



Storm Kyrill sensitivity analysis

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Approach and Methodology



Question(s)

From the regulator or your internal management

What if last week's storm was different?

- Were we lucky or unlucky? Was it a close call?
- What is more dangerous, a different track or stronger windspeeds?
- What is the sensitivity of our business in the shape/intensity of the event footprint?
- How can we simulate the impact of reasonable footprint variations on our portfolio?

Approach

- Let's take the footprint of a known storm and build multiple variations accounting for different factors such as:
 - Change the position of the storm: **north-to-south, east-to-west**.
 - Change the **intensity** of the footprint.
- We better **keep it simple**, the larger the differences, the larger the deviation from reality.
 - Shift station locations by 50km and 100km
 - Increase/decrease all gusts of the storm with the same ratio
- Finally, we introduce the new footprints in the model and calculate the losses.
 - Scenarios modelled on PERILS market portfolio 2023

Historical hazard

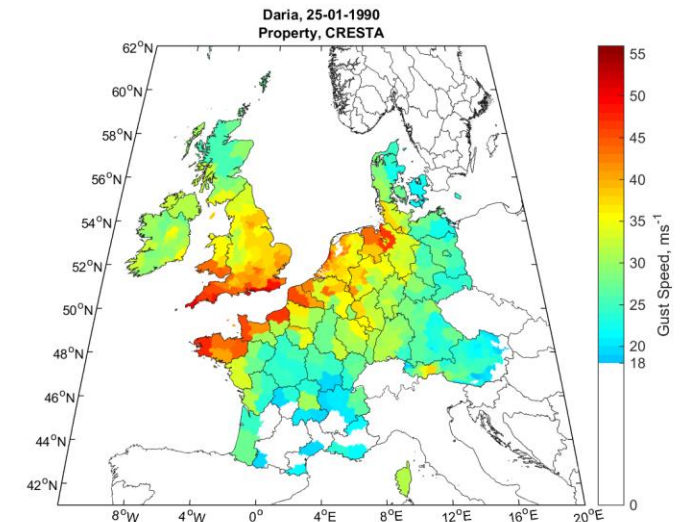
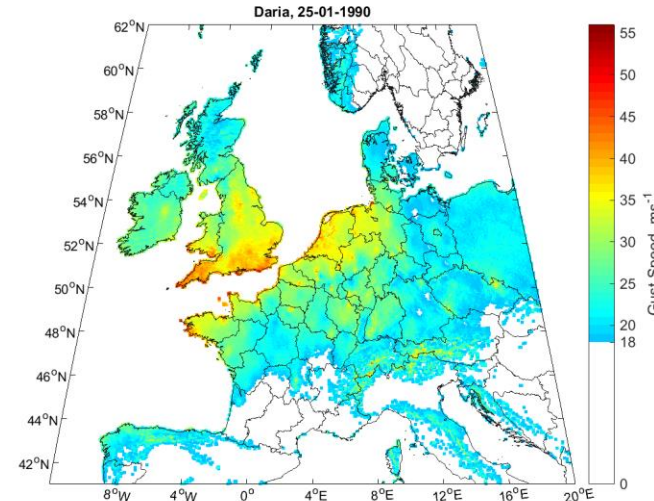
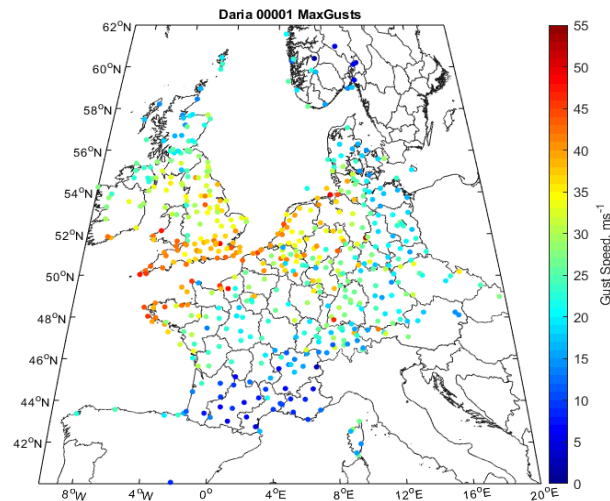
How we build the footprints?

Data

- All historical footprints are based on the maximum daily gusts from the British Met Office, KNMI (Dutch Met Office), DMI (Danish Met Office), the Swedish Met. Office and Euro-tempest

In a nutshell:

- the gust observations (usually WMO stations) are interpolated on a 7km grid
- The gridded gusts are converted into hazard distribution within the administrative units defined in the model
- The footprints are implemented in ELEMENTS



