

# Lightning Talks

ESSM Extreme Heat Workshop Day 1



# National Integrated Heat Health Information System (NIHHIS)

## Decision-maker Use Cases & Climate Information Needs



*Improving climate & health services by understanding decision-maker demand and integrating information across timescales and disciplines.*



Long term assessment of risk of cancellation, Heat island route mapping, WBGT extended prediction

Urban Heat Island Intensity Maps

Urban-scale Climate Modeling

Climate Attribution

Wet Bulb Globe Temp. Predictions

S2S Temperature Predictions

Annual Temperature Predictions

Scenario-based Climate Info

Heat Index Predictions



Decadal climate predictions sensitive to critical thresholds for grid resilience

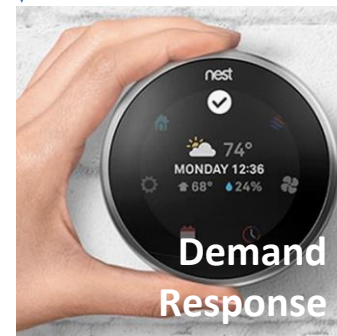
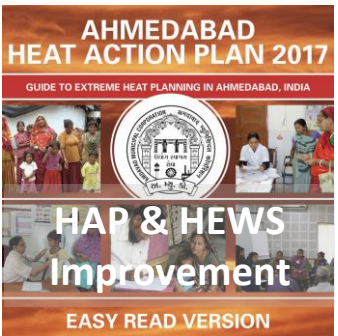
Allocating limited funds to summer cooling and winter heating subsidies.

Informing energy customers with predicted monthly climate & cost estimates

Combining UHI information and CDC & Census Social Vulnerability

Urban-scale modeling to understand effectiveness of interventions

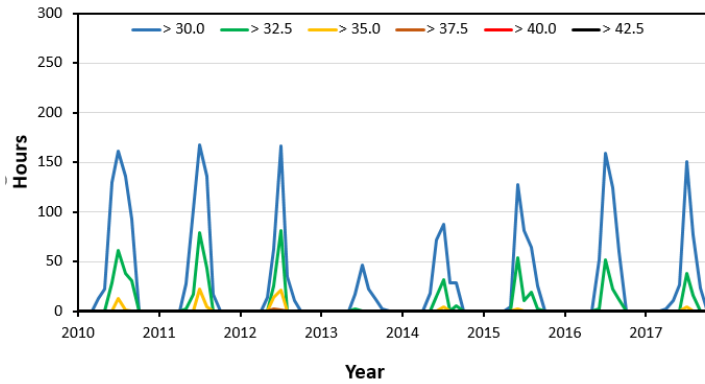
Statistical downscaling of climate predictions via UHI maps



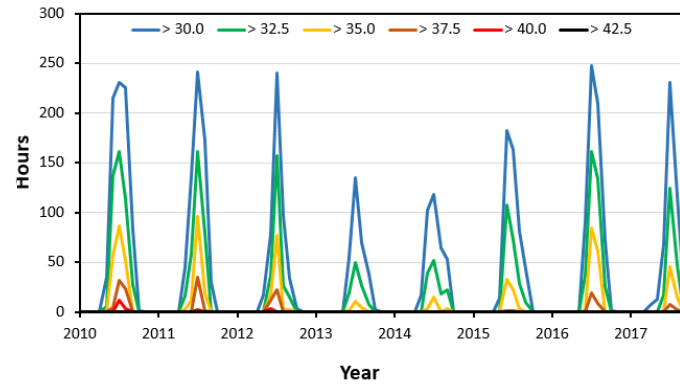
# Combining heat exposure indices and with socioeconomic data to build a heat vulnerability index for the Southeast United States

Howard J. Diamond, NOAA OAR/ARL

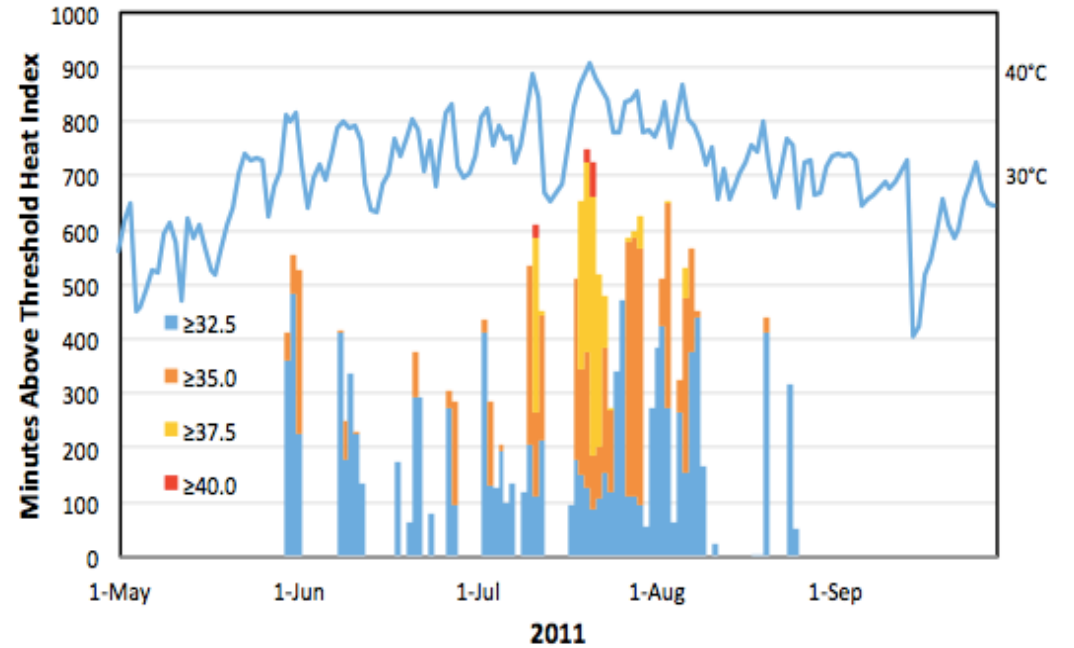
Durham NC Monthly Hours at Temperature (°C)



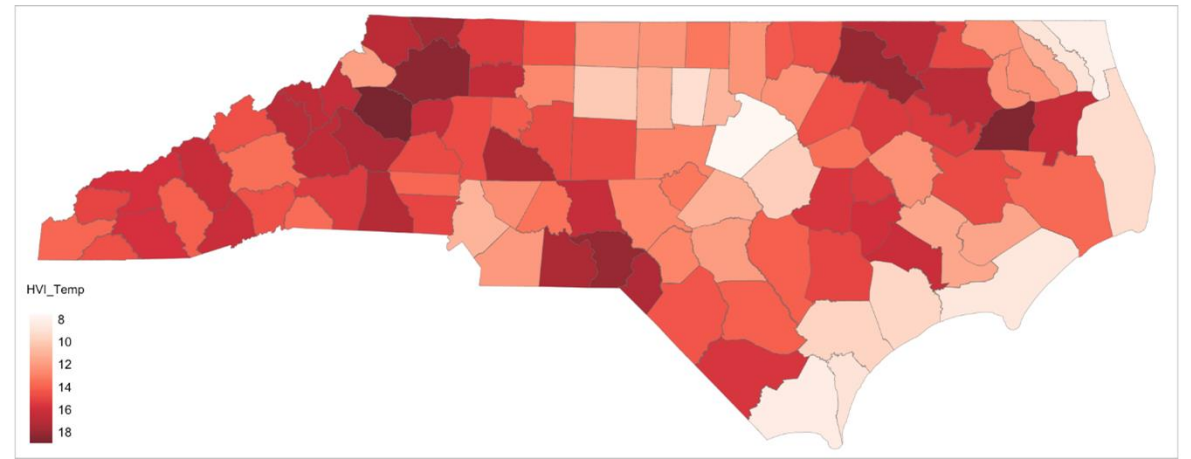
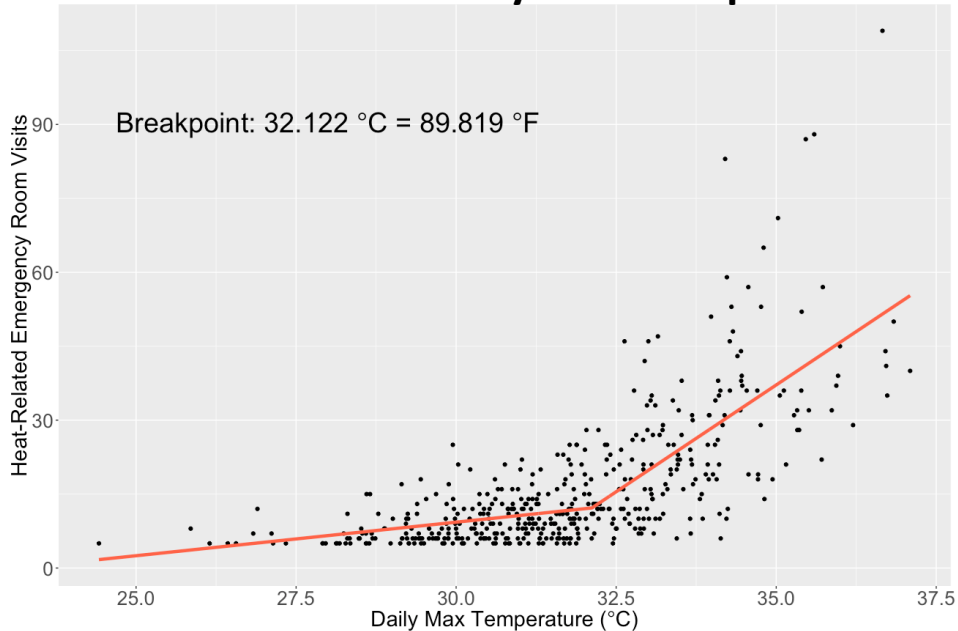
Durham NC Monthly Hours at Heat Index (°C)



