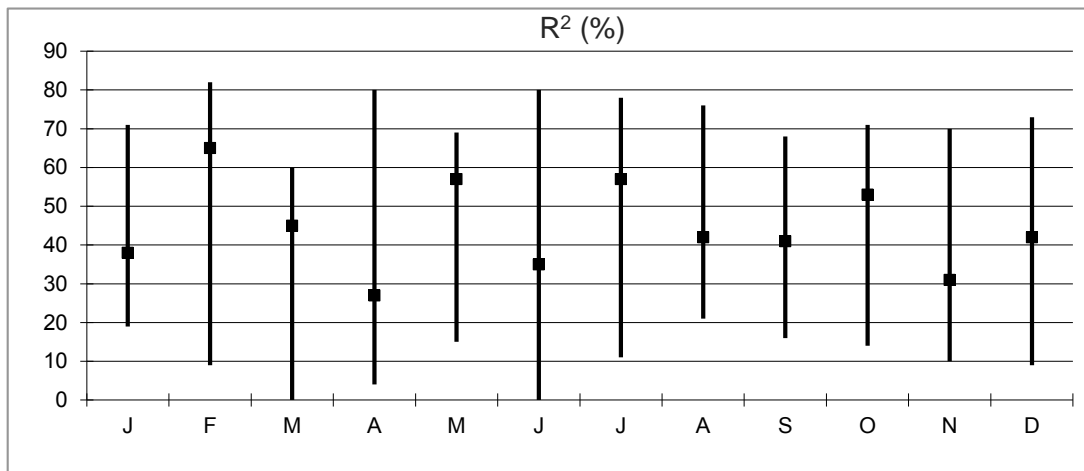
# Spatial interpolation of temperature normals

Residual kriging:  $MMTA = f(x, y, x^2, y^2, xy, z)$  with backward regression analysis

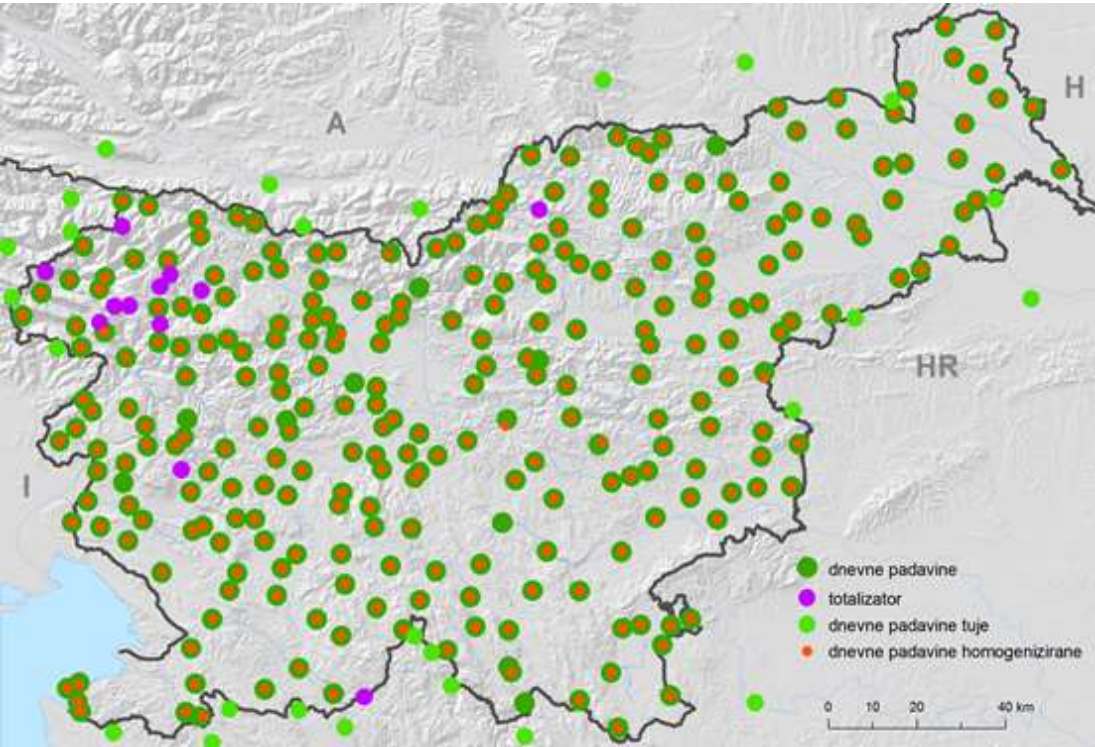
Month	Regression analysis		Cross validation
	Explanatory variables	R <sup>2</sup> (%)	R
Jan	x, x <sup>2</sup> , y <sup>2</sup> , z	81	0.89
Feb	x, x <sup>2</sup> , xy, z	79	0.90
Mar	x, y, x <sup>2</sup> , y <sup>2</sup> , z	84	0.92
Apr	x, y, x <sup>2</sup> , y <sup>2</sup> , xy, z	88	0.95
May	x, y, x <sup>2</sup> , y <sup>2</sup> , xy, z	90	0.98
Jun	x, y, x <sup>2</sup> , y <sup>2</sup> , xy, z	92	0.96
Jul	x, y, x <sup>2</sup> , y <sup>2</sup> , xy, z	91	0.97
Aug	x, y, x <sup>2</sup> , y <sup>2</sup> , xy, z	92	0.96
Sep	x, x <sup>2</sup> , y <sup>2</sup> , xy, z	90	0.95
Oct	x, y, x <sup>2</sup> , y <sup>2</sup> , z	86	0.94
Nov	x, x <sup>2</sup> , y <sup>2</sup> , xy, z	88	0.90
Dec	x, x <sup>2</sup> , y <sup>2</sup> , z	83	0.91