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Results

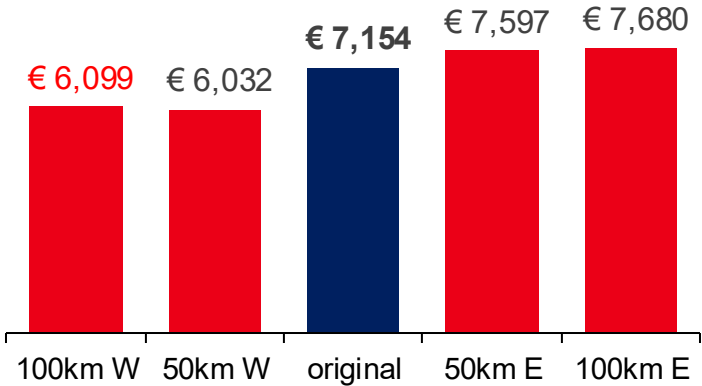
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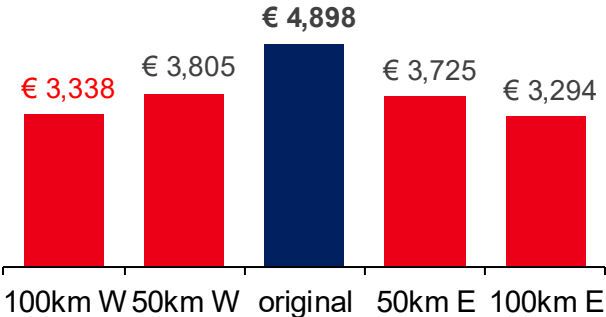
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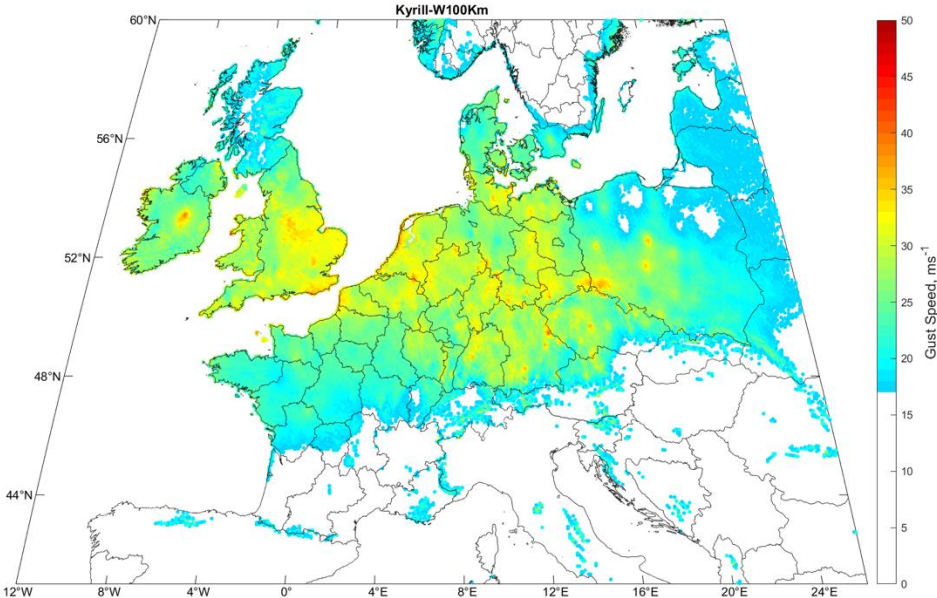
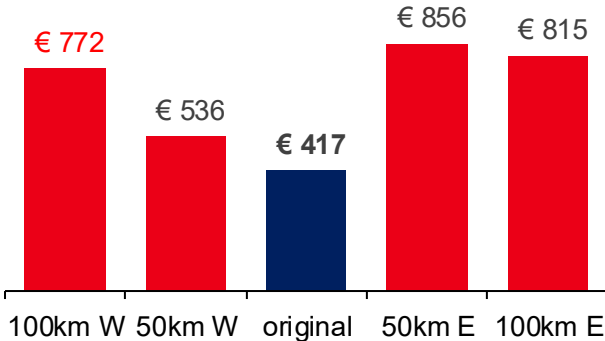
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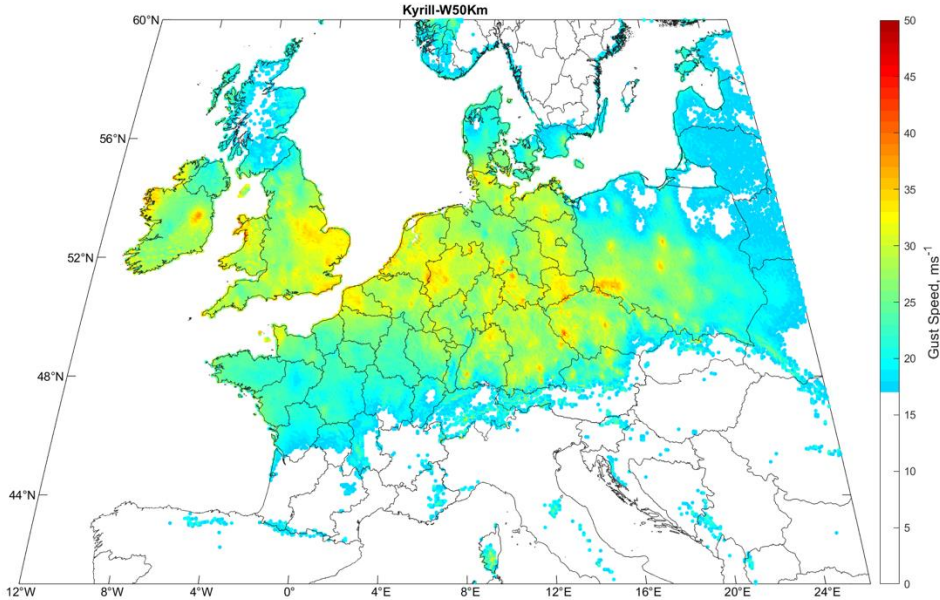
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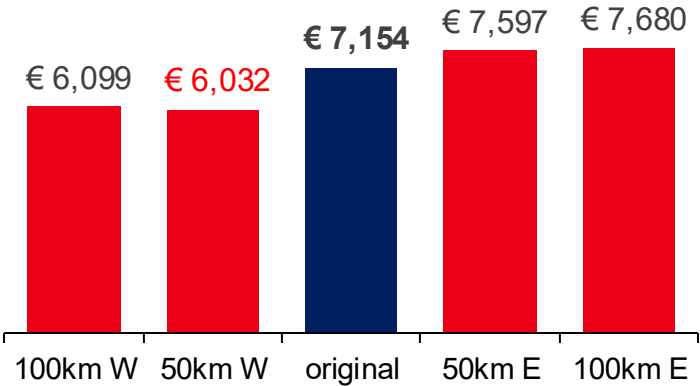
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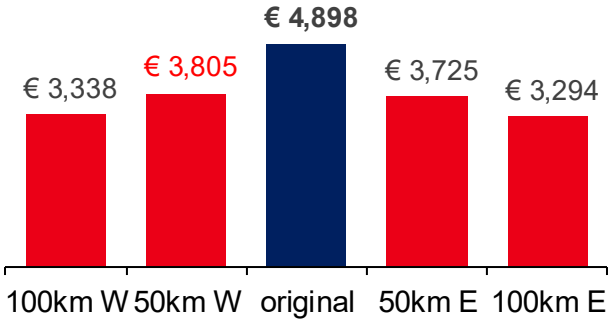
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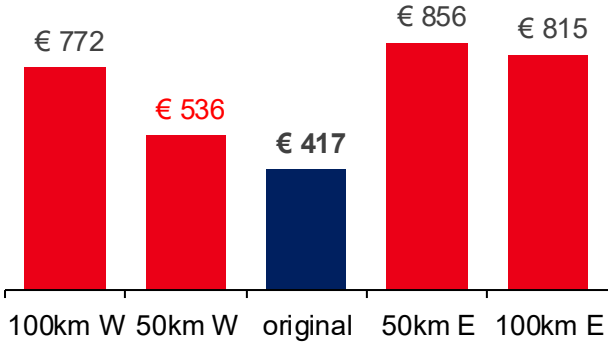
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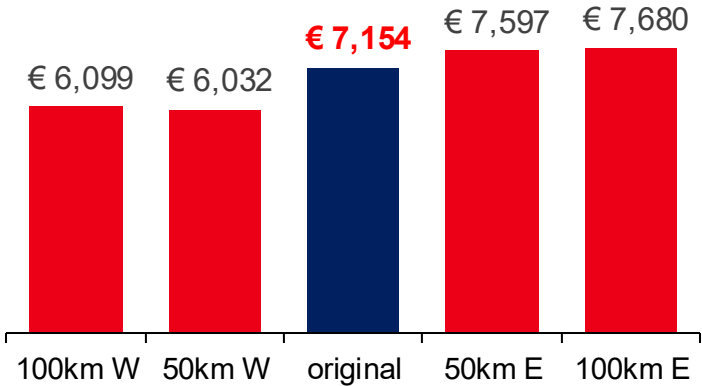
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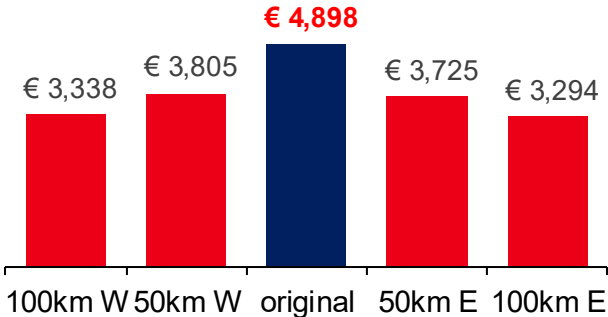