2011 Durham NC Daily Heat Duration (Minutes)



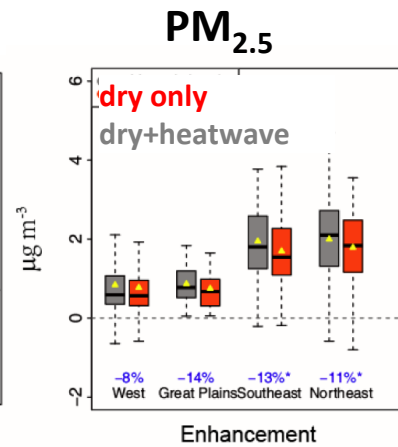
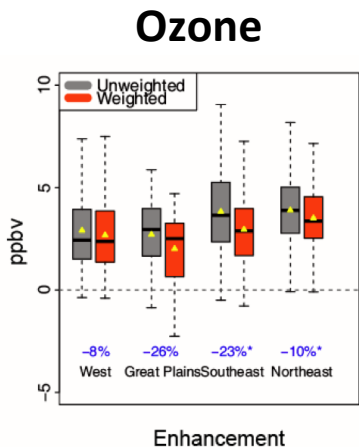
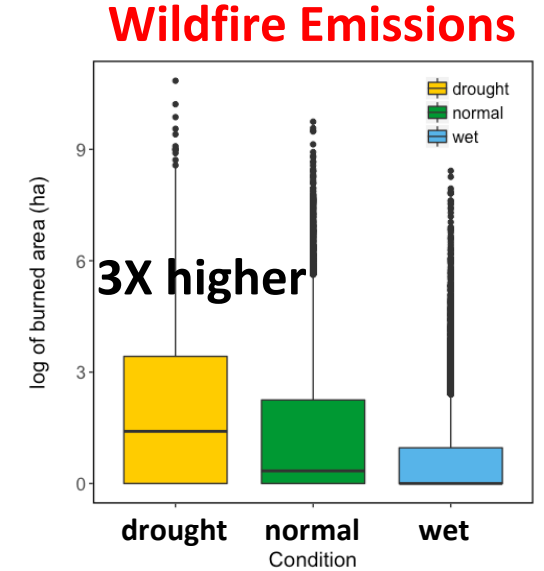
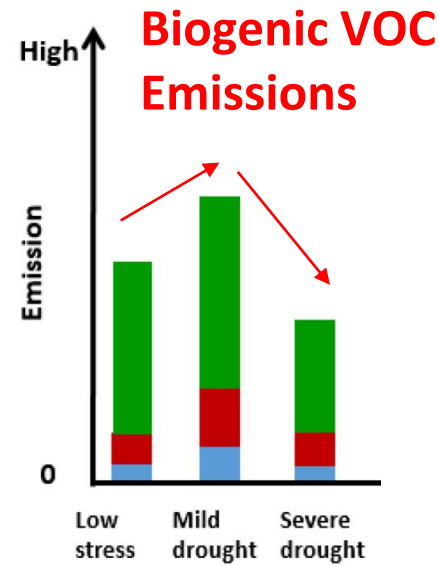
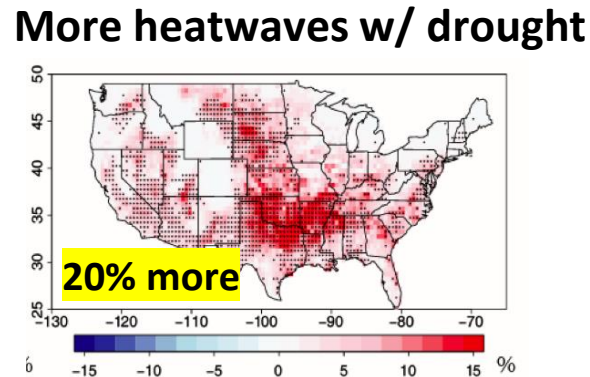
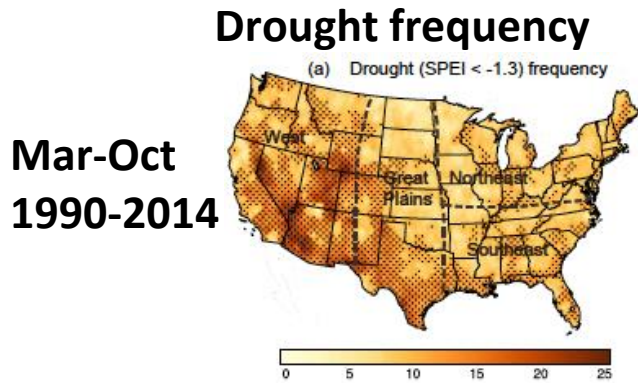
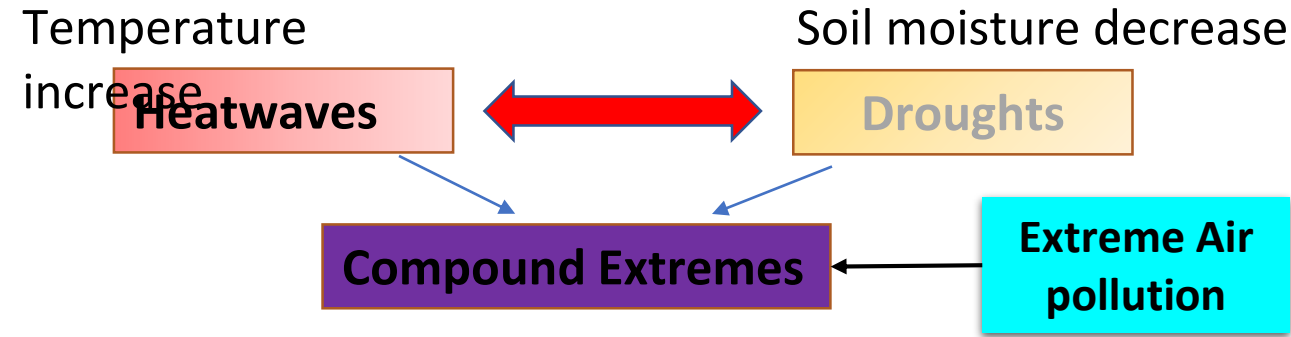
Heat-Related ER Visits v. Daily Max Temperature NC Coastal Area



Combined Index for July 1, 2012:  
HVI\*Maximum Temperature/Threshold Temperature

# When Extreme Heat Meets With Dry Spell: How Does Air Quality Respond ?

Yuxuan Wang, University of Houston



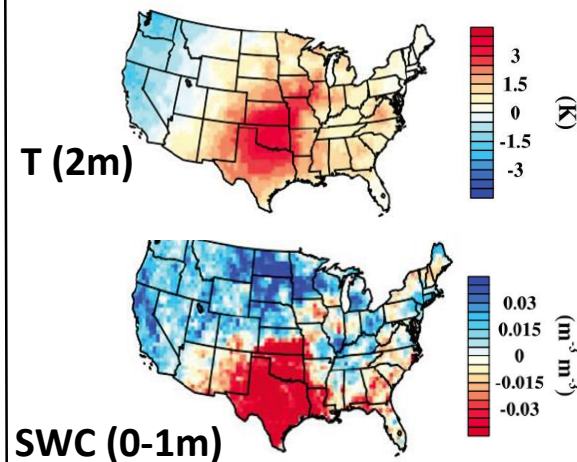
**Mean Enhancements**

O<sub>3</sub>: 3.4 ppbv (dry)  
20% more (dry+heat)

PM<sub>2.5</sub>: 1.7 µg/m<sup>3</sup> (dry)  
12% more (dry+heat)

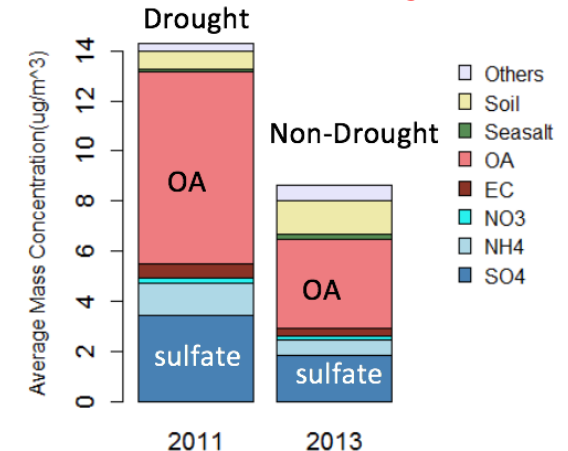
Wang Y. et al., ACP, 2017

## 2011 SUS Drought



NOAA Drought Task Force

## 75% higher PM<sub>2.5</sub>



Wang Y. et al., JAS, 2015;  
Zhao, Wang, et al., ES&T, 2019



# Potential Impacts of Extreme Heat on Air Quality Forecasting



## Modeling Windblown Dust

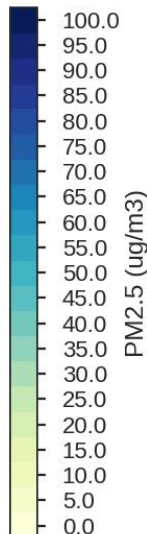
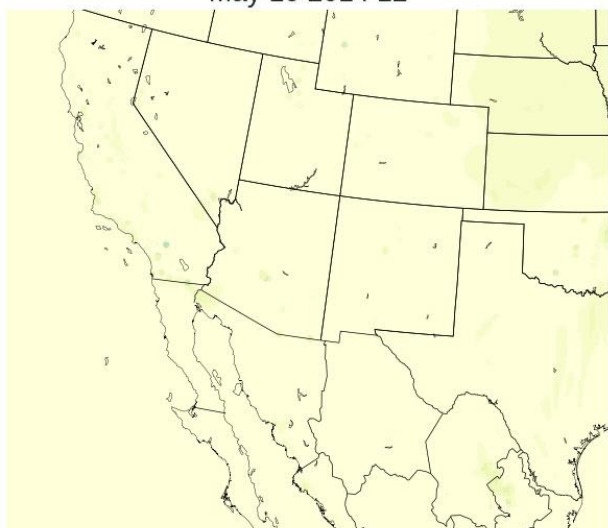


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FENGSHA  
dust emission  
algorithm

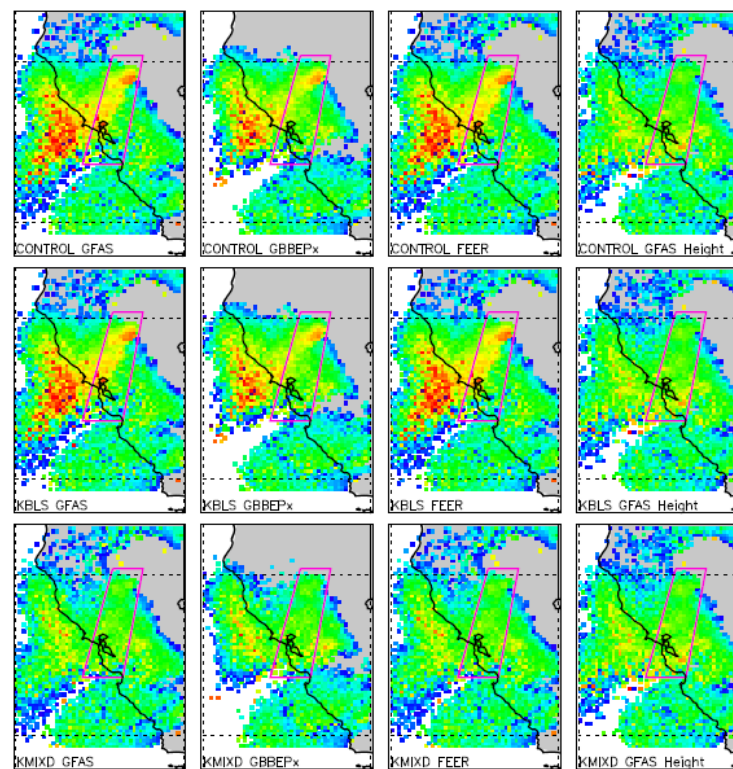
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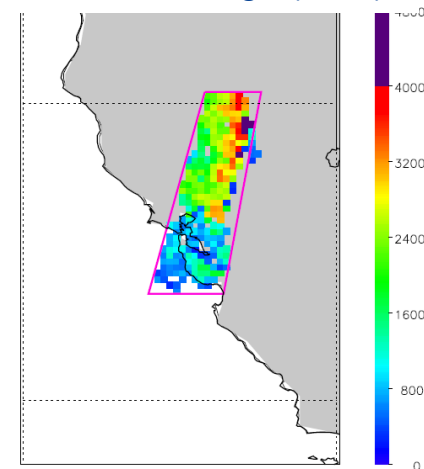
Daniel Tong  
Barry Baker  
Rick Saylor  
NOAA/OAR/ARL

Fire Radiative Power  
Atmospheric Stability  
Wind Direction  
Plume Rise & PBL Depth  
Fuel Source  
Fire Location and Duration



## Modeling Smoke from Wildfires

MISR Plume Height (NASA)



GOES-R Fire Obs



# Compound risks of **heat** and **haze** extreme in South Asia

Xu, Yangyang (Texas A&M University)

NOAA workshop on heat extremes, Nov, 2019

- **Motivation:**

First large-scale assessment of the co-occurrence of heat extreme and haze extreme the **future** evolution and the **human** exposure

1997-2004 (Decade 2000) and 2046-2054 (Decade 2050).

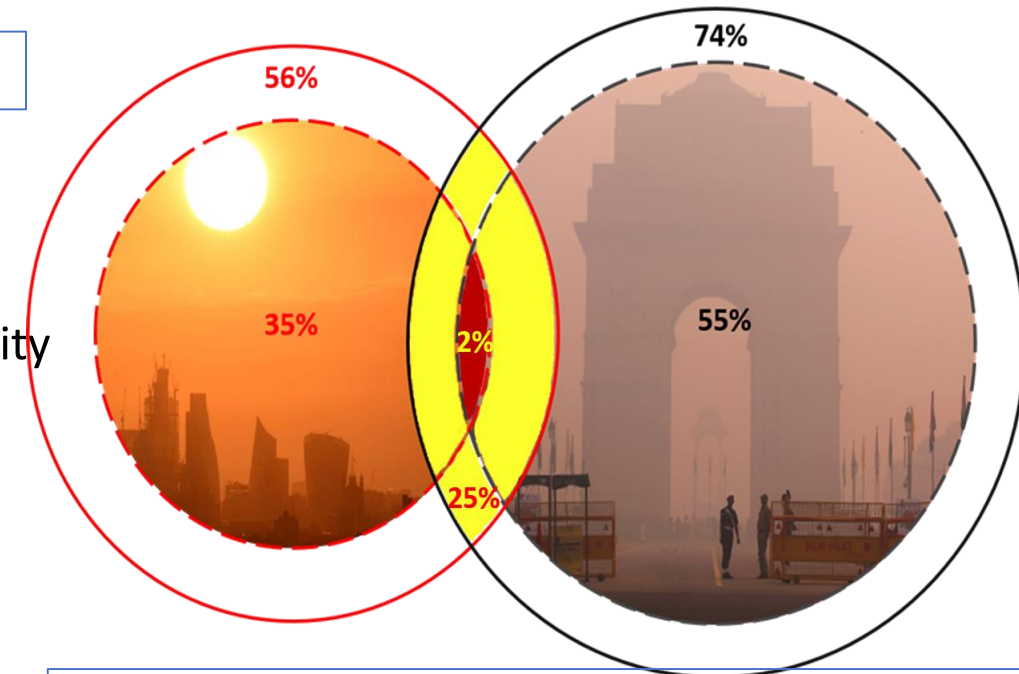
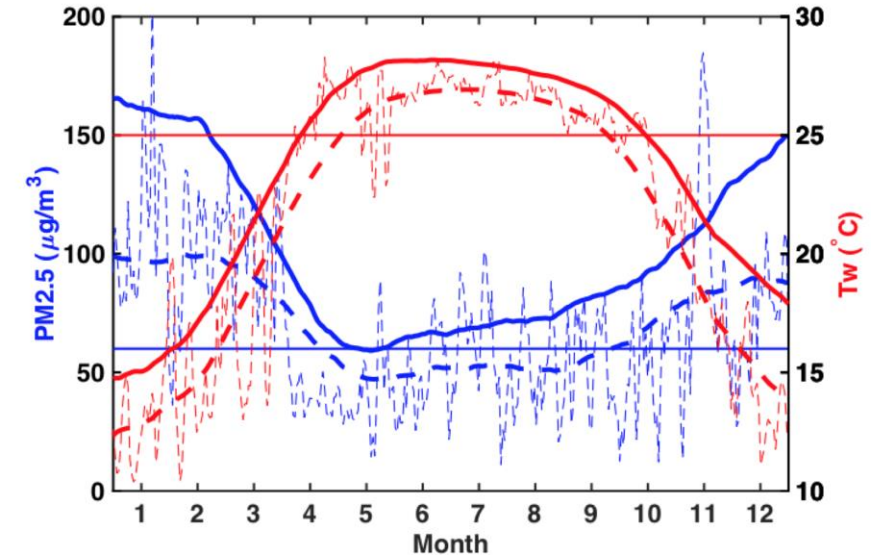
- **Methods:**

2 sets of high-resolution WRF\_Chem decadal-long simulation [Kumar, 2018] that is evaluated thoroughly based on in situ measurement of air quality and also bias-corrected against meteorological reanalysis.