# Spatial interpolation of temperature anomalies

- Residual kriging:  $MMTA = f(x, y, x_2, y_2, xy, z)$  with backward regression analysis
- High variability of statistical scores



# Spatial interpolation of precipitation - data

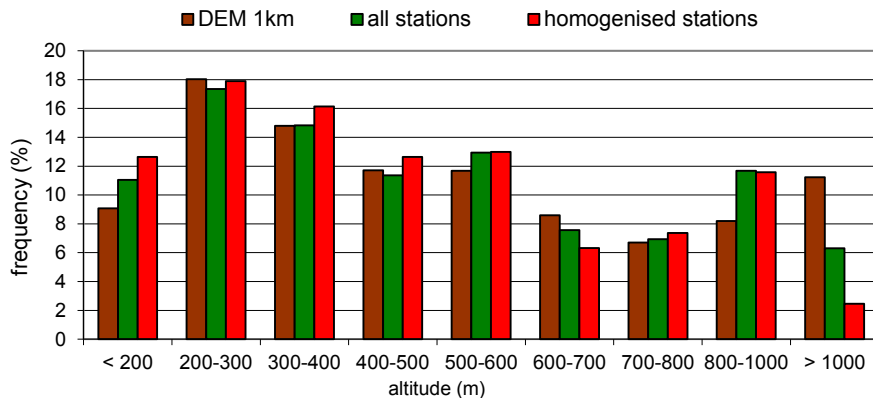


## NORMALS:

- All available data (15 years)
- 319 quality controlled stations (daily precipitation and totalizer)
- Adaptation to the reference period using correlation with neighbouring stations