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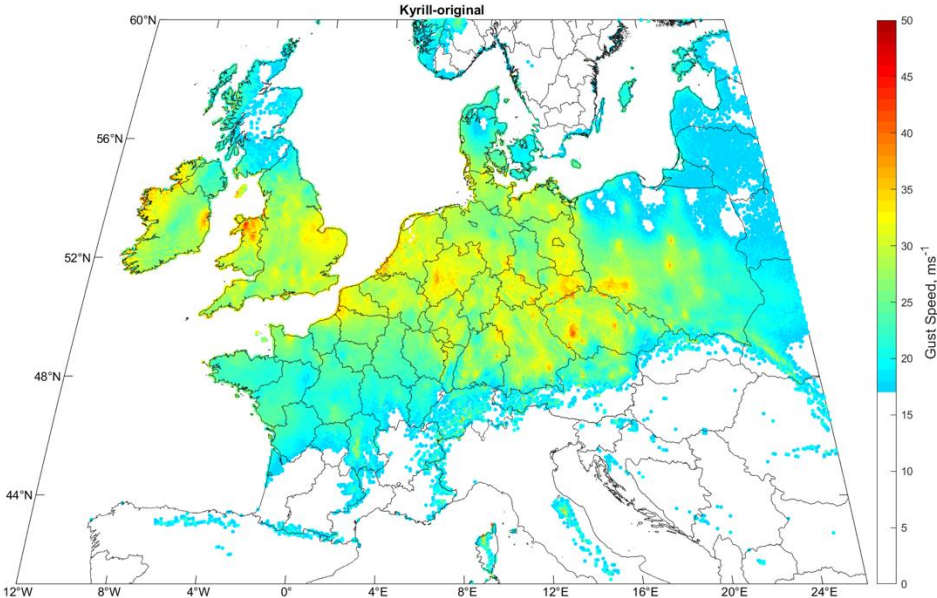
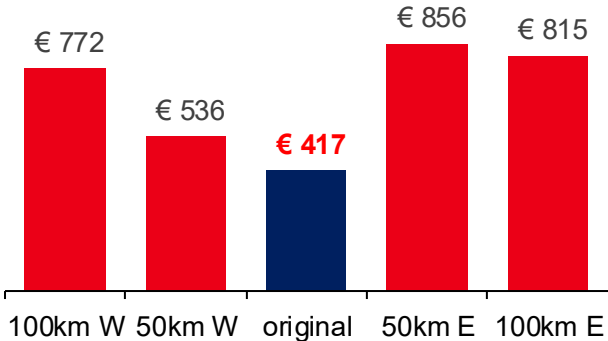
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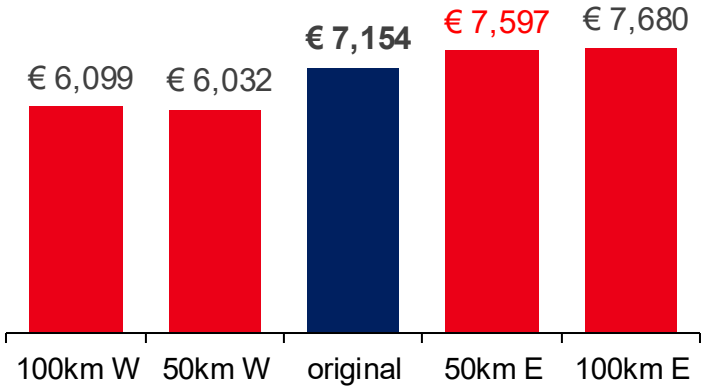
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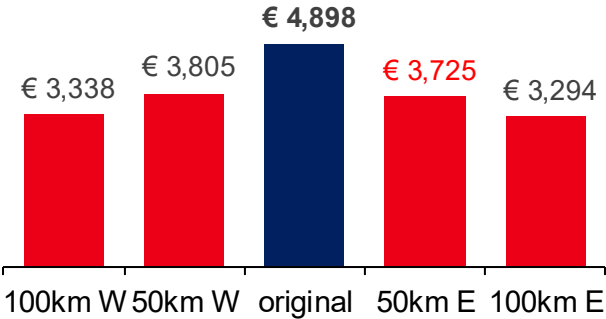
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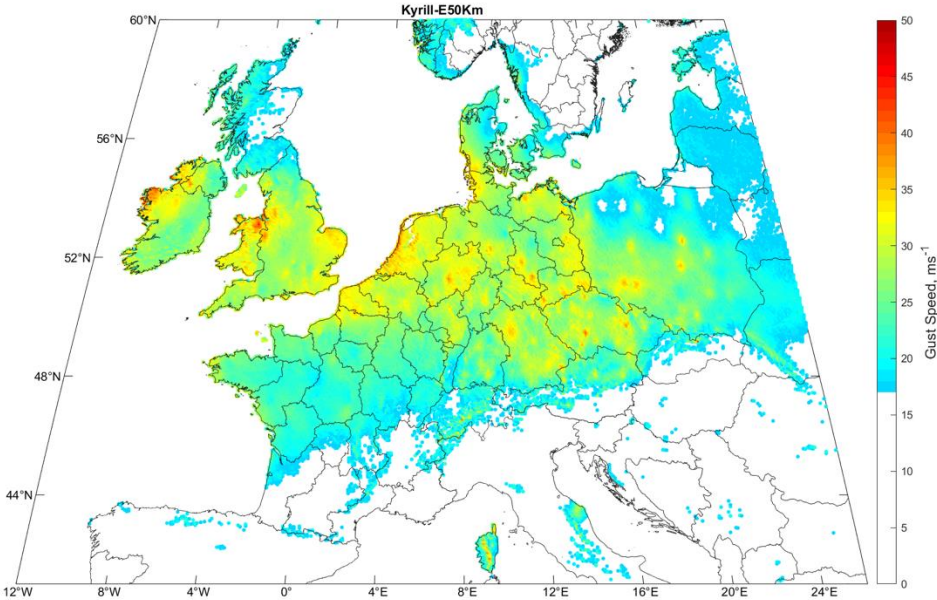
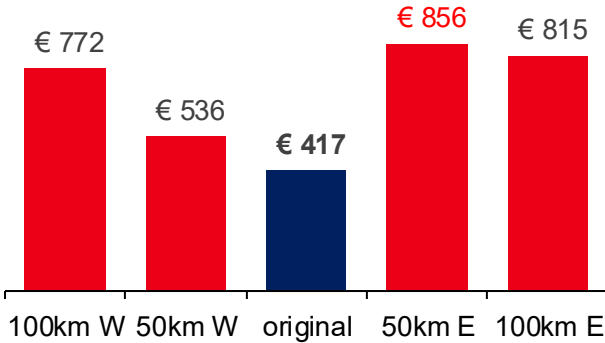
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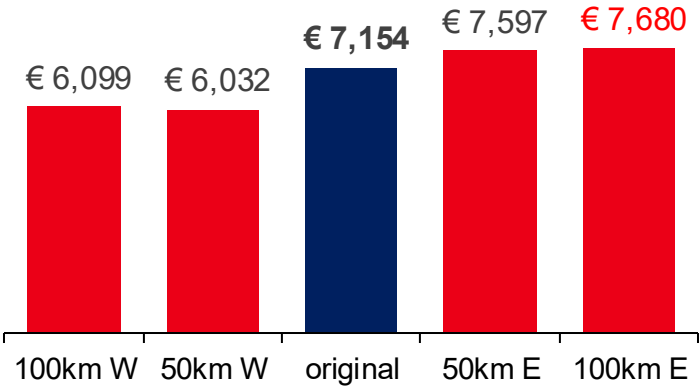
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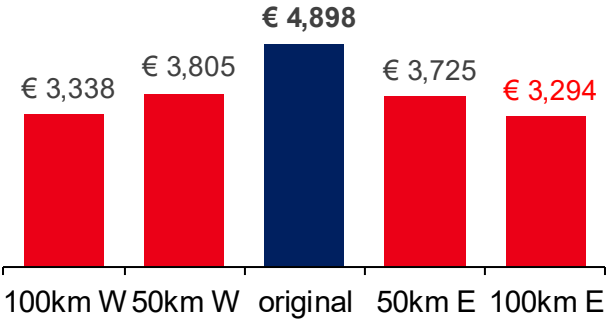
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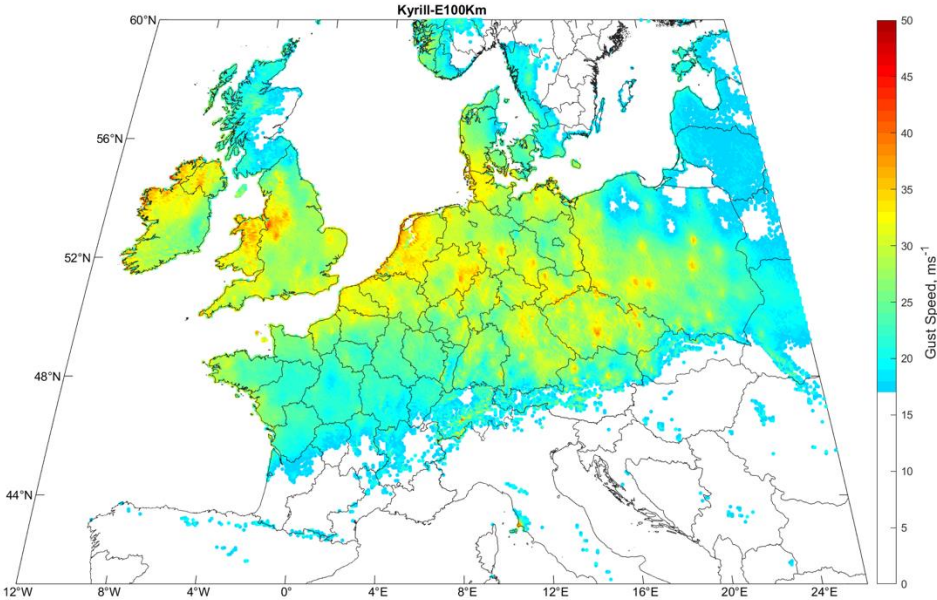
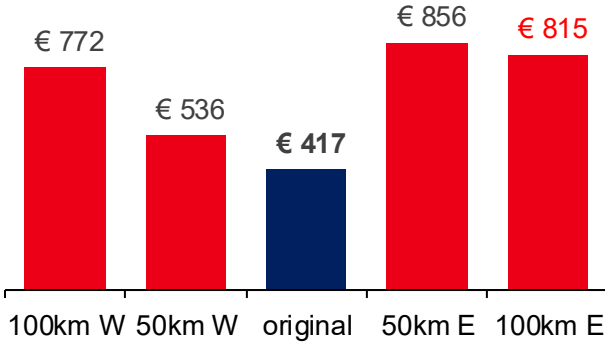
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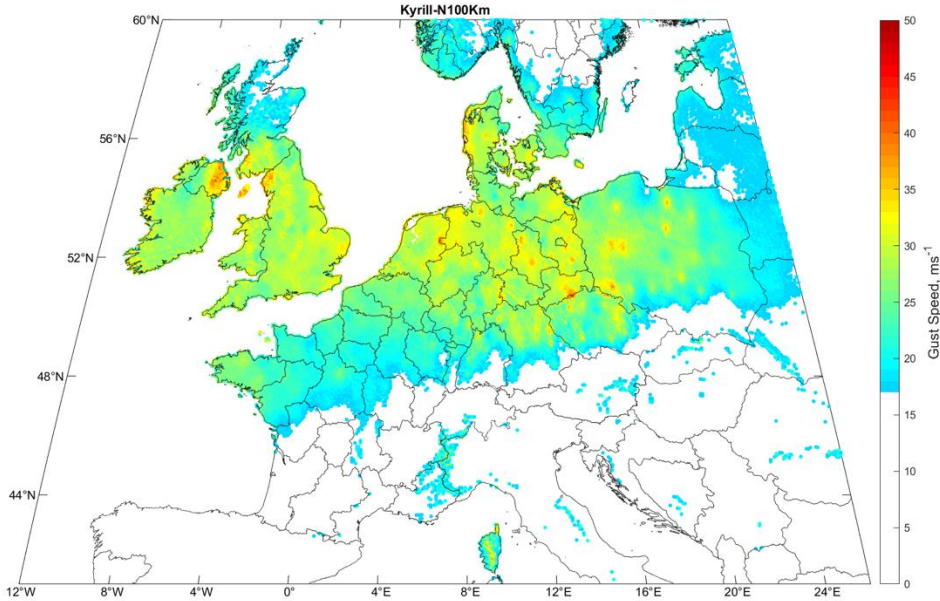
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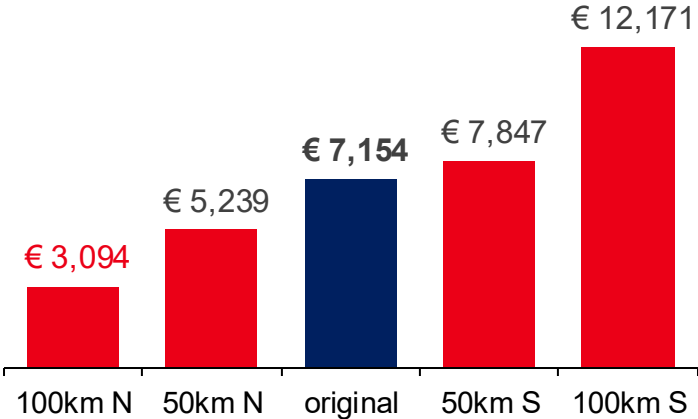