- **Results:**

Worrying Future Outlook...

But useful for raising the awareness and anticipating scale of adaptation

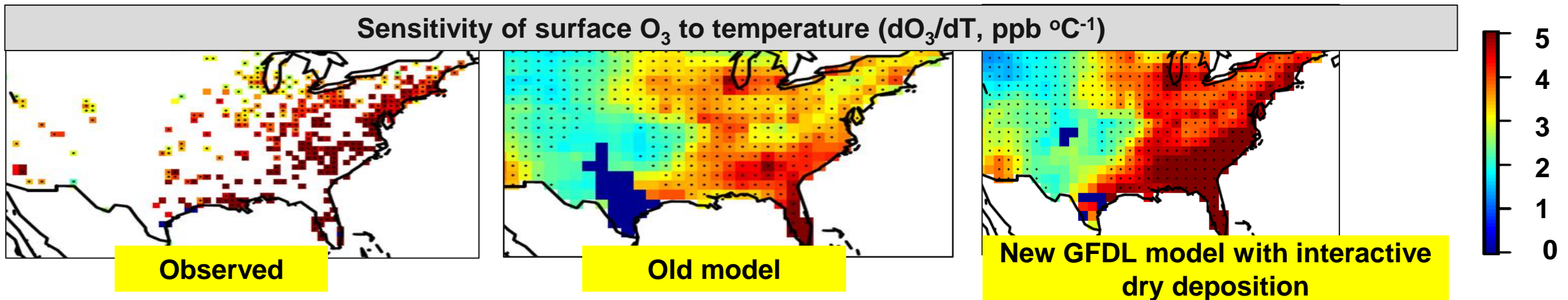
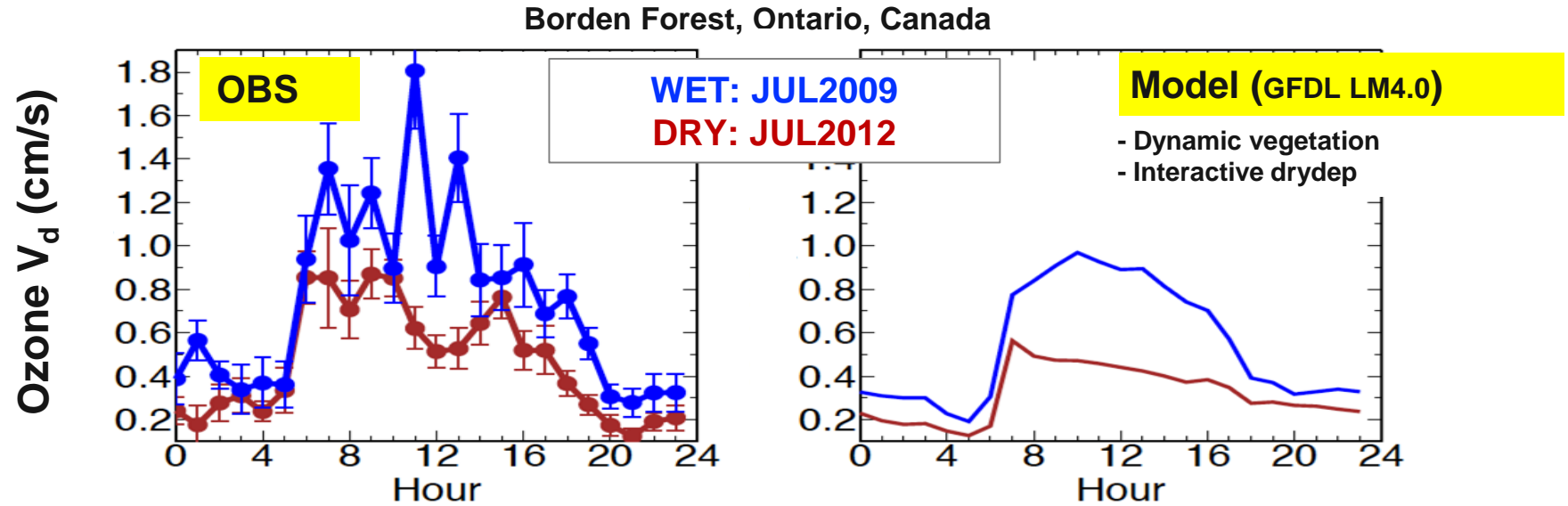
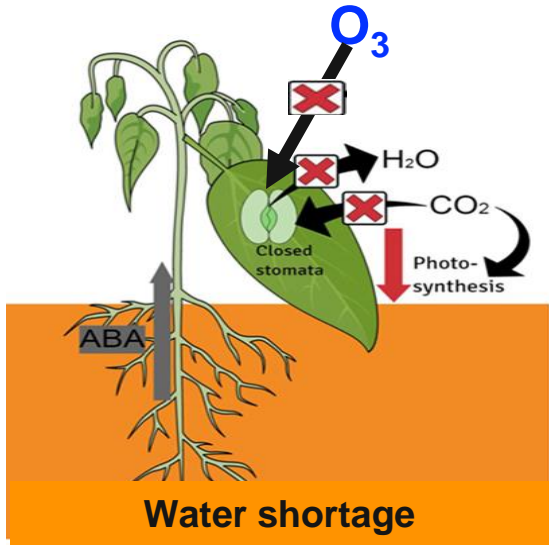


Land fraction with more than 60 days of exposure



# Reduced ozone removal by water stressed vegetation exacerbates air pollution during heatwaves

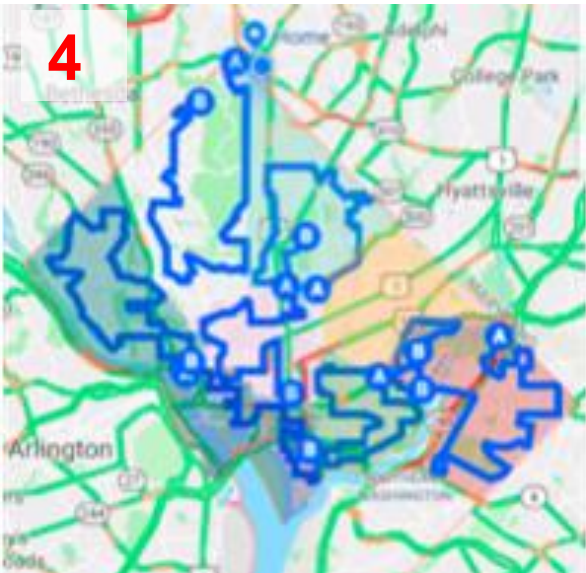
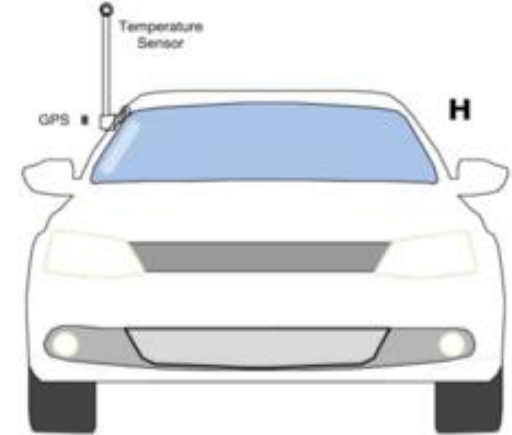
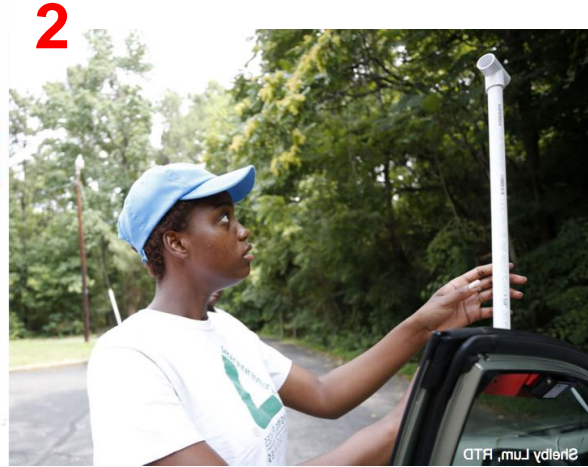
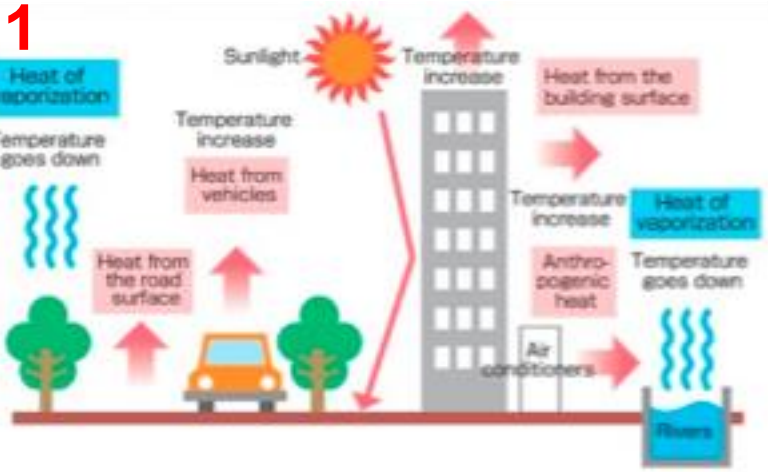
(Meiyun Lin, NOAA GFDL/Princeton)



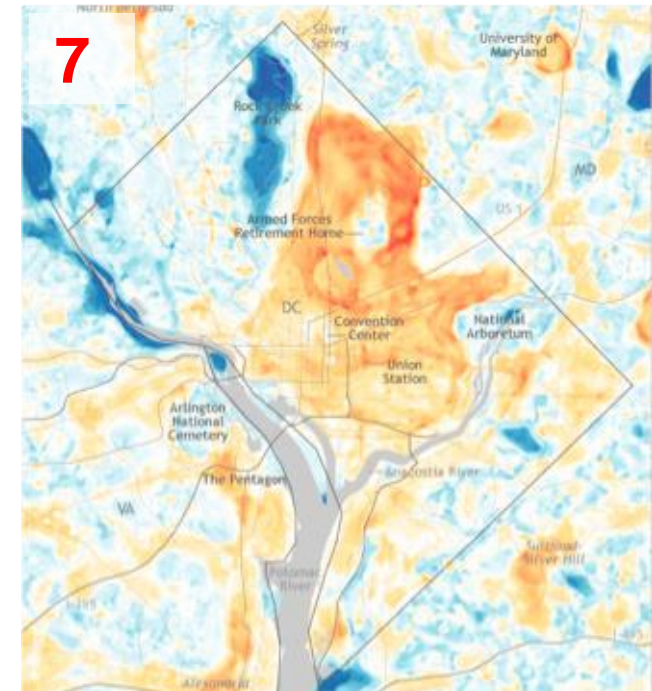


# Urban Heat Island Mapping & Modeling Campaigns

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- 5**
- Trees
  - Vegetation
  - Water Bodies
  - Buildings
  - Impervious Surfaces





