

# Monthly mean river flows simulated by the Grid-to-Grid hydrological model

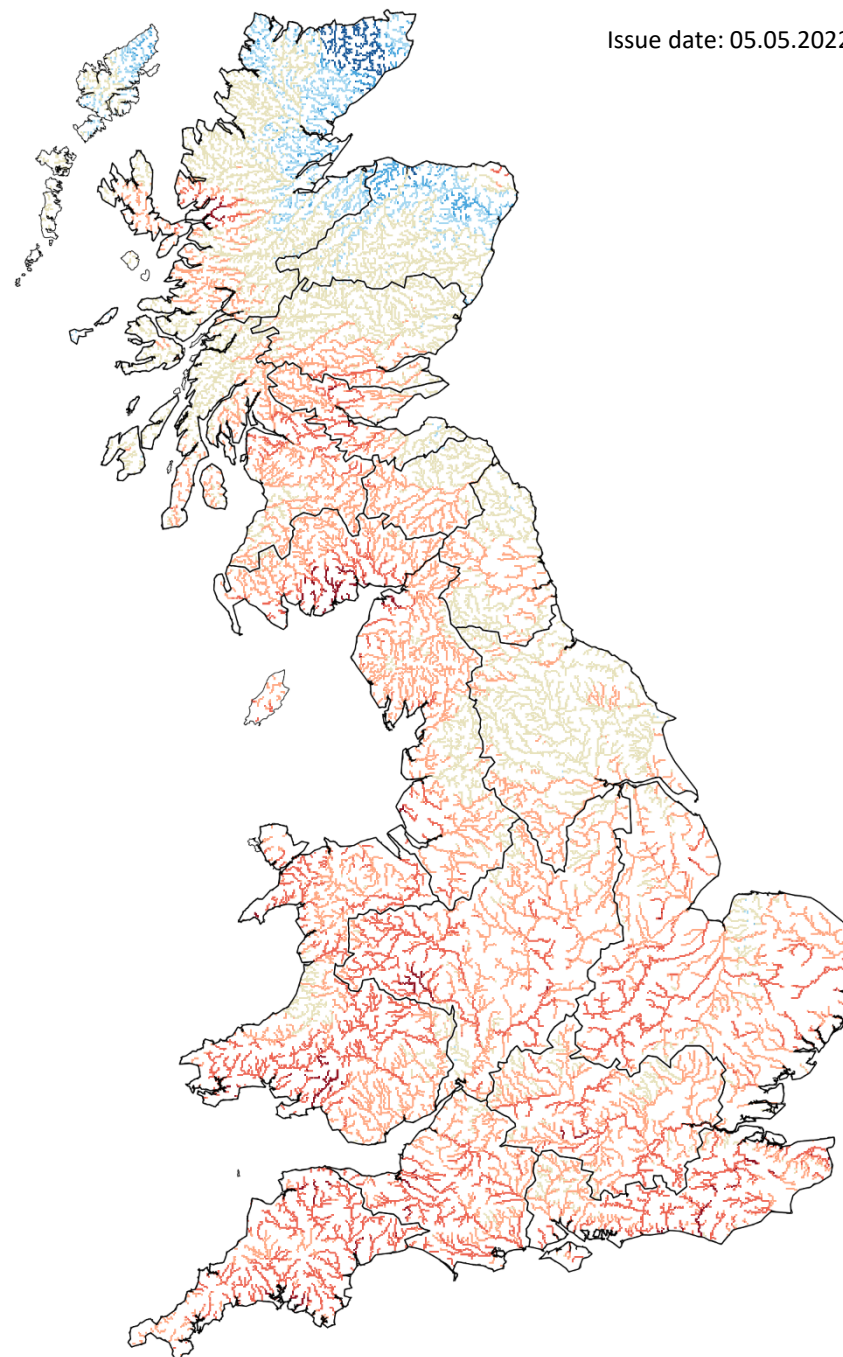
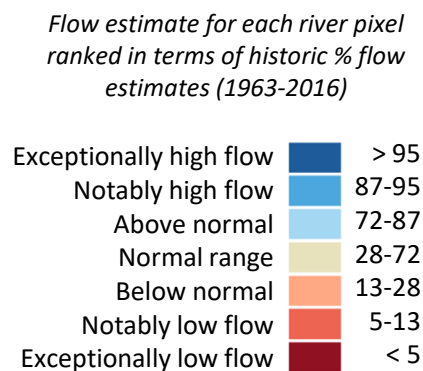
Period: April 2022

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This map shows the simulated monthly mean flow across Great Britain for last month, ranked in terms of 54 years of historical flow estimates (1963 – 2016).

These flows are produced by the 1km resolution Grid-to-Grid (G2G) hydrological model, which is run up to the end of each calendar month using observed rainfall and MORECS potential evaporation as input.