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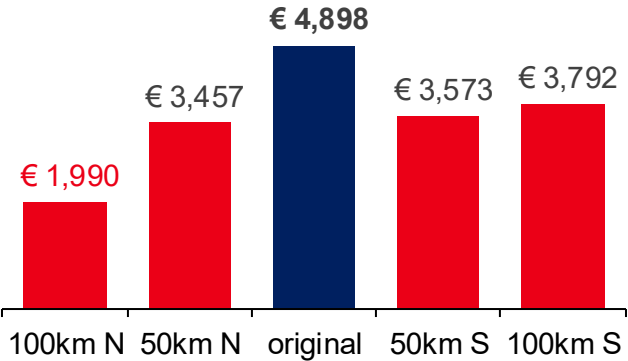
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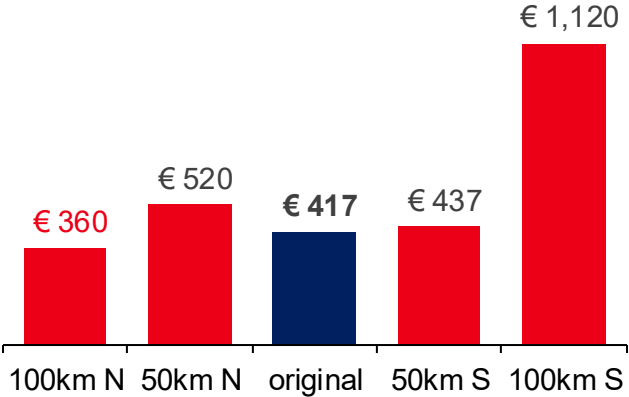
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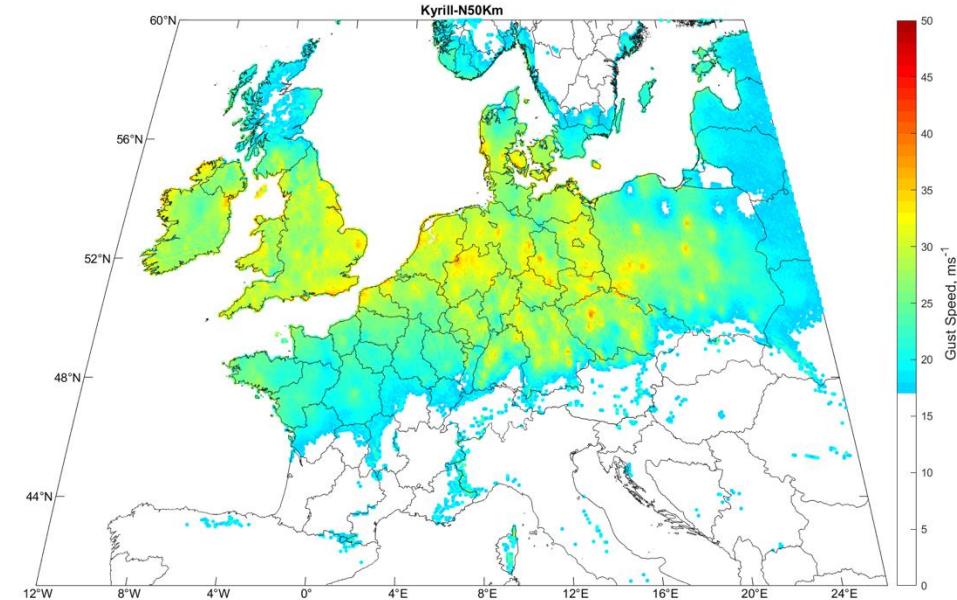
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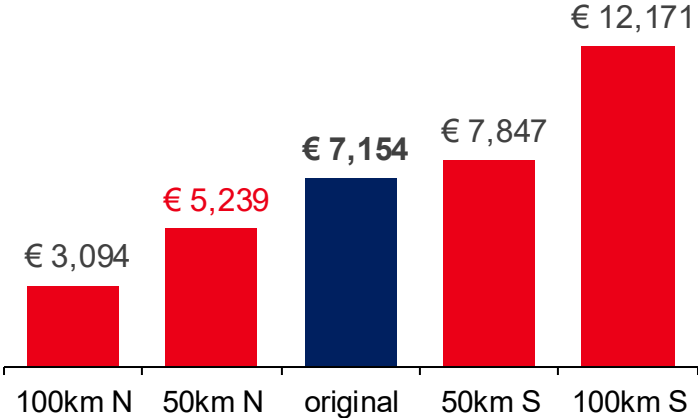
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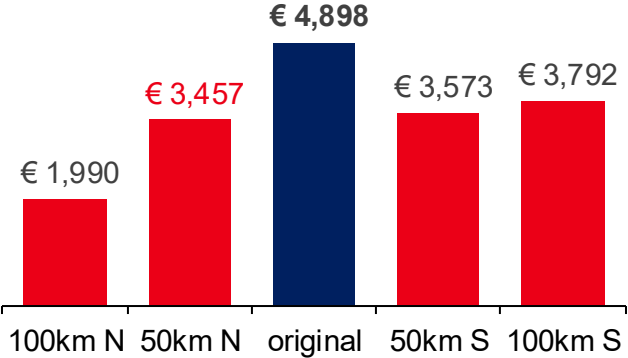
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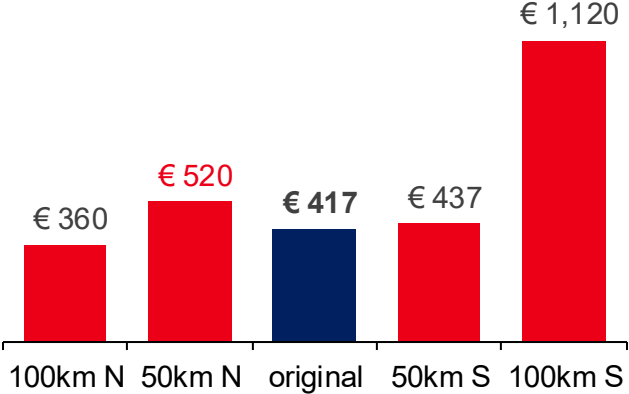
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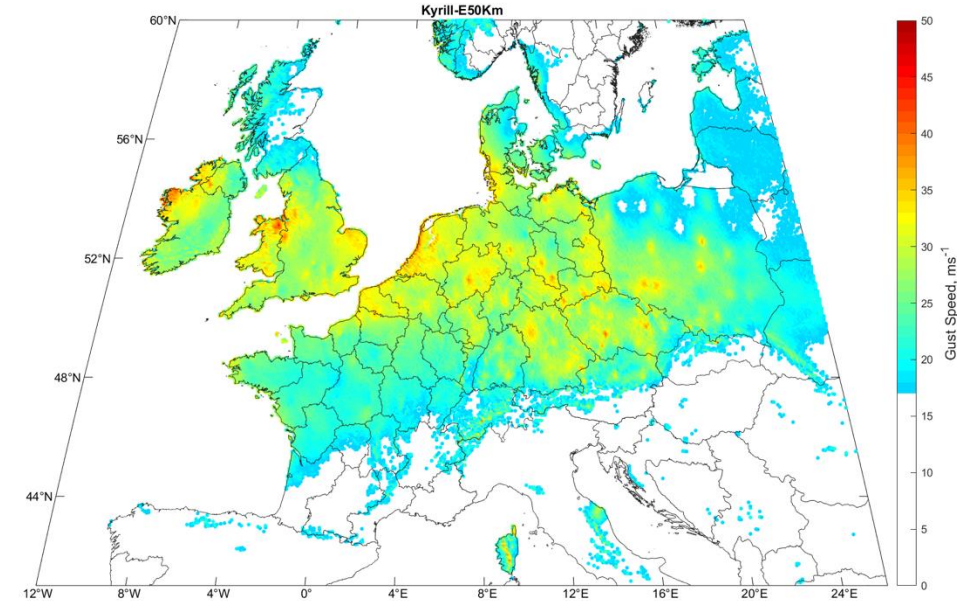
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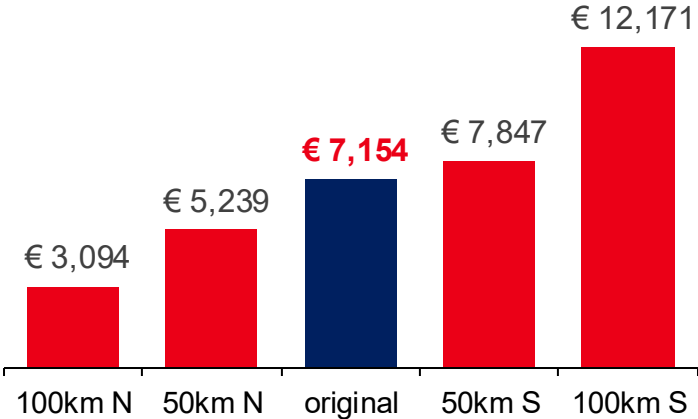
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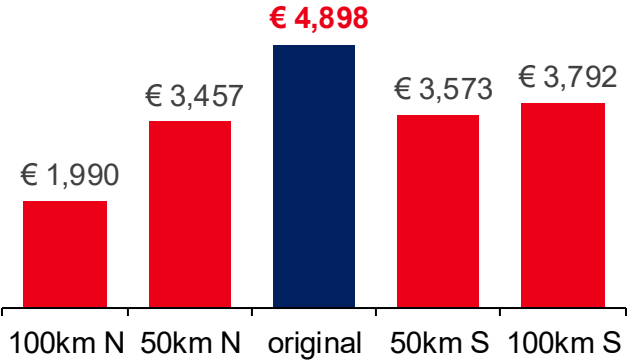
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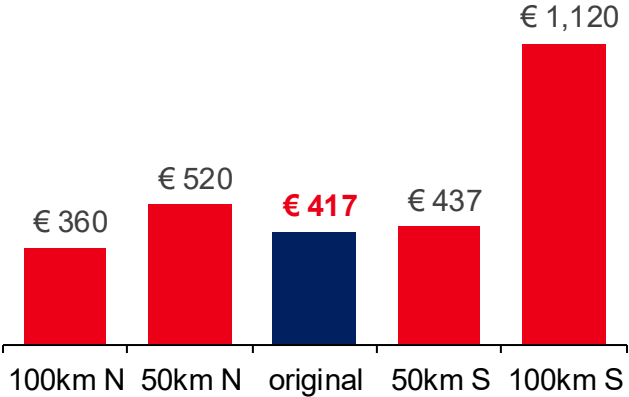