# An Experimental Real-time Global Monitoring and Forecasting System for Excess Heat and Health

Augustin Vintzileos

University of Maryland - ESSIC

## The Monitoring & Forecasting System:

### Heat and Health Formula (Nairn and Fawcett, 2014):

$$EHI_{sig} = \frac{1}{3}(T_i + T_{i-1} + T_{i-2}) - T_{95\%}$$

$$EHI_{acclim} = \frac{1}{3}(T_i + T_{i-1} + T_{i-2}) - \frac{1}{30} \sum_{k=i-32}^{i-3} T_k$$

$$EHF = \max(0, EHI_{sig}) \times \max(1, EHI_{accl})$$

### Model: CFSv2

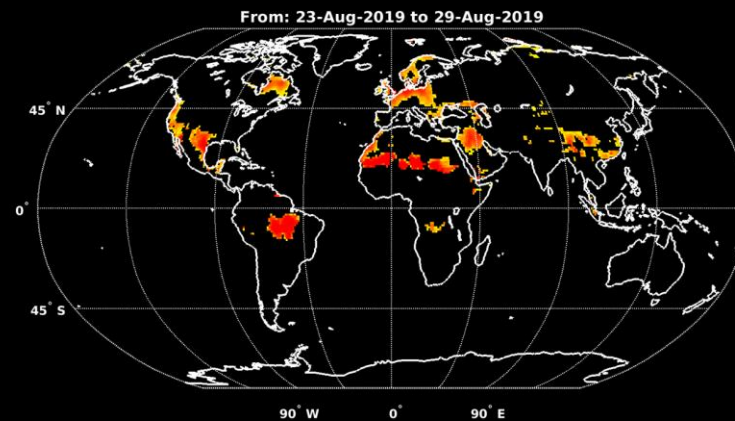
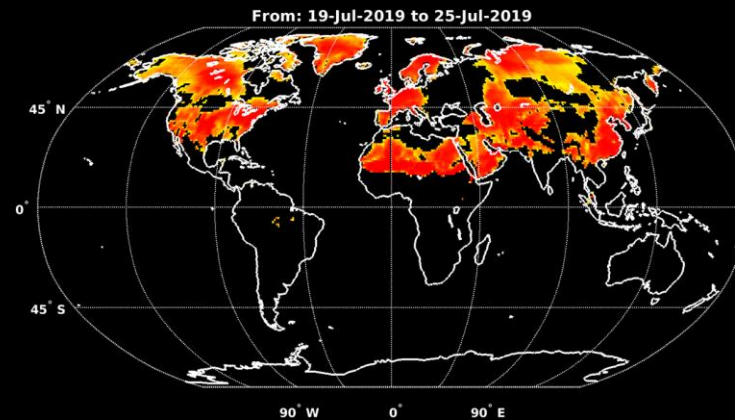
(used for the forecasting component)

- 16 member ensemble forecasts
- Reforecast 1999-2010

### Bias correction

- Quantile mapping
- Correction basis: ERA-Interim 1999-2010

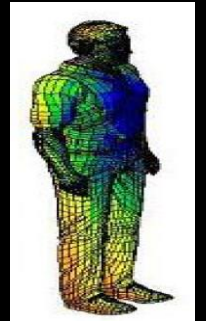
## Daily Real-time Monitoring and Forecast: [excess-heat.org](http://excess-heat.org)



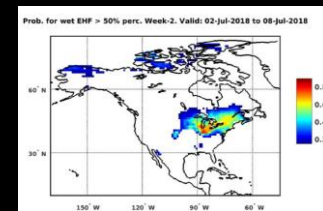
Quantile of the maximum daily EHF within the selected period

## Future Work

Define impacts of heat on health using thermal manikins (e.g., IESD-Fiala model)



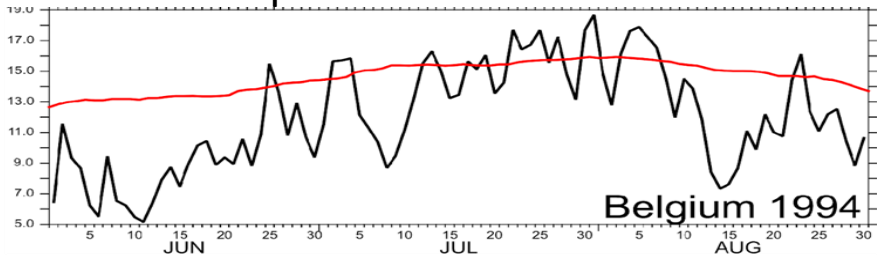
Very high resolution (~500 meters) downscaling with the WRF



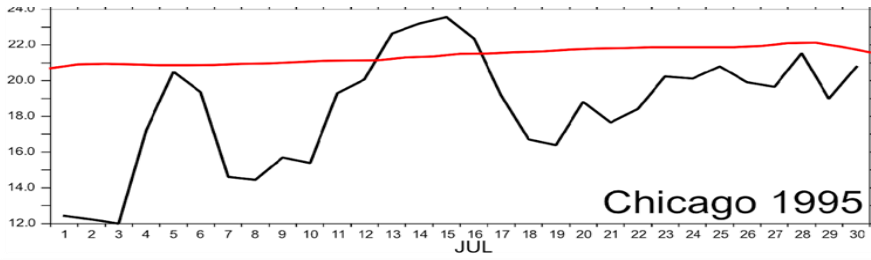
Probabilistic attribution of individual heat waves to climate variability and climate change



compound heat wave

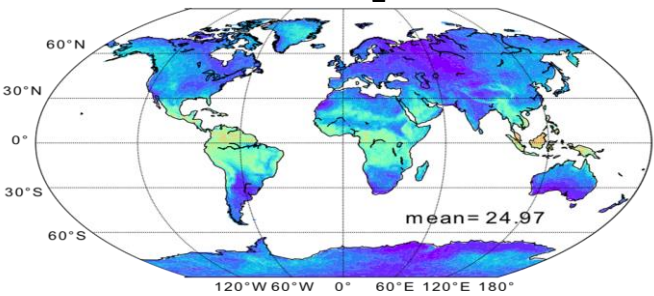


“normal” heat wave

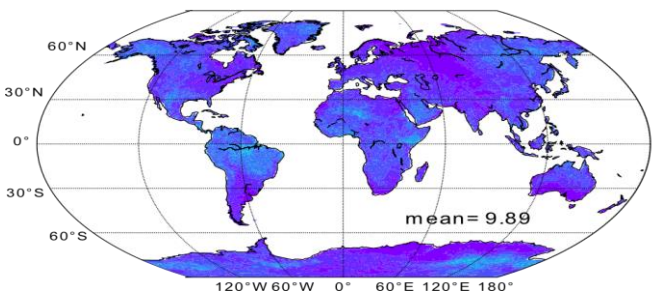


$$\% = (\text{Compound Days}) / (\text{All Heat Wave Days}) * 100$$

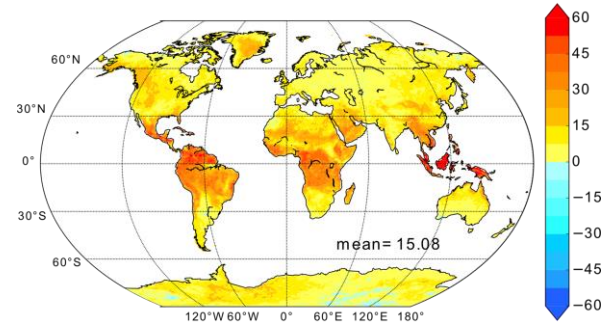
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Control

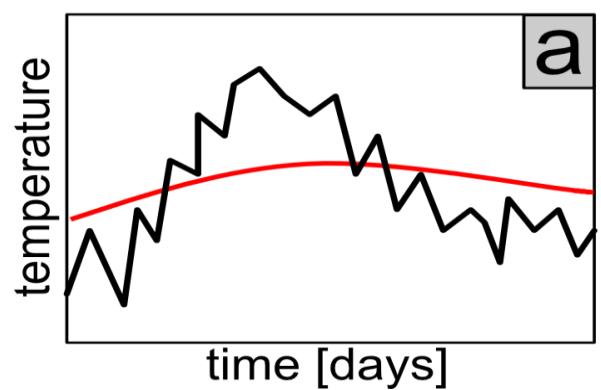


2xCO<sub>2</sub> - Control



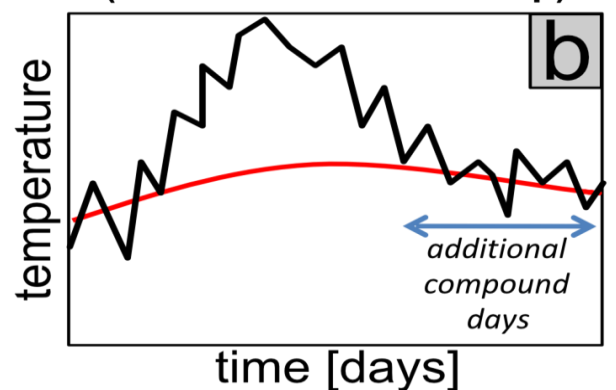
Baldwin et al 2019, *Earth's Future*  
**“Temporally Compound Heat Wave Events and Global Warming: An Emerging Risk”**

Present



Future

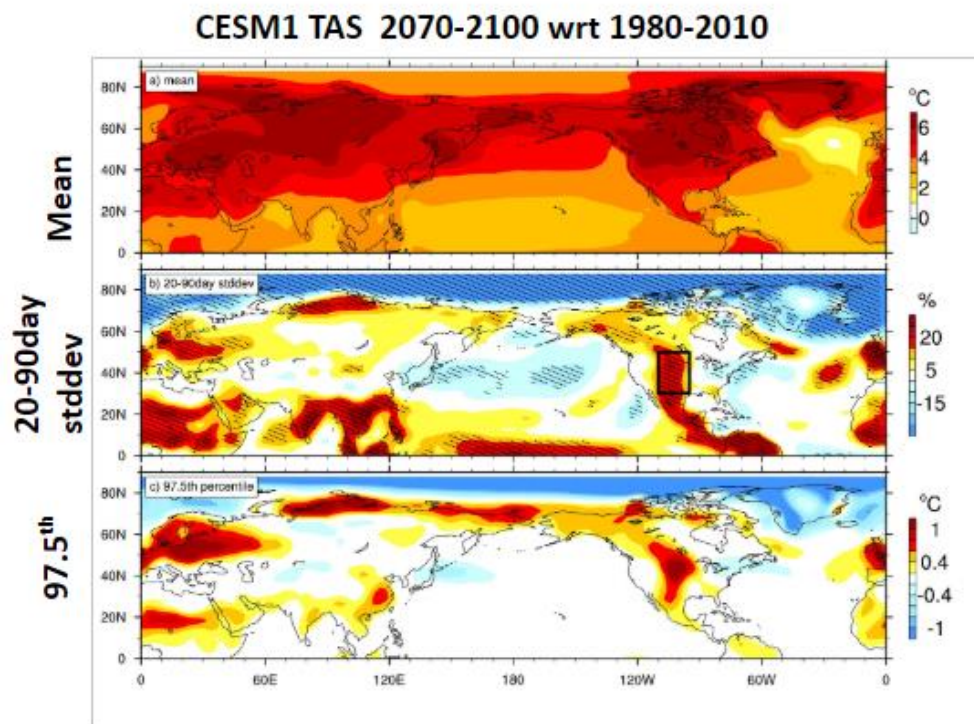
(Present + Mean Shift Up)





# Understanding Future Change in Subseasonal Temperature Variability and Heat Waves

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National Center for Atmospheric Research



- Change in variability vs. mean
- Amplification of planetary waves ?
- Enhanced atmosphere-land feedback ?