Note that the G2G model provides estimates of natural flows.



# Current Daily Simulated Subsurface Water Storage Conditions

Based on subsurface water storage estimated for 30<sup>th</sup> April 2022

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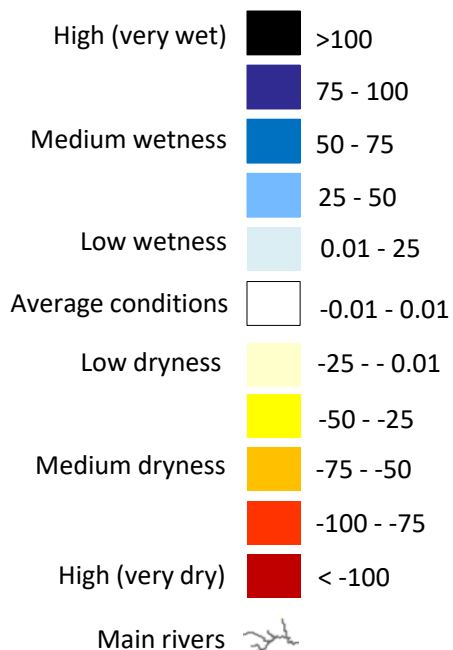
These maps are based on Grid-to-Grid (G2G) hydrological model simulated subsurface water storage, expressed as an anomaly from the historical monthly mean. To highlight areas that are particularly wet or dry, the storage anomaly is presented here using a colour scale highlighting water storage relative to historical extremes. The maps below show the “relative wetness” which combines maps previously shown separately as the “relative wetness” and “relative dryness”.

These maps do not provide a forecast and are not maps of soil moisture. Instead they indicate areas which are particularly wet or dry. Rainfall in areas with high positive relative wetness could result in flooding in the coming days/weeks. Areas of negative relative wetness provide an indication of locations which are particularly dry, and little or no rain in these areas could potentially lead to (or prolong) a drought.

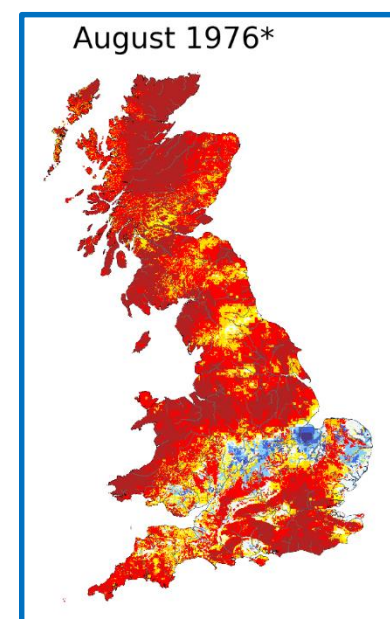
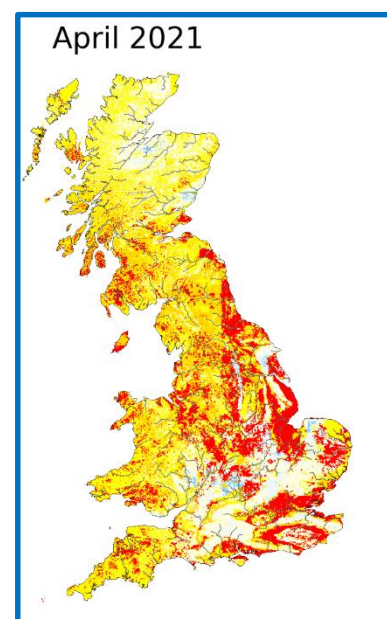
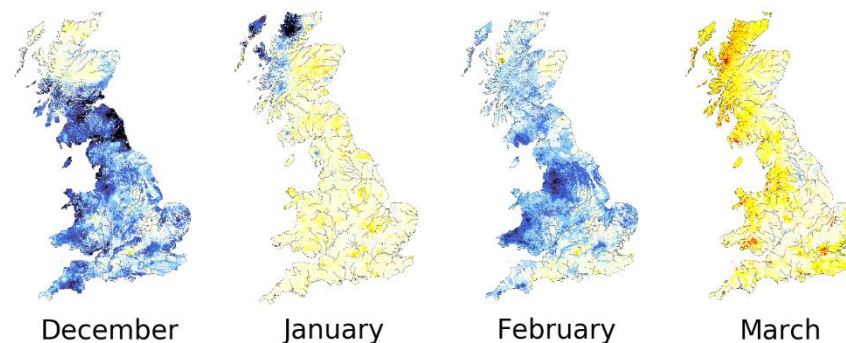
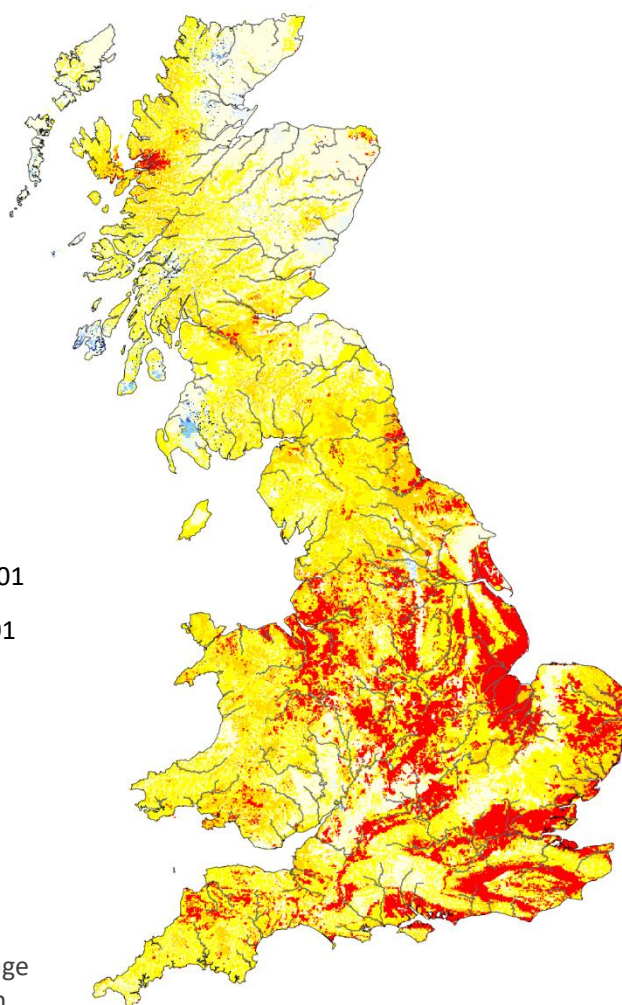
**SUMMARY:** At the end of April, subsurface water levels were generally lower (drier) than normal across Britain, very dry in many areas of central and southern England.