## ANOMALIES:

- 267 homogenised monthly datasets



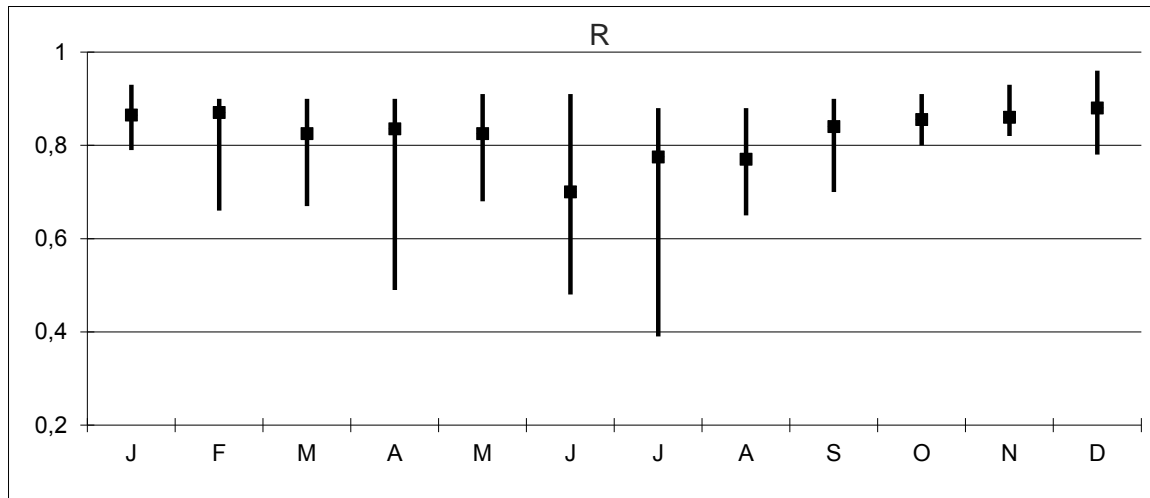
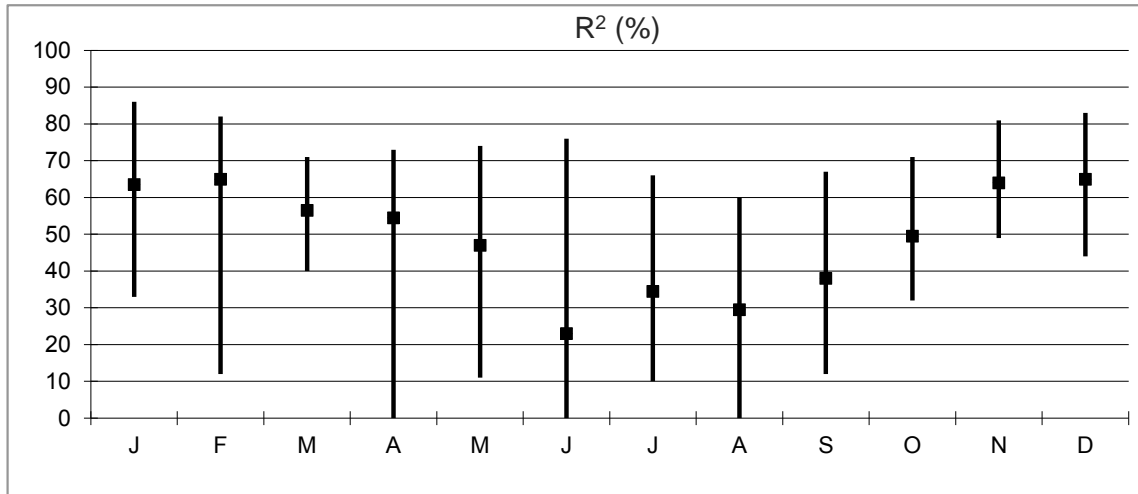
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Month	Regression analysis		Cross validation
	Explanatory variables	R <sup>2</sup> (%)	R
Jan	x, y, x <sup>2</sup> , zNE, z	68	0.89
Feb	x, y, x <sup>2</sup> , xy, z	59	0.82
Mar	x, y, x <sup>2</sup> , xy, zNE, z	60	0.85
Apr	x, y, x <sup>2</sup> , y <sup>2</sup> , xy, z	69	0.91
May	x, y, x <sup>2</sup> , y <sup>2</sup> , xy, z	68	0.90
Jun	x, y, x <sup>2</sup> , y <sup>2</sup> , xy, z	64	0.86
Jul	y, x <sup>2</sup> , y <sup>2</sup> , xy, z	68	0.84
Aug	x, y, x <sup>2</sup> , y <sup>2</sup> , xy, z	60	0.78
Sep	x, x <sup>2</sup> , zNE, z	65	0.91
Oct	x, y, x <sup>2</sup> , xy, zNE, z	67	0.91
Nov	x, y, x <sup>2</sup> , y <sup>2</sup> , xy, zNE, z	65	0.85
Dec	x, y, x <sup>2</sup> , xy, zNE, z	61	0.92