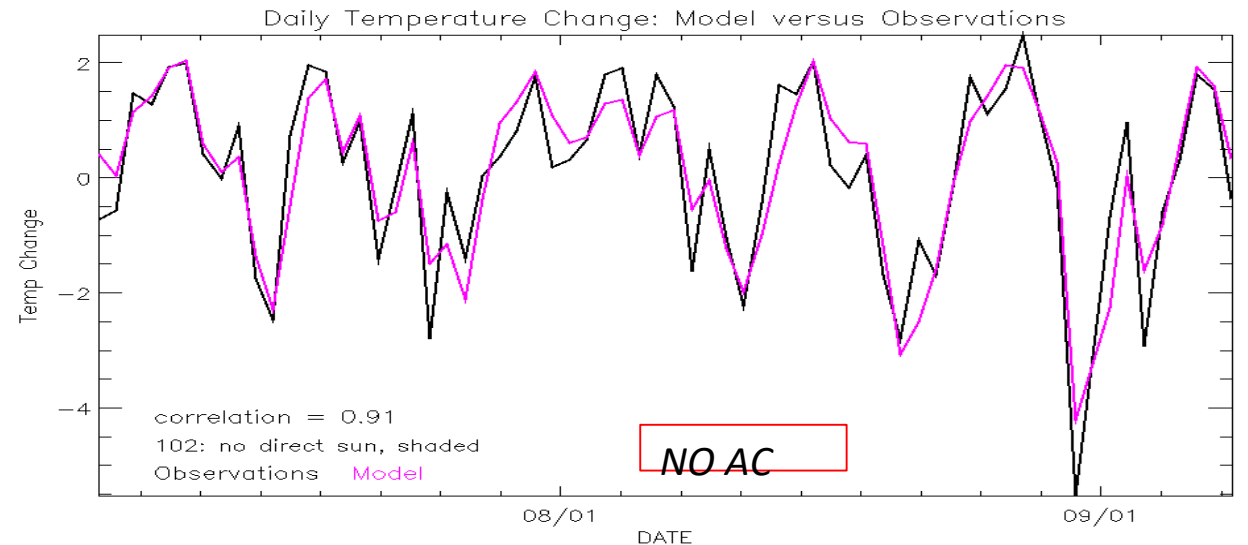
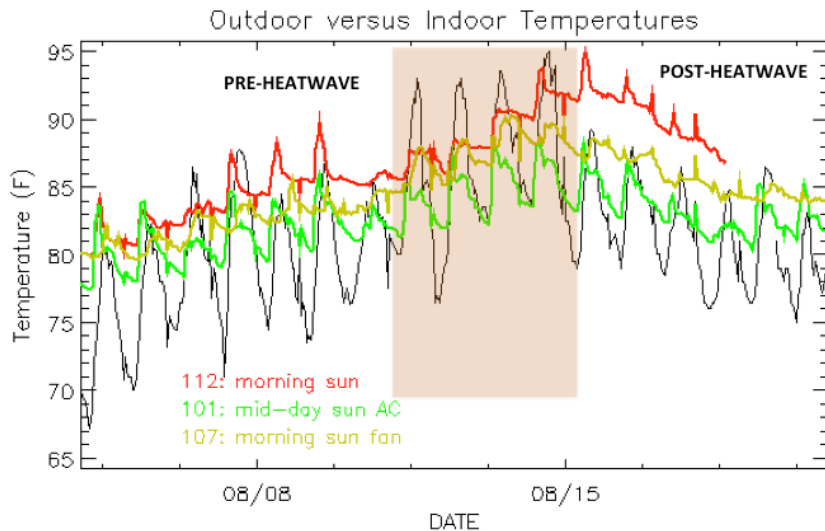
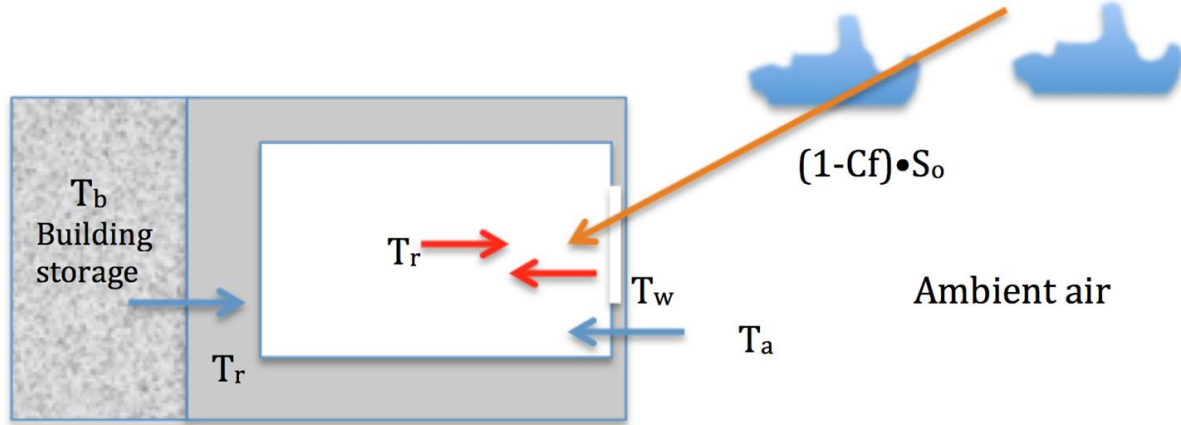


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# Indoor Heat Waves

During heat waves those most at risk tend to be indoors, which can be treated as greenhouses with temperatures driven by outdoor weather. Results from the Harlem Heat Project





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## Conclusions:

- There has been no detectable change in land-based emission of  $\text{CH}_4$  in the Arctic tundra south of Barrow despite large temperature changes.
- There have been significant increases in late summer to early winter time fluxes of  $\text{CO}_2$  at Barrow.

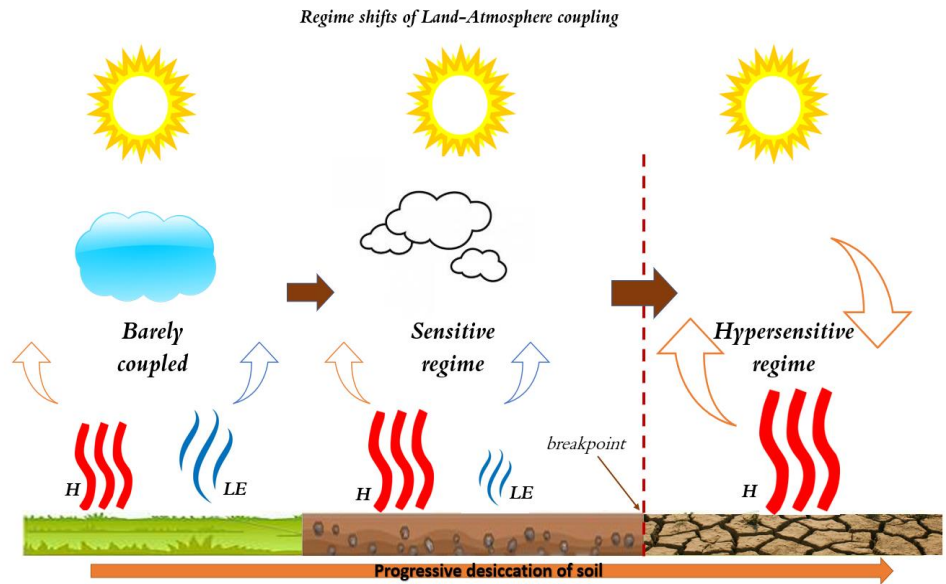


# How dry soil moisture extremes exacerbate heatwaves over the contiguous United States

by  
**David Benson & Paul Dirmeyer (GMU/COLA)**  
 NOAA Grant: NOAA / NA160AR4310095

## Background

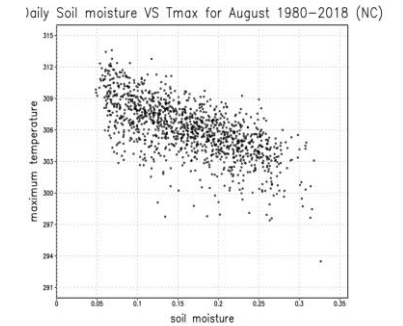
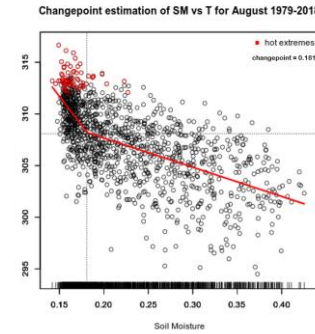
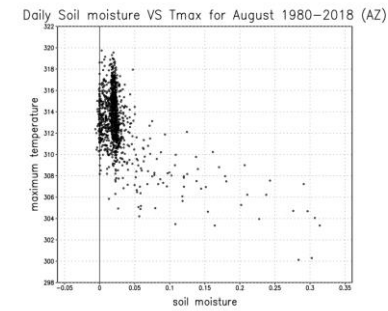
- This study shows that there are certain thresholds of soil moisture below which there is a shift in the sensitivity of the atmospheric temperature to soil moisture



## Data & Methods

- ERA 5 reanalysis investigated over the US and fluxnet data
- The relationship between extremely dry soil moisture and hot temperature extremes is shown to be piecewise linear

## Results



## Discussio

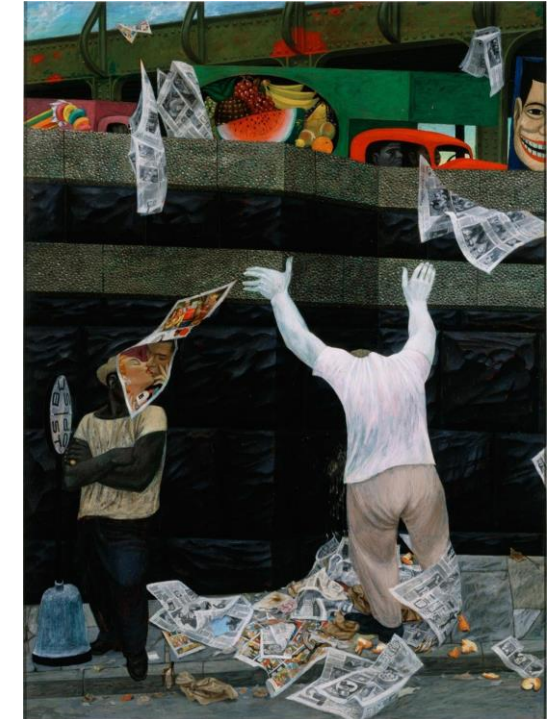
- There are significant physical processes that determine the changepoints
- These changepoints can serve as indicators for a shift from sensitive to hypersensitive response of the atmosphere to the land
- Accurate prediction of regime shifts can lead to improvements in predicting heatwave events exacerbated by L-A feedback

Benson, D. O. & Dirmeyer, P. A. (2019) Characterizing the relationship between temperature and soil moisture extremes and their role in the exacerbation of heatwaves over the contiguous United States (In preparation)

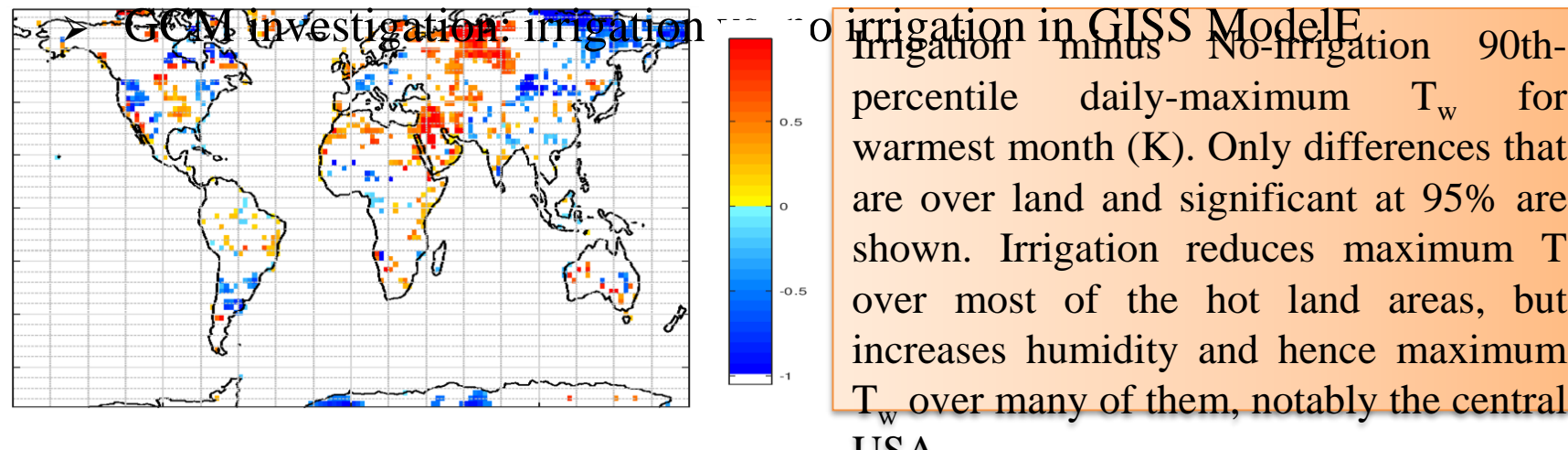
# Effect of Irrigation on Humid Heat Extremes

Nir Y Krakauer (CCNY), BI Cook and MJ Puma (NASA-GISS)

- Expansion of irrigation has led to regional cooling, particularly during the hottest days
  - What about humidity?
  - Wet-bulb temperature ( $T_w$  – can be thought of as combination of temperature and humidity) sets a heat stress adaptability limit



Henry Koerner, *It Isn't the Heat, It's the Humidity* (1947-8). Carnegie Museum of Art, Pittsburgh.