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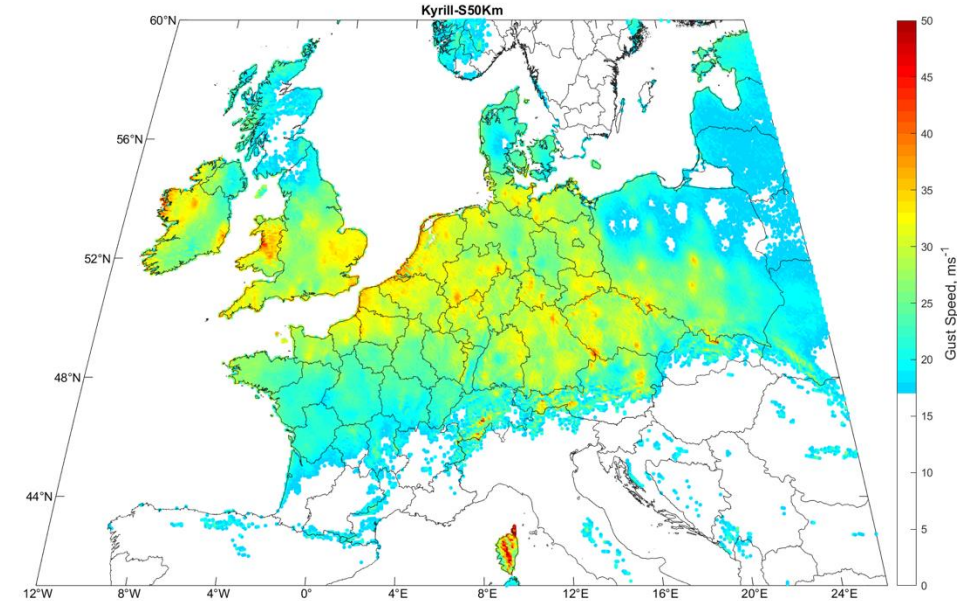
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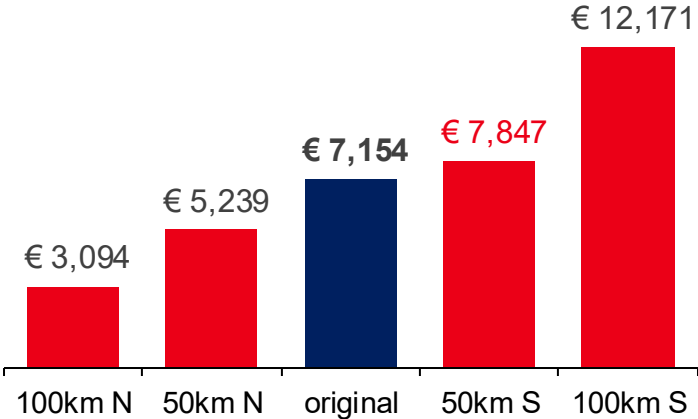
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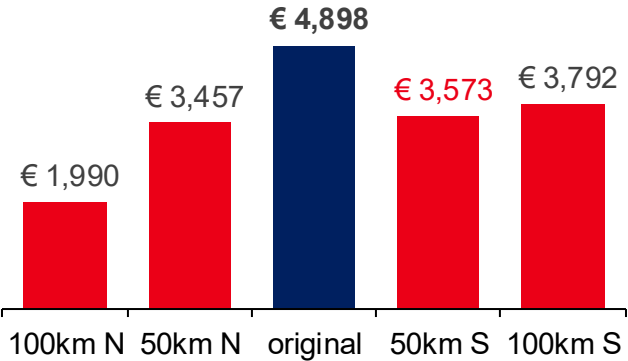
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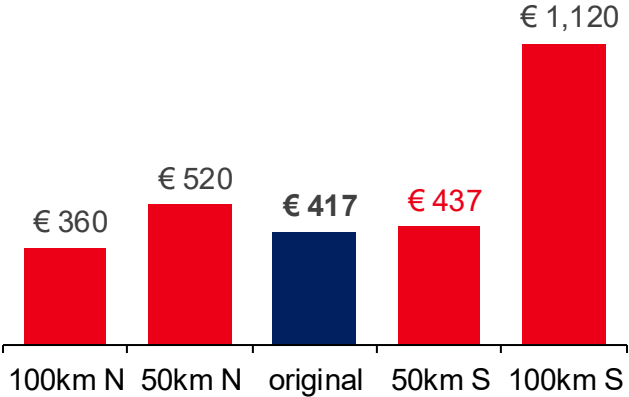
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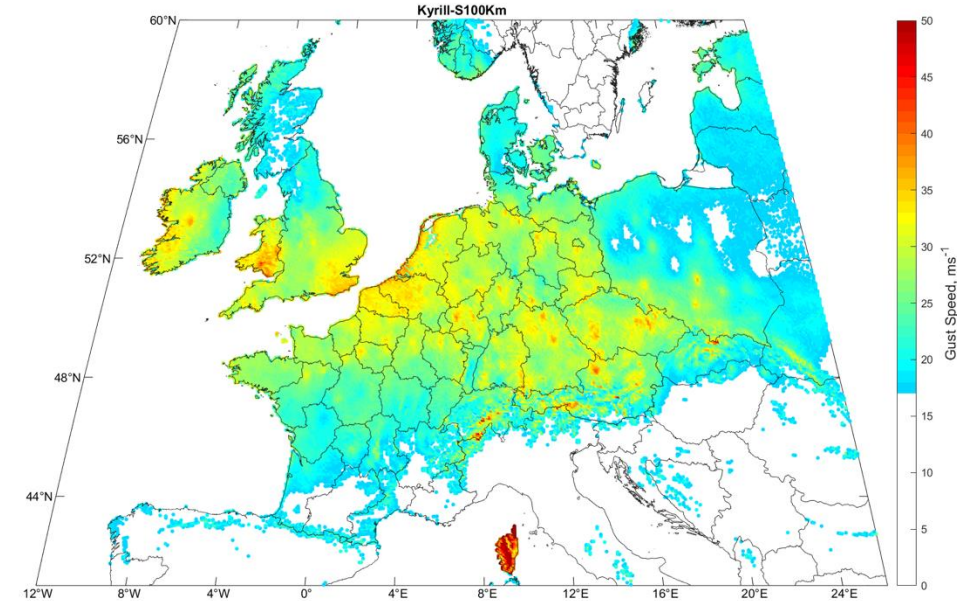
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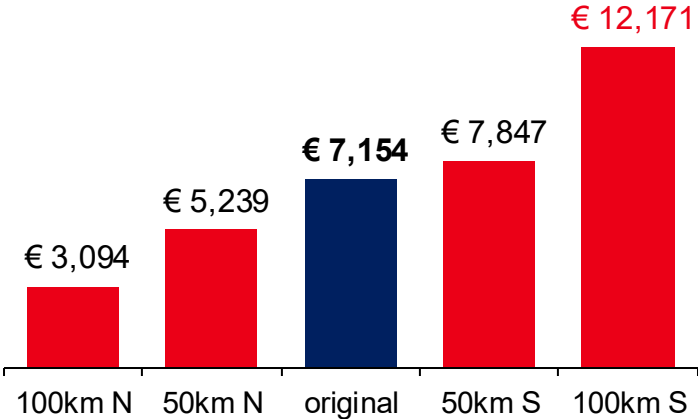
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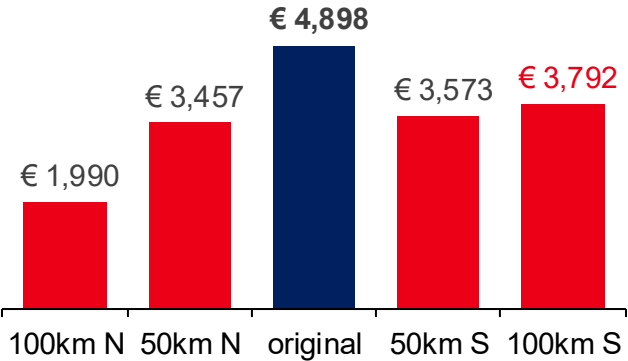
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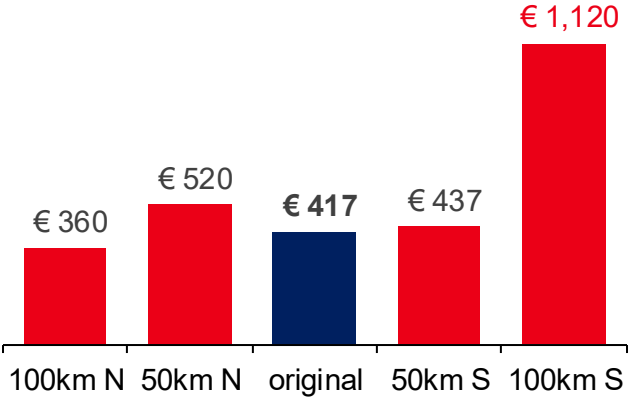
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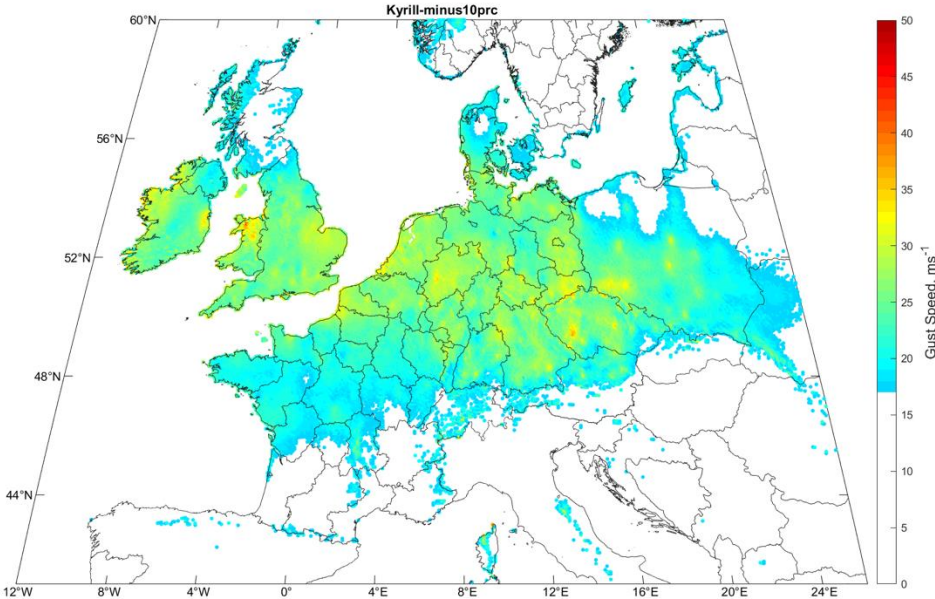