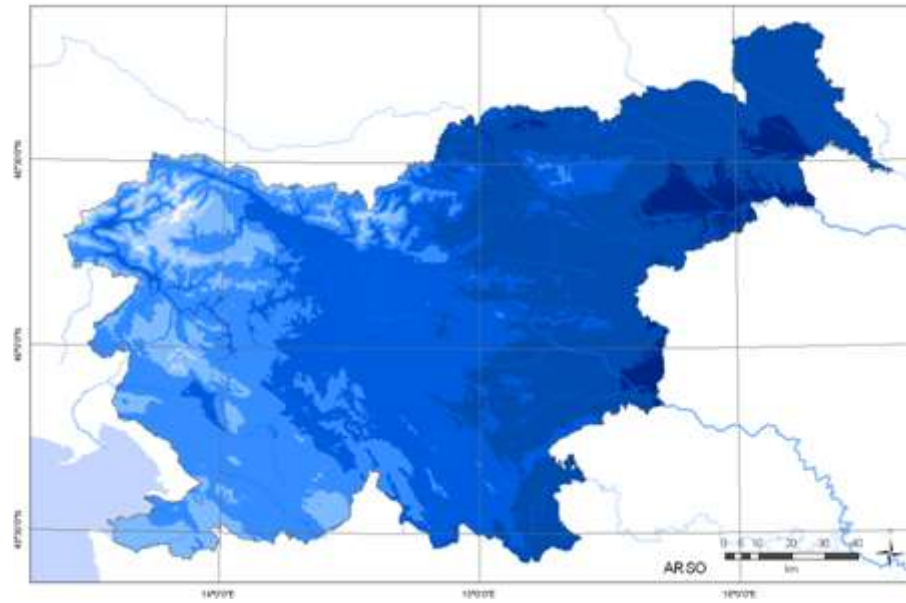
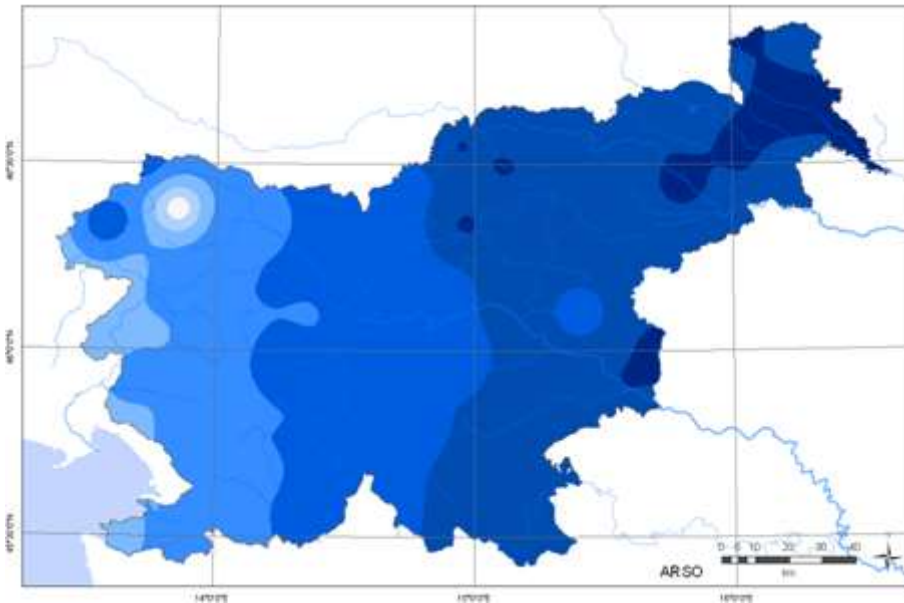
# Spatial interpolation of precipitation anomalies

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# Spatial interpolation of anomalies

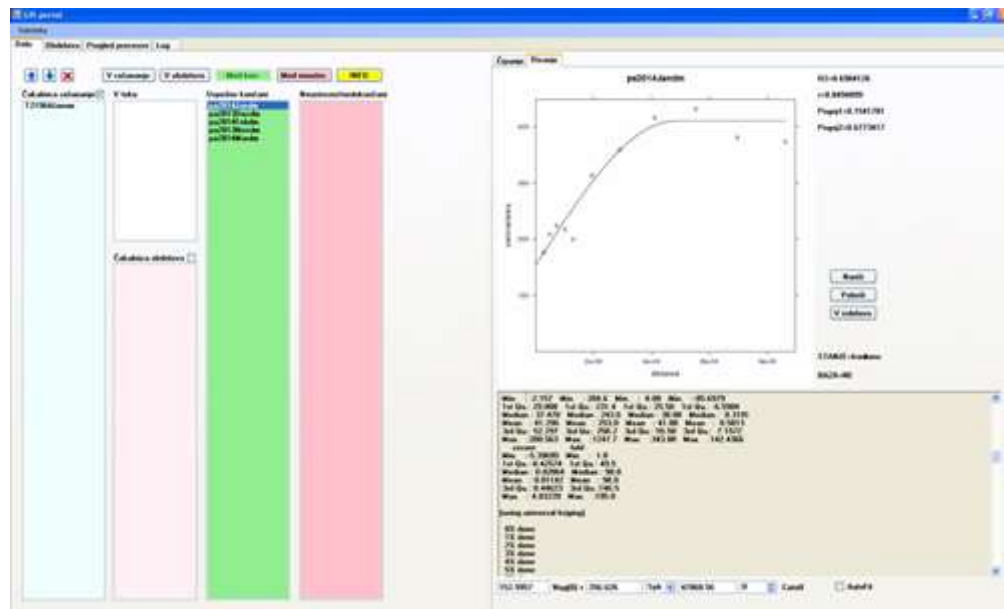
- Inclusion of elevation (z) is important!
- Dangerous because of very small number of measurements for temperature
- Measure for elevation inclusion in regressional analysis:  
Correlation coefficient  $> 0.5$



# High resolution monthly temperature climatology for Slovenia

Semi-automatic system based on:

- VBA (interface)
- R (calculation)



- Monthly anomaly values in regular grid (1 km)
- Monthly mean temperature values in regular grid (1 km)
- Period 1961–last month
- Derived values (10 and 30 years means)
- Arc ASCII → NetCDF



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Thank you for your attention!