## Messages:

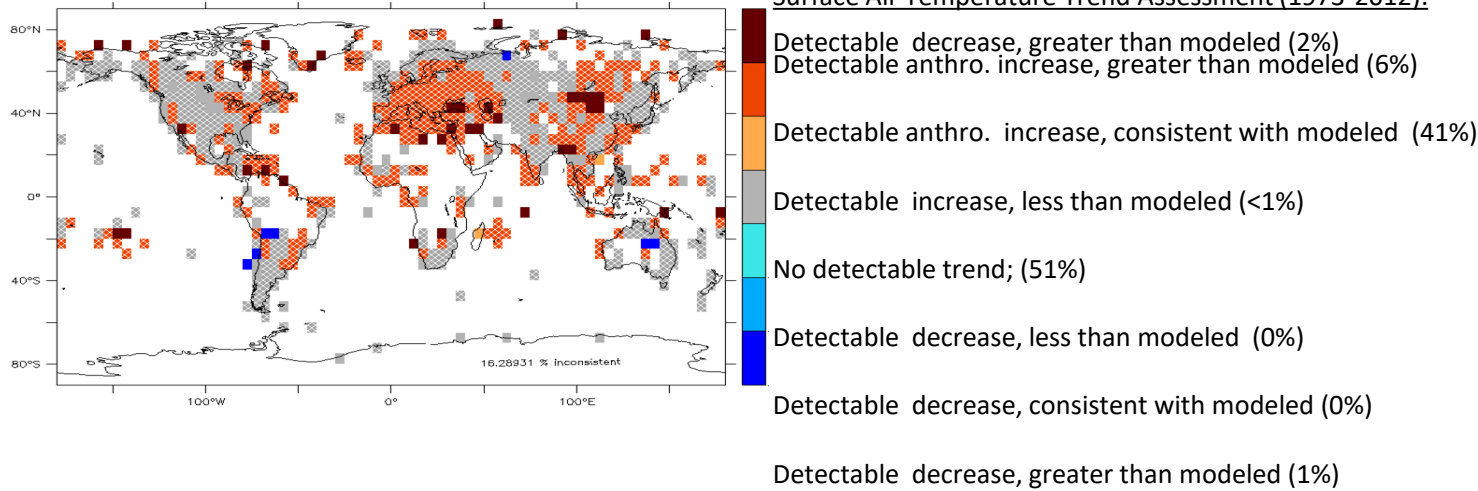
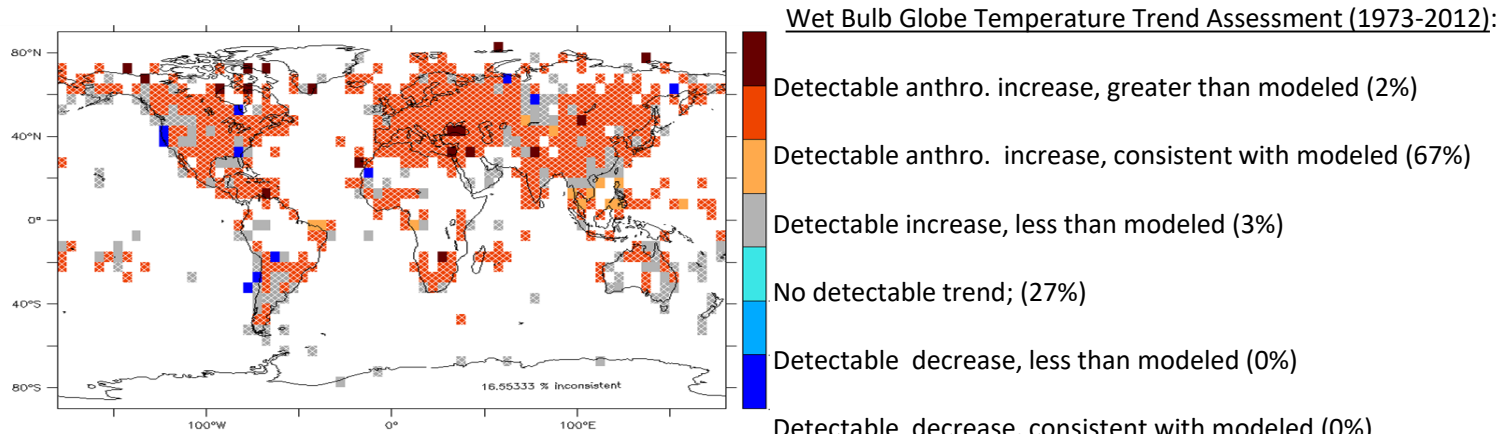
- Land management affects heat extremes
- Extreme-heat research needs to consider humidity, not just T – irrigation reduces T but worsens humidity

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MS in prep for ERL

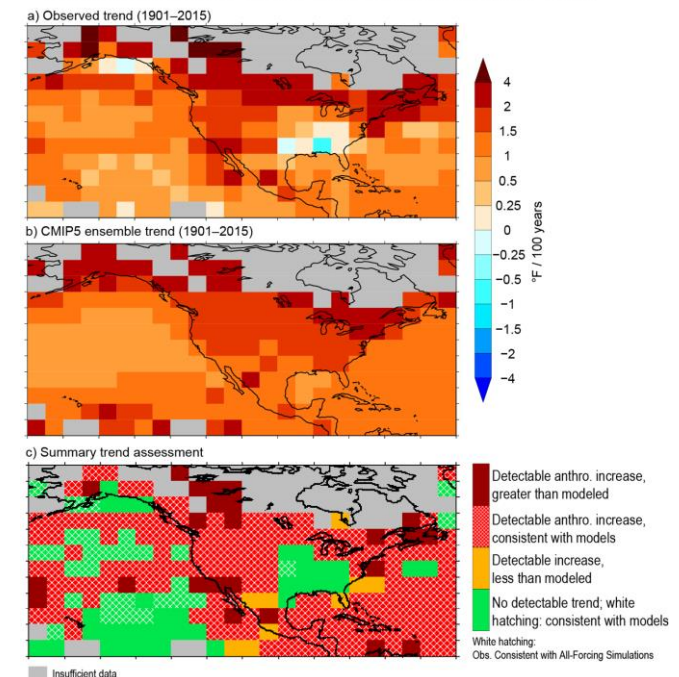
# Detection of anthropogenic influence on a summertime heat stress index

Thomas Knutson  
NOAA/OAR/GFDL



## Some remaining issues for U.S.:

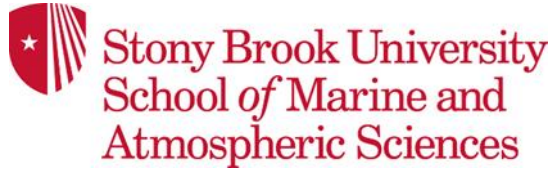
Assessment of Annual Surface Temperature Trends (1901–2015)



Sources: Knutson and Ploshay, 2016, *Climatic Change*;  
NCA4: *Climate Science Special Report (2017)*  
Adapted from Knutson et al. *J. Climate* 2013

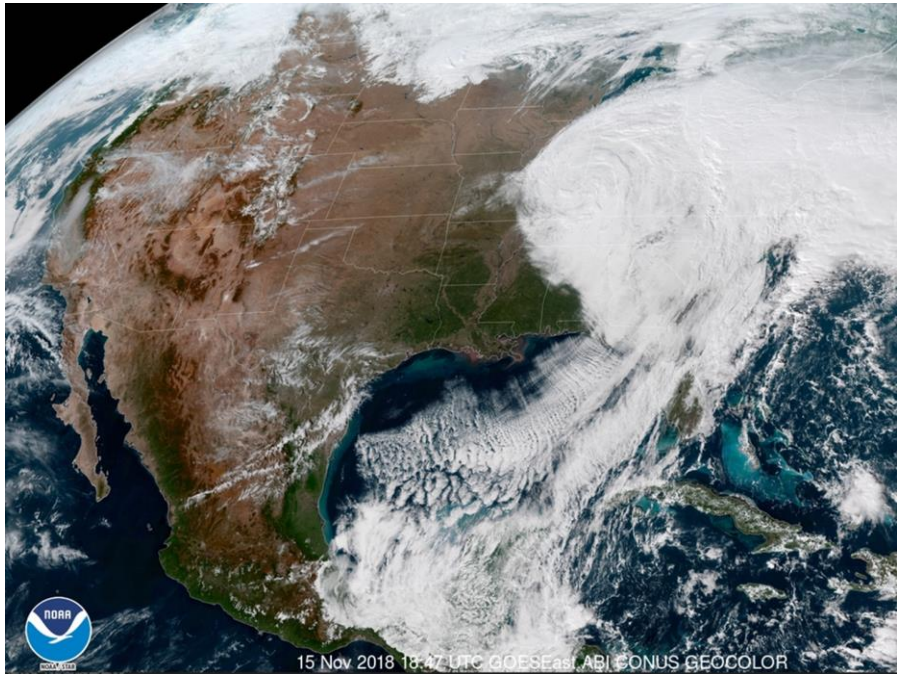


# How does Extratropical cyclone activity impact extreme heat?



Edmund Chang, Stony Brook University

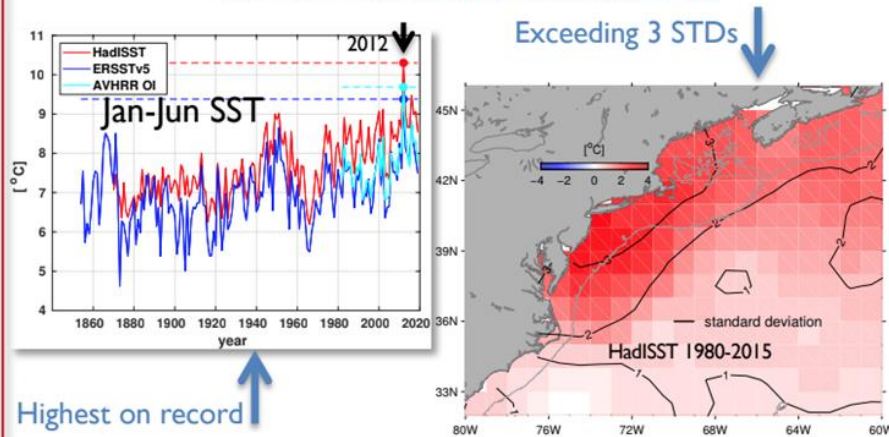
- Cyclones bring clouds
- Fewer or weaker cyclones bring less clouds
- Less clouds imply more solar radiation reaching surface and higher maximum temperature
- Several studies have shown that in observations maximum temperature in summer is negatively correlated with level of cyclone activity
- GCM's simulate much weaker correlations than those observed (Chang et al. 2016; Ma 2019)
- CMIP5 models project weaker cyclone activity in summer under changing climate, potentially less clouds from cyclones
  - This could potentially accentuate warming



# The 2012 extreme heat in NW Atlantic: from understanding to predictability

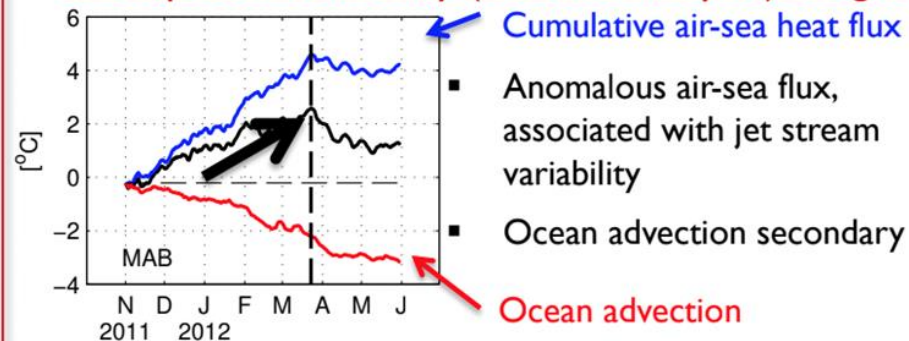
Ke Chen (kchen@whoi.edu), Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution