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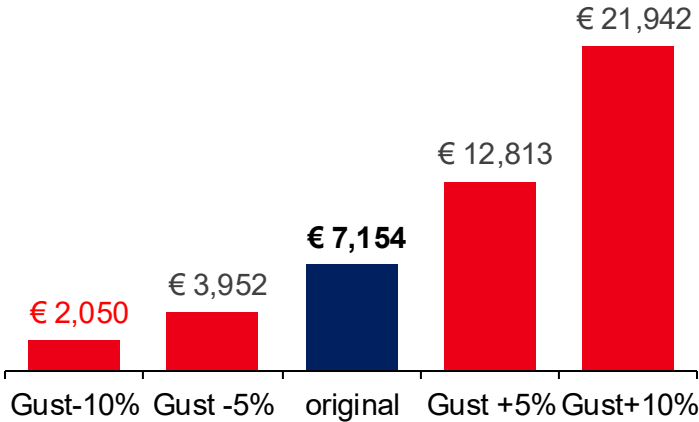
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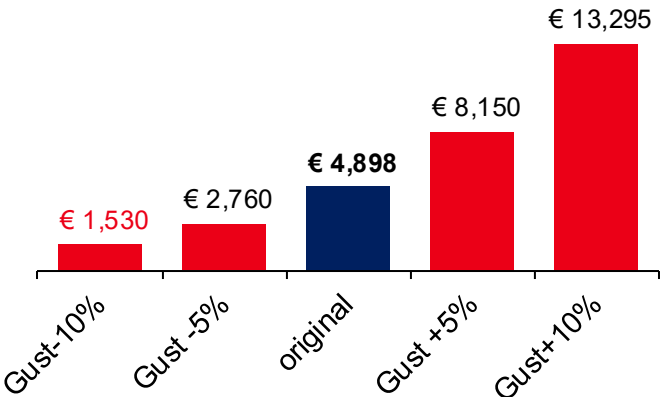
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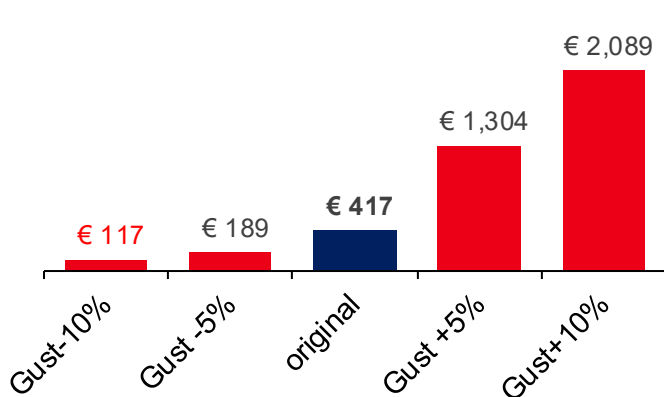
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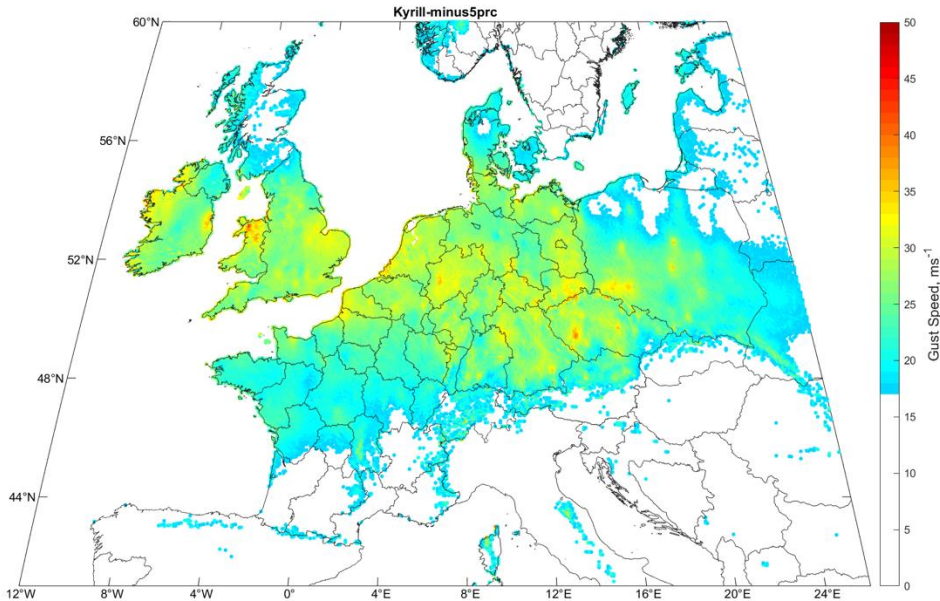
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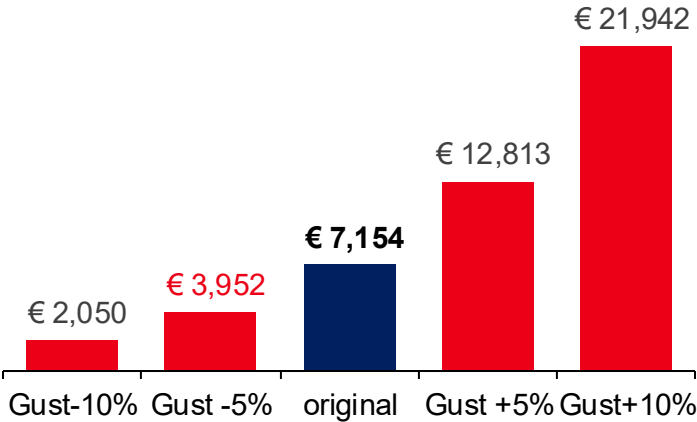
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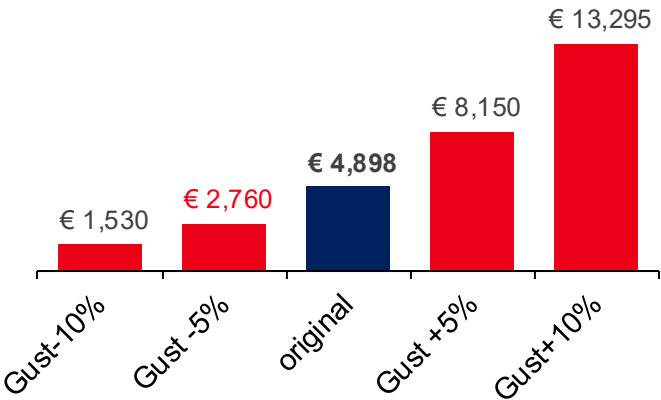
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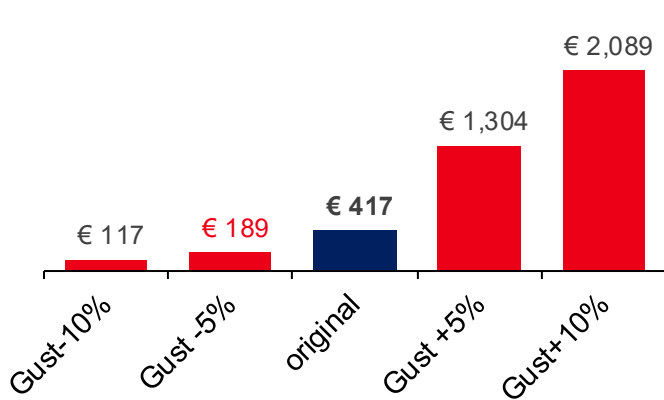
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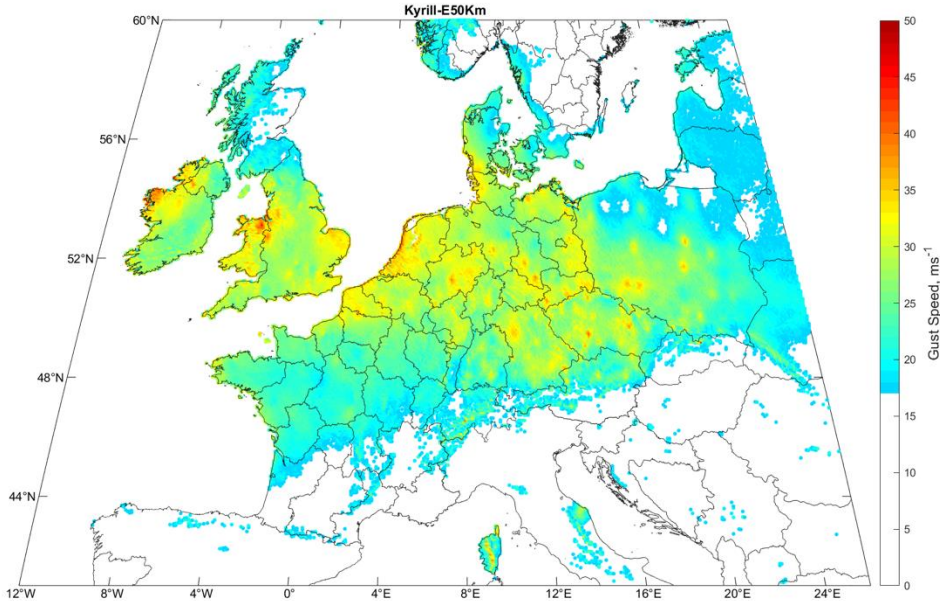
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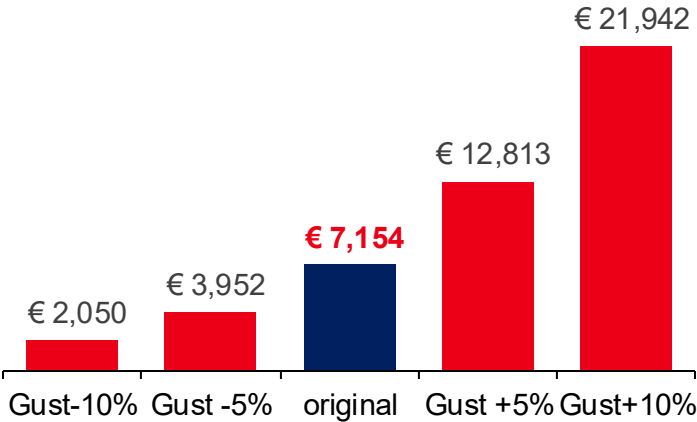
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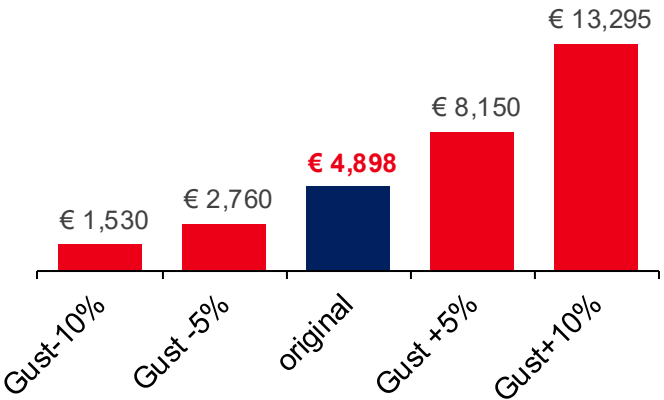