## Relative wetness

Water storage anomaly as a % of maximum (positive wetness) or minimum (negative wetness) storage anomaly (zero indicates average value)



Labels refer to estimated storage on *final day* of named month



\*Example month displaying extreme negative wetness

May 2022

# Return Period of Rainfall Required to Overcome Dry Conditions

Period: May 2022 – Oct 2022

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These maps show the **return period** of the rainfall required to overcome dry conditions simulated using the Grid-to-Grid (G2G) hydrological model. The maps are coloured according to the return period of accumulated rainfall required to overcome the estimated current subsurface water storage deficit over the next few months.

These maps do not provide a drought forecast. Instead they indicate the return period of rainfall required to overcome the dry conditions for the following 6 months based on current conditions.

**SUMMARY:** During **May to July**, regions in southern and eastern England would require rainfall with a return period of between 5 and 50 years to overcome the dry conditions. Elsewhere, not particularly unusual rainfall (<5 year return periods) would be required to return to average conditions for this time of year.

During **August to October**, Great Britain will not require particularly unusual rainfall (<5 year return periods) to return to average conditions for the time of year.



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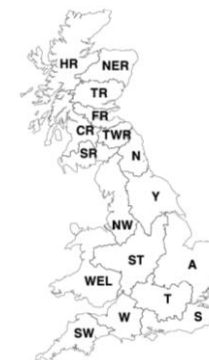
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TR Tay Region  
FR Forth Region  
CR Clyde Region  
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SR Solway Region

## ENGLAND

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NW North West  
Y Yorkshire  
ST Severn Trent  
A Anglian  
T Thames  
S Southern  
W Wessex  
SW South West








## WALES

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## NORTHERN IRELAND

This method cannot currently be used in Northern Ireland

Rainfall amount / Probability		Return period (years)	
Low (this rain is likely to occur)	> 20%		< 5
	< 20%		5 - 10
	< 10%		10 - 25
	< 4%		25 - 50
High (less likely)	< 2%		50 - 100
	< 1%		100 - 200
Extreme (unlikely but still possible)	< 0.5%		> 200



# Estimate of Additional Rainfall Required to Overcome Dry Conditions

Based on subsurface water storage estimated for 30<sup>th</sup> April 2022

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These maps show the Grid-to-Grid (G2G) hydrological model simulated subsurface water storage, expressed as an anomaly from the historical monthly mean (1981-2010), presented on a 1km grid and as regional means.

**Subsurface storage deficits**, i.e. where the subsurface water storage anomaly is less than zero, are highlighted by the red/pink colours.