## 1. Characteristics and impacts



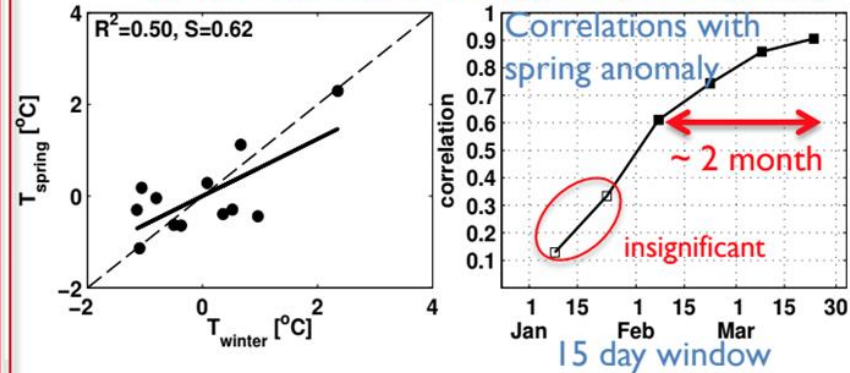
- Earlier and more intense spring bloom
- Higher zooplankton biomass
- Earlier landing and larger catch of lobster
- Northward shift of butterfish, black sea bass, Atlantic cod

## 2. Temperature anomaly (no seasonal cycle) budget

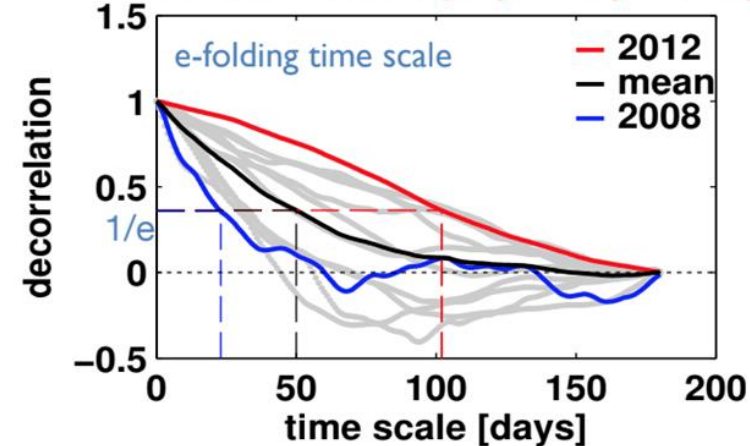


- Anomalous air-sea flux, associated with jet stream variability
- Ocean advection secondary

## 3. Interannual variability and predictability



## Decorrelation Scale of Jan-Jun Daily Anomaly

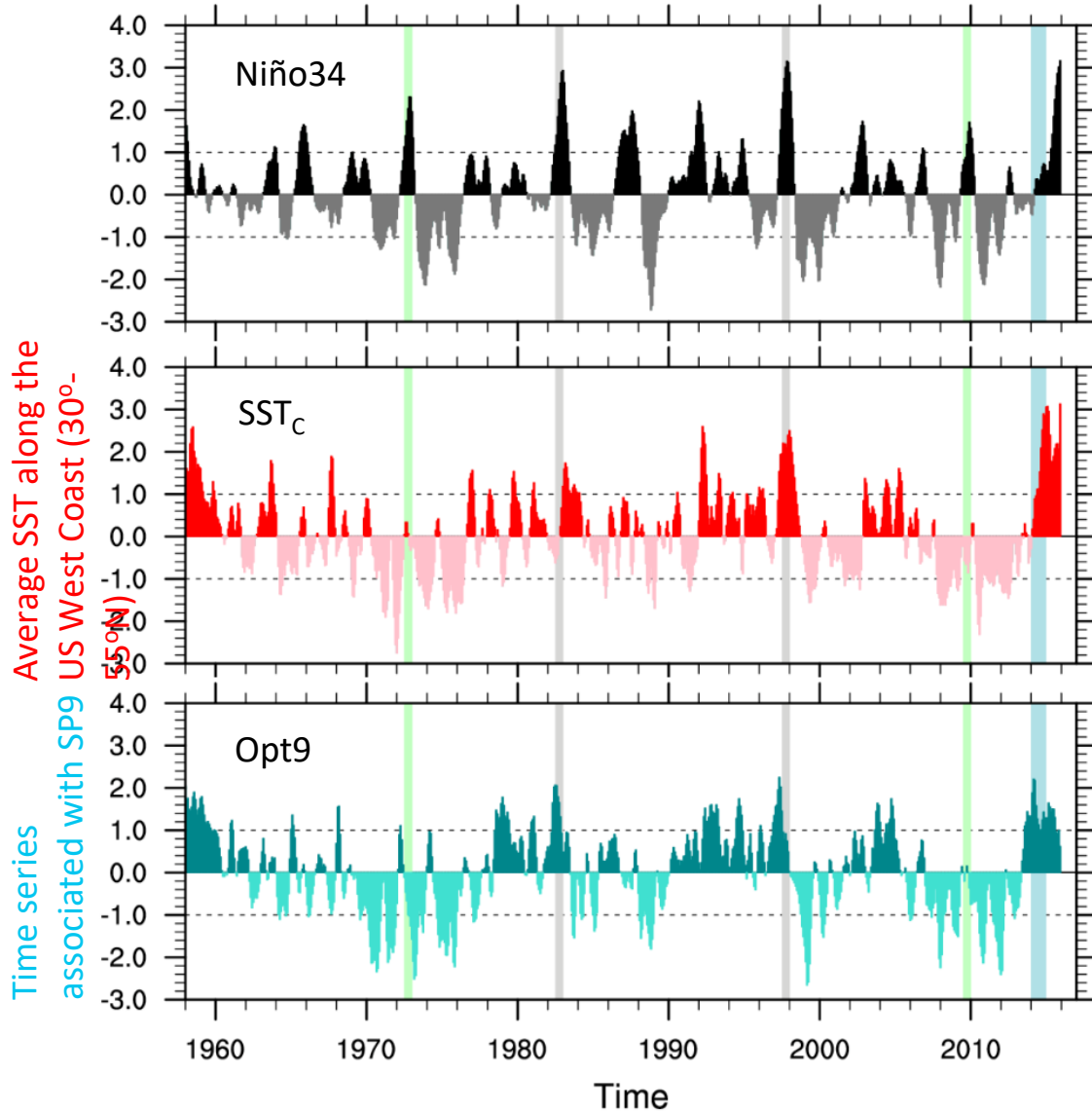


- 50-day mean decorrelation scale, consistent with the 2-month scale
- Strong interannual variability: oceanic and atmospheric fluxes change dramatically from year to year
- Deterministic prediction of NW Atlantic is challenging, but is an exciting research topic

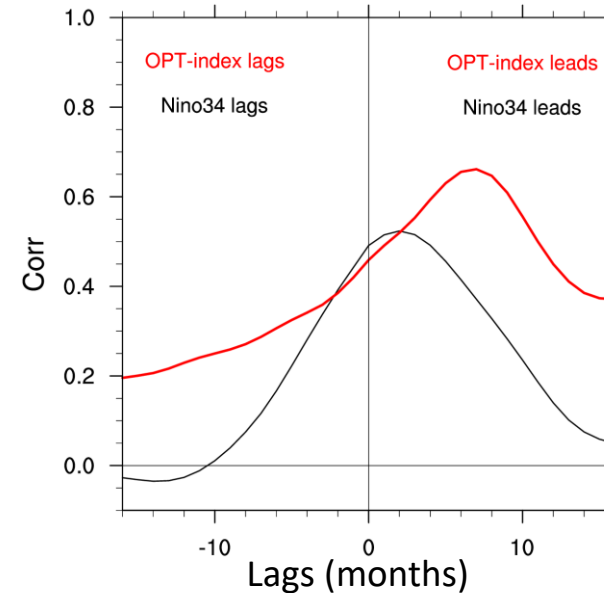
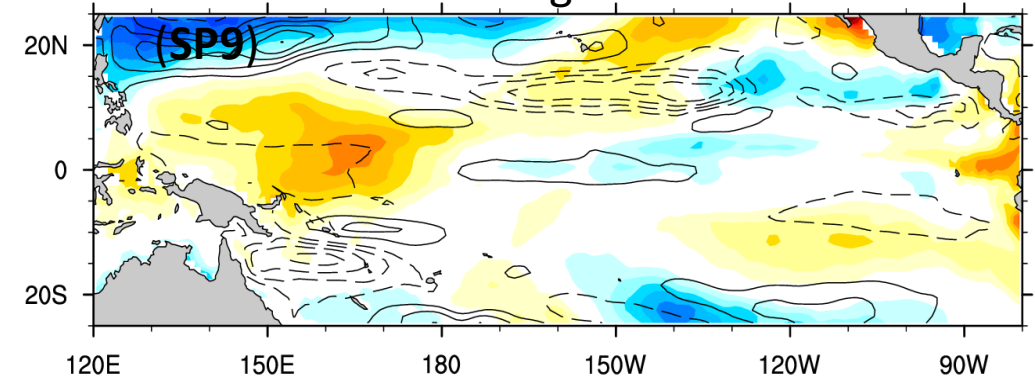
# Which El Niño Flavors are Most Important for US West Coast Extreme Marine Warming?

Antonietta Capotondi

NOAA/ESRL Physical Sciences Division



Patterns of SST (shading) and SSH (contours) that are most conducive to US West Coast warming at 9 months lead time



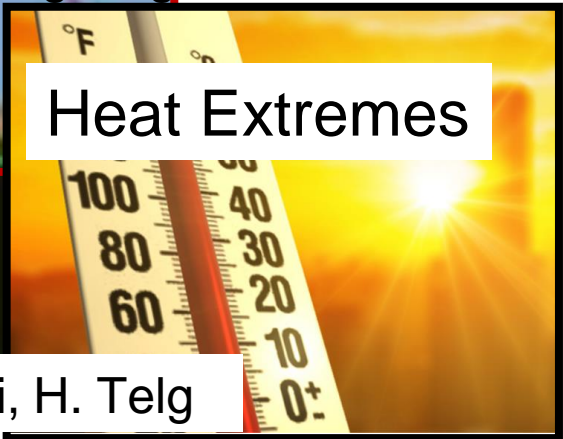
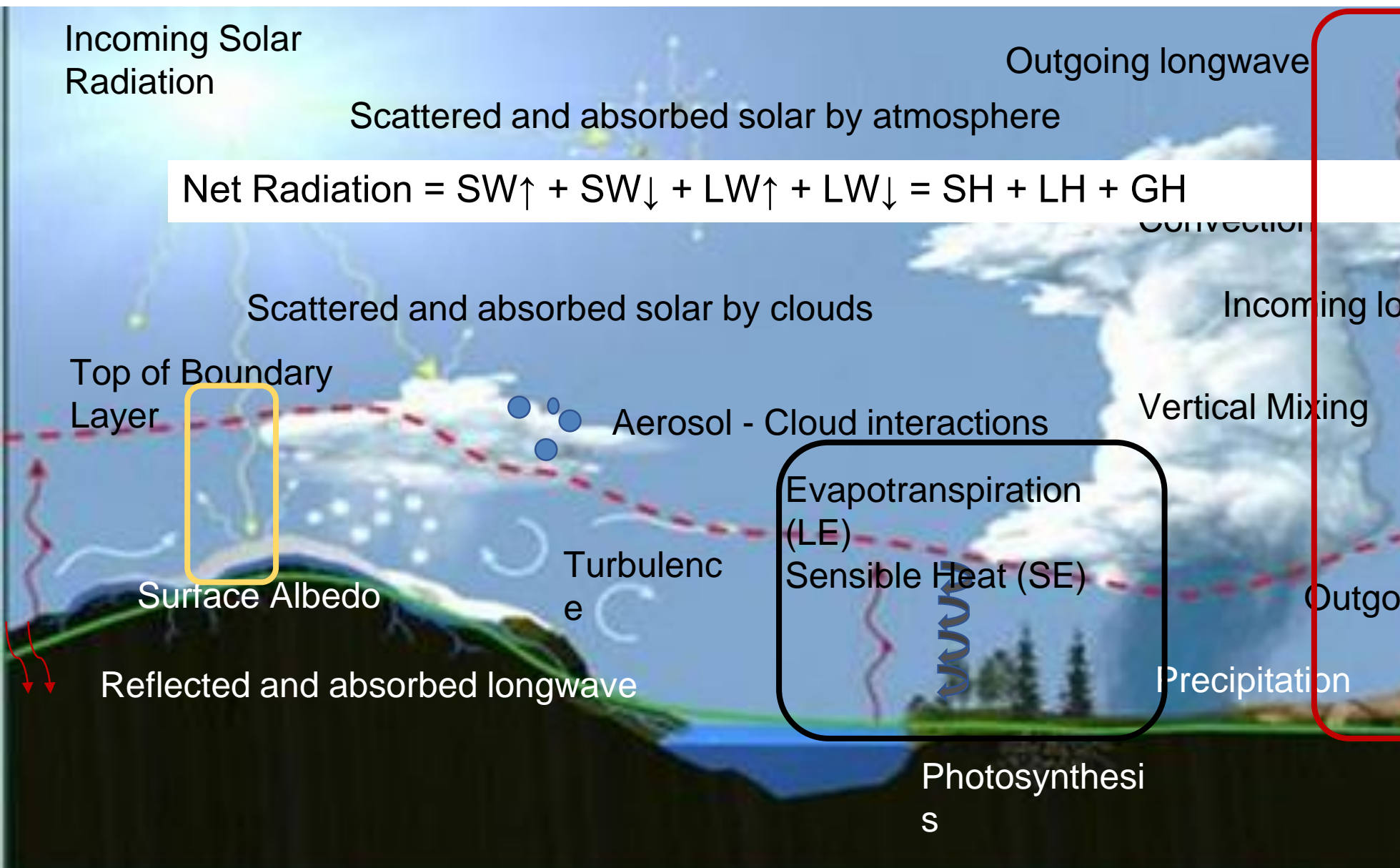
Lag-Correlations between Niño3.4 and SST<sub>C</sub> (black) and Opt9 and SST<sub>C</sub> (red)