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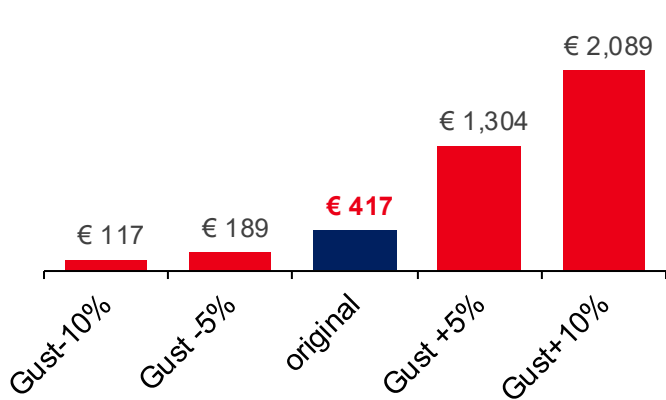
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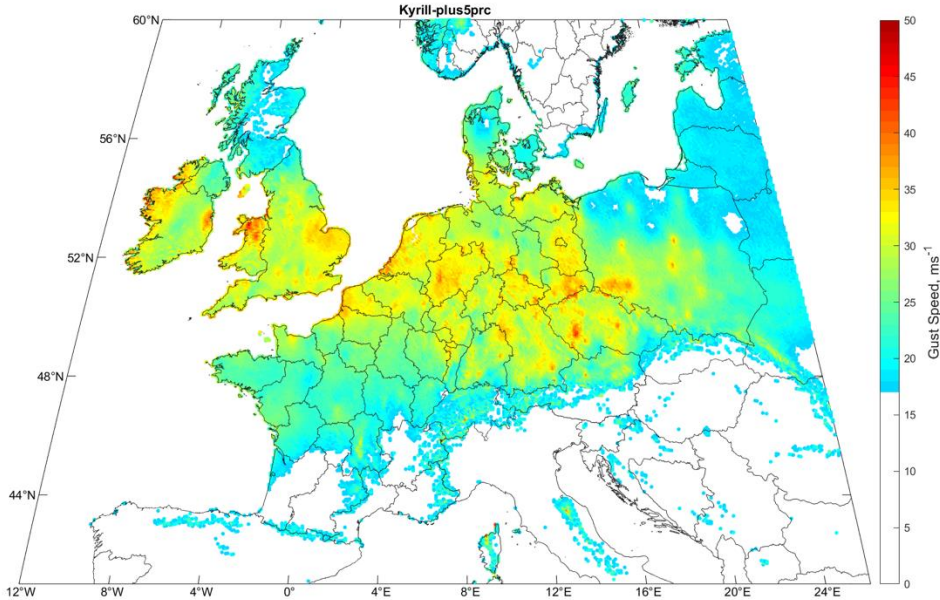
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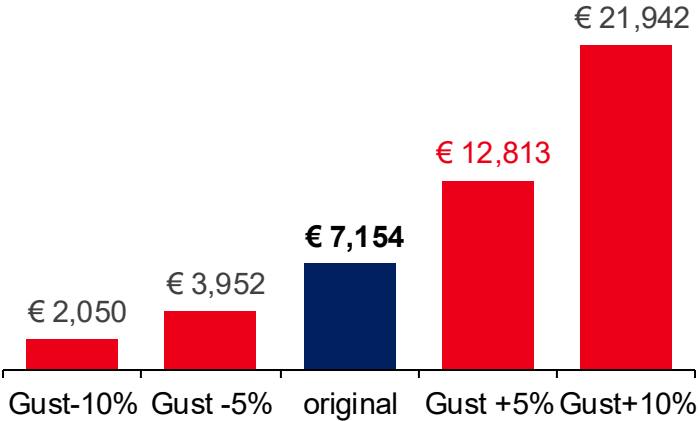
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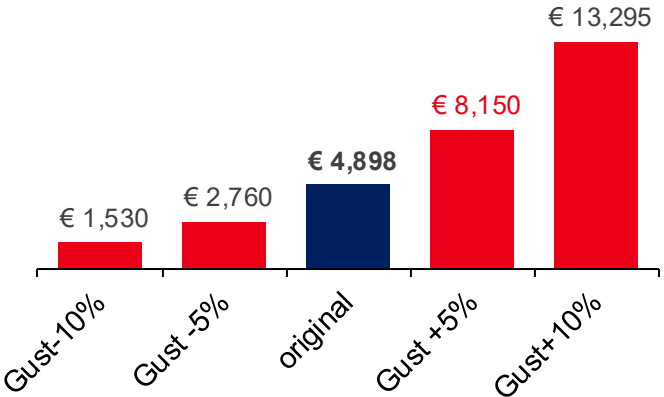
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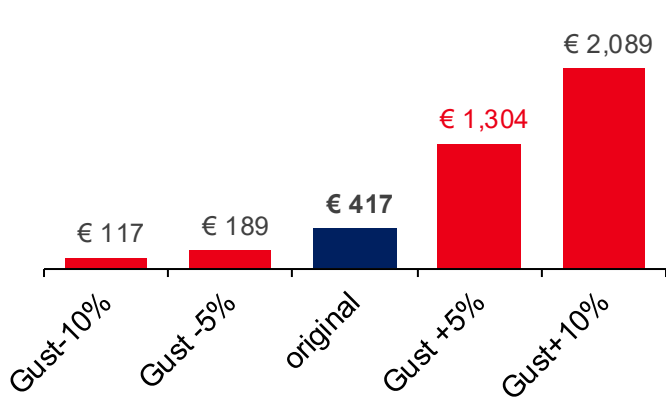
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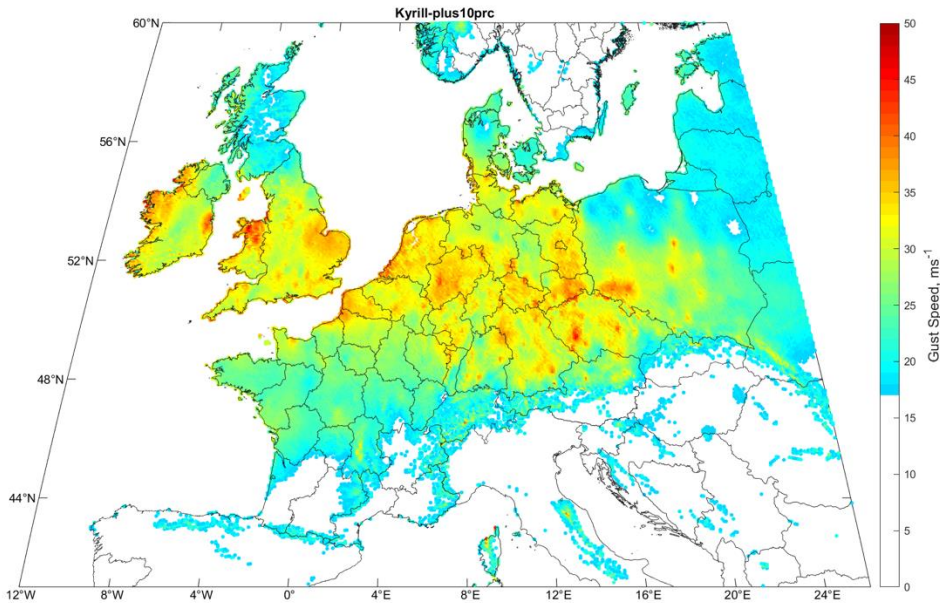
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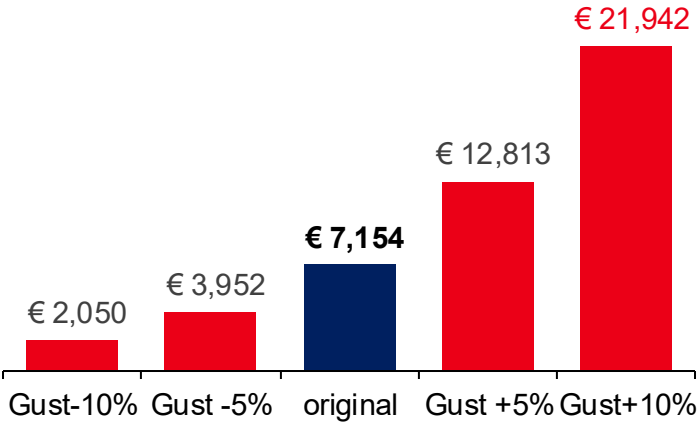
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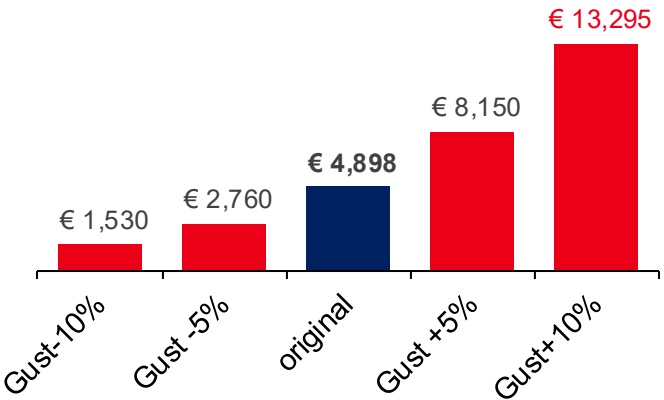
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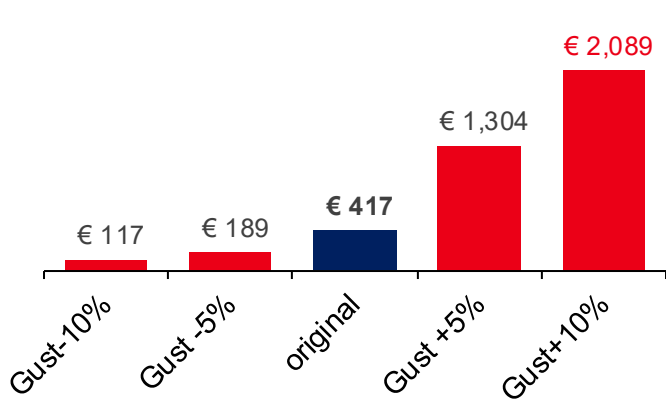
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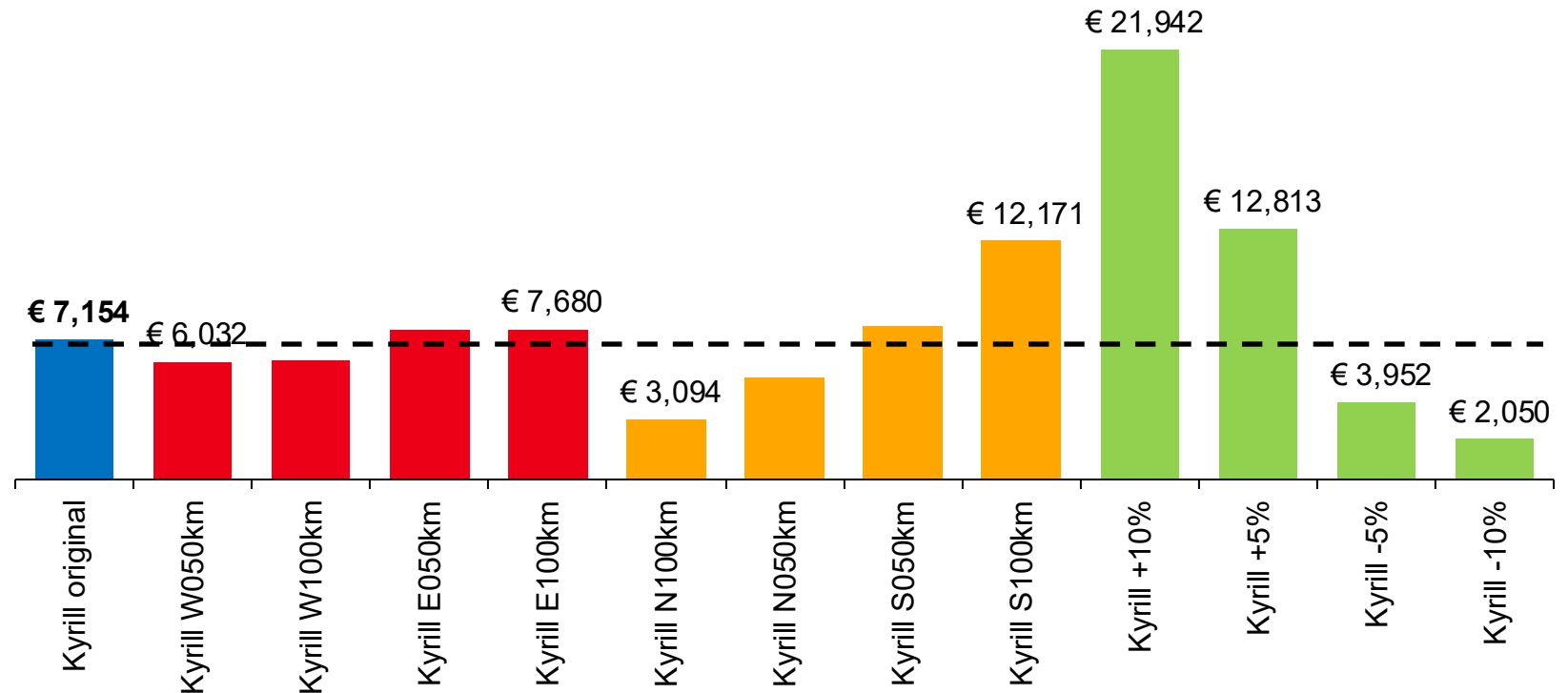


