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Fig. 1: Monthly anomalies of total subsurface water storage, i.e. shallow groundwater, for the past season with respect to long-term monthly means from 2013-2022 in mm water column. With the eWRB, the total subsurface water storage includes the shallow soil zone and groundwater to a depth of 60m. Data: Hindcasts from ParFlow/CLM simulations with ECMWF HRES atmospheric forcing.

State and possible developments: Autumn experienced further replenishment of subsurface water storage. Positive total subsurface water storage anomalies are anticipated for winter and spring in Germany with lesser degrees in the eastern parts, as indicated by a 50-member ensemble forecast initialized on 2024-12-01.



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