The **subsurface storage deficit (mm)** can be interpreted as an estimate of additional rainfall that would be required in future months to overcome dry conditions (i.e. rainfall in addition to what is expected on average). Regional mean values of additional rainfall required are provided in the table below.

Regional estimate of additional  
rainfall required (mm)

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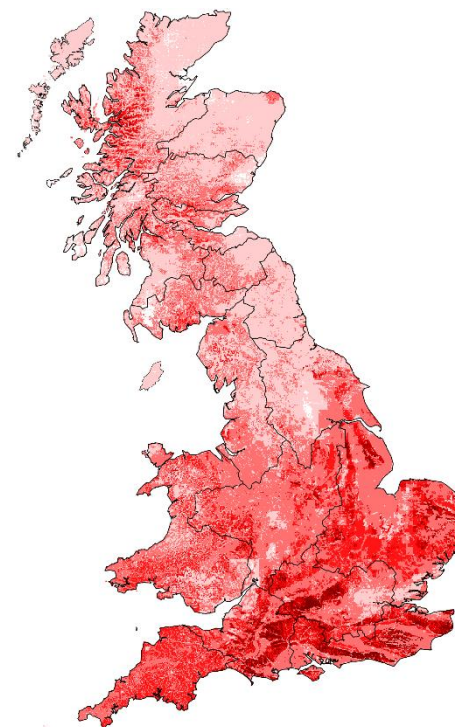
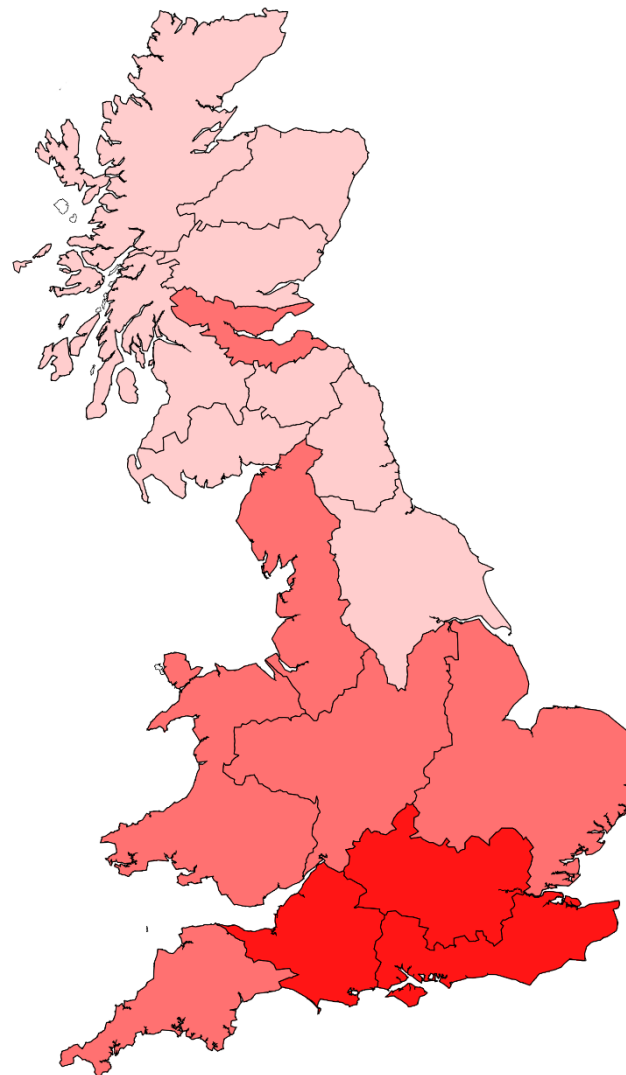
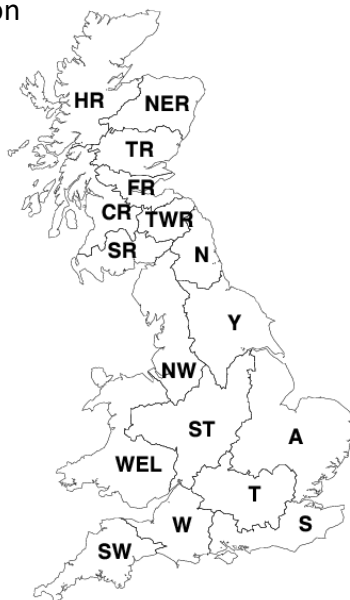
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27	FR	Forth Region
20	CR	Clyde Region
22	TWR	Tweed Region
25	SR	Solway Region

## ENGLAND

17	N	Northumbria
26	NW	North West
25	Y	Yorkshire
39	ST	Severn Trent
49	A	Anglian
54	T	Thames
61	W	Wessex
63	S	Southern
49	SW	South West

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Water storage deficit  
(anomaly, mm)