Summary & Conclusions

Loss sensitivity

- Loss estimate is very sensitive to hazard change.
- The **gust intensity** is the most sensitive parameter.
 - A 5.0% increase typically doubles the losses.
- The **meridional** repositioning is also impactful. Southward shift increases the losses as the storm extends inland.
- The **zonal** movement on the other hand is the least sensitive.

EU - variations (in millions)



Summary & Conclusions

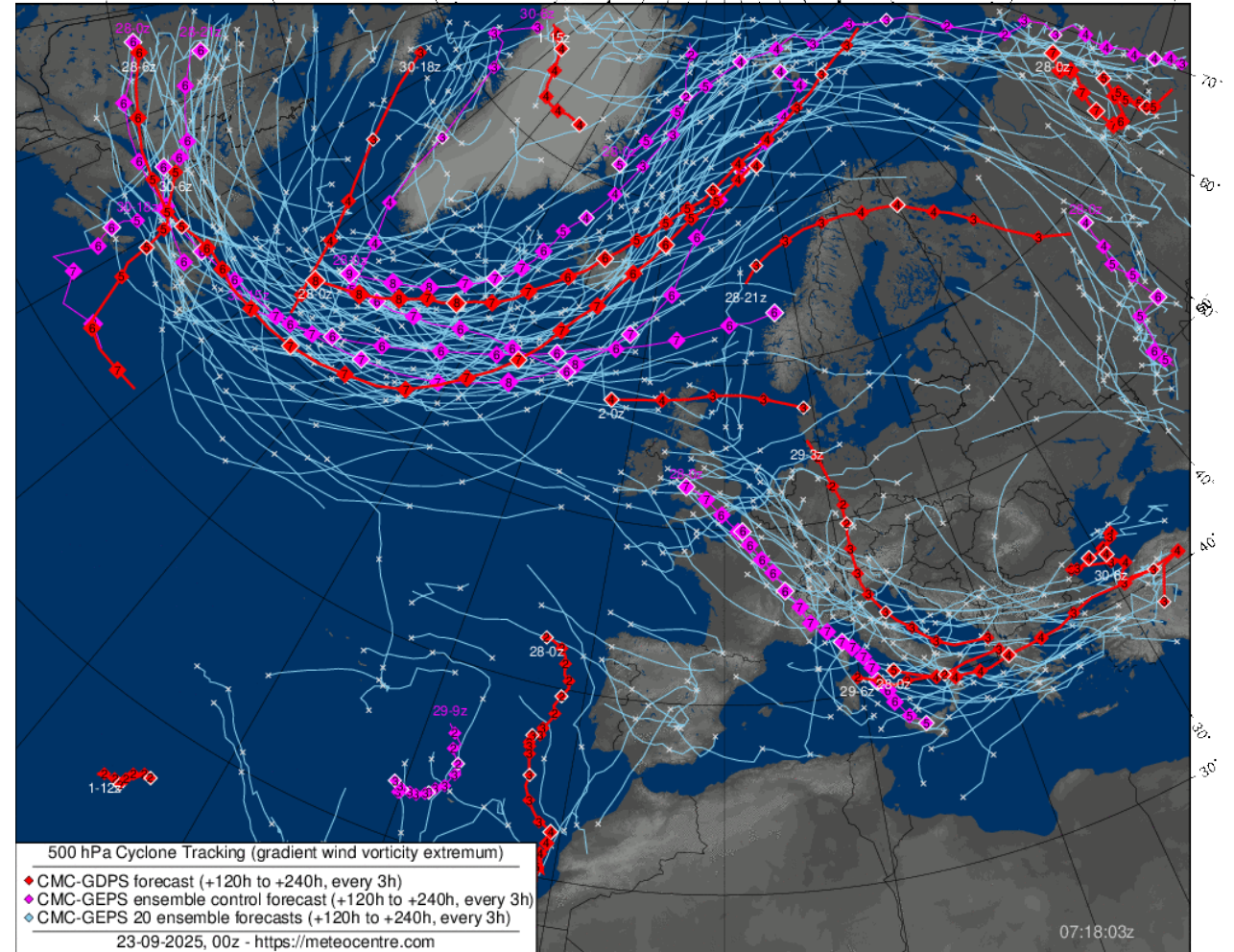
What it is & what it is not?

What it is?

- Quick, loss **sensitivity test**.
- Provides insights about the **uncertainty** in the loss modelling.

And what it is not?

- Simulation of counterfactual events.
- The methodology lacks the physics to answer the question: *what if Kyrill was 100km further in the South.*
 - To do that, you need to use the alternative footprints from the **forecast ensemble** (20-50 members usually).



Thank You



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