Largest corr. with Niño3.4 is ~0.5 with Niño3.4 leading by 2-3 months

Largest corr with Opt9 is ~0.65 with Opt9 leading by 7 months

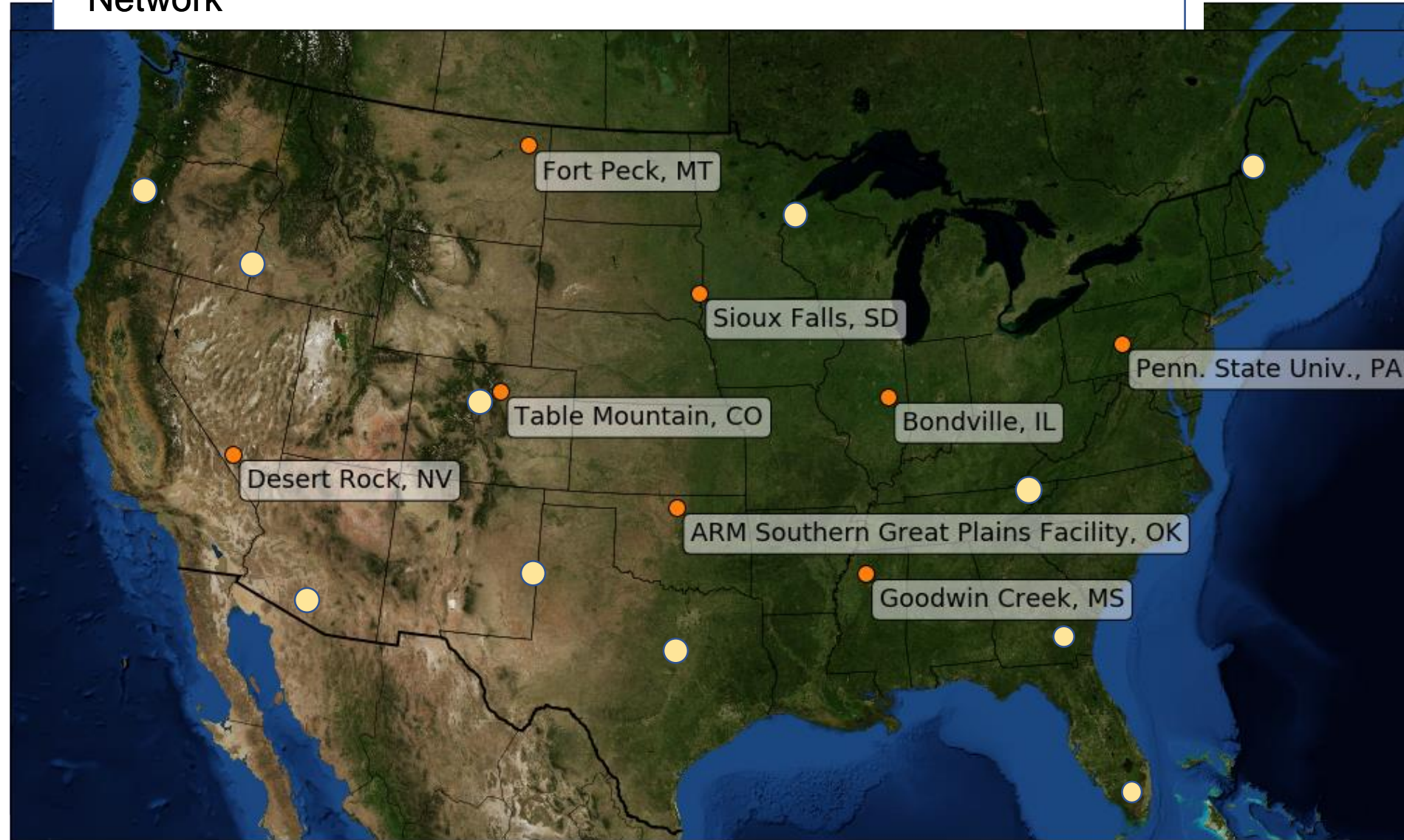


Net Radiation is the driver weather and climate





# Expanded SURFRAD Network



Integrated Approach –  
Modeling and  
Observations (ground  
and satellite)

Foundational long-  
term observations  
across time (diurnal,  
seasonal, decadal)  
and spatial scales  
(synoptic to local)

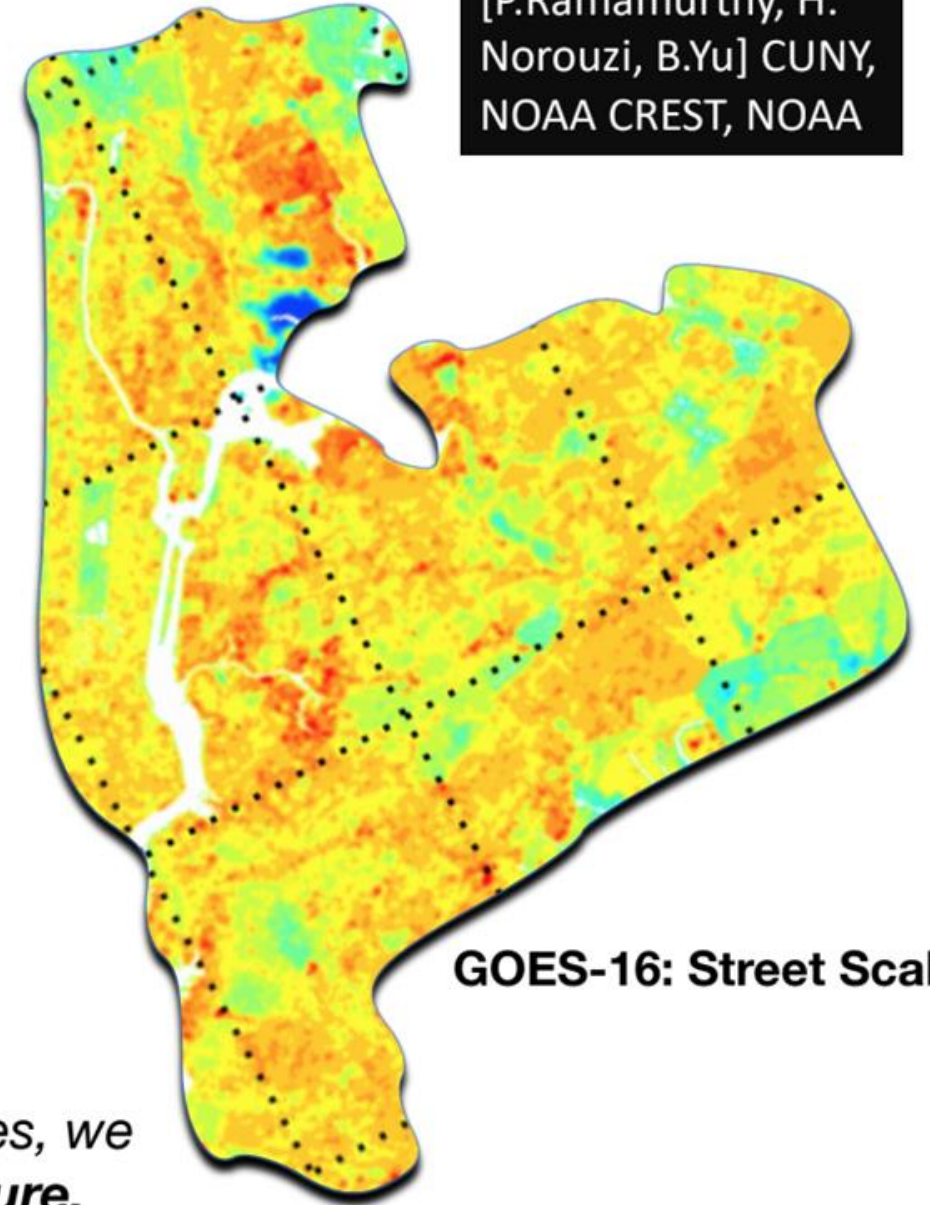
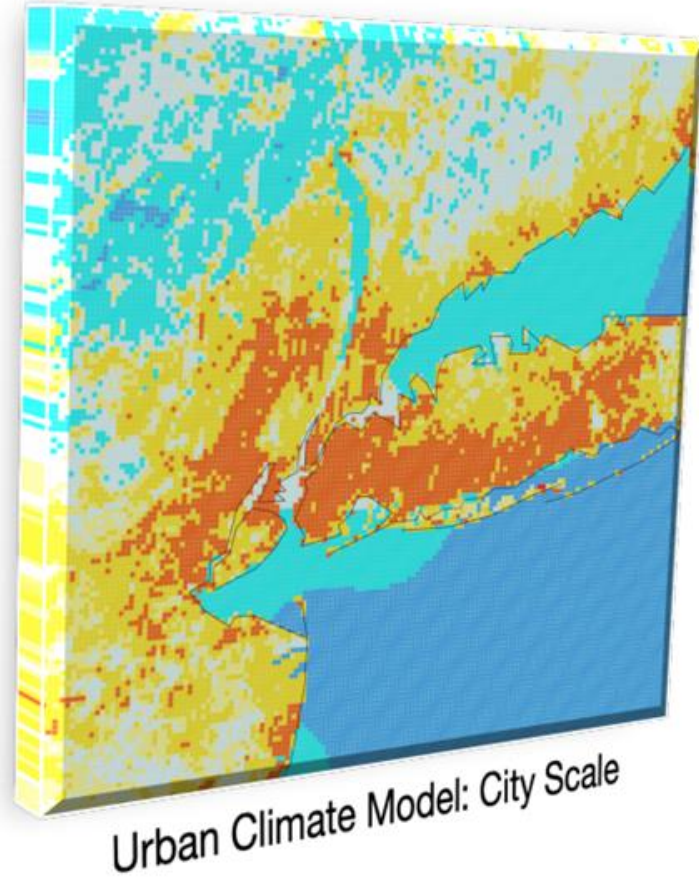
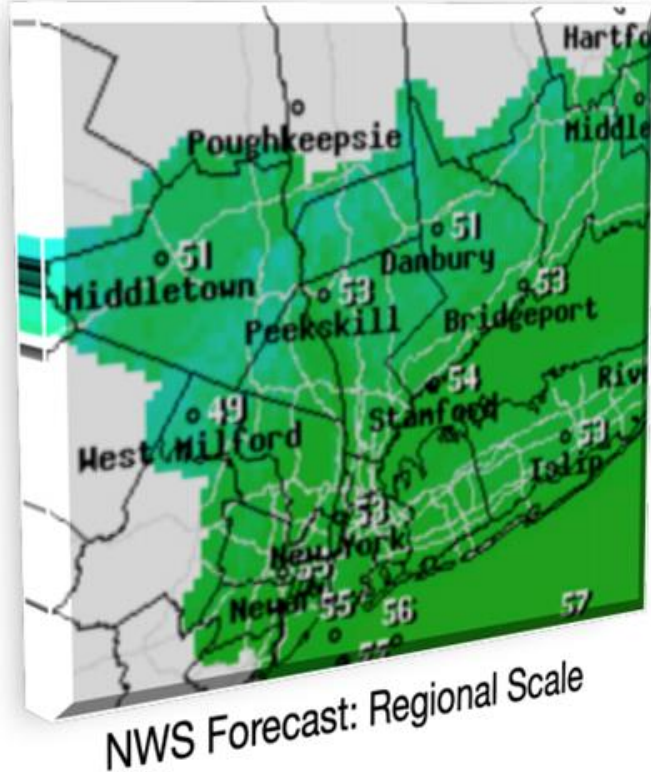
Connections - Land  
Atmospheric  
Interactions and  
Feedbacks

Predictive capabilities



# Remote sensing solutions to combat extreme heat at relevant spatio-temporal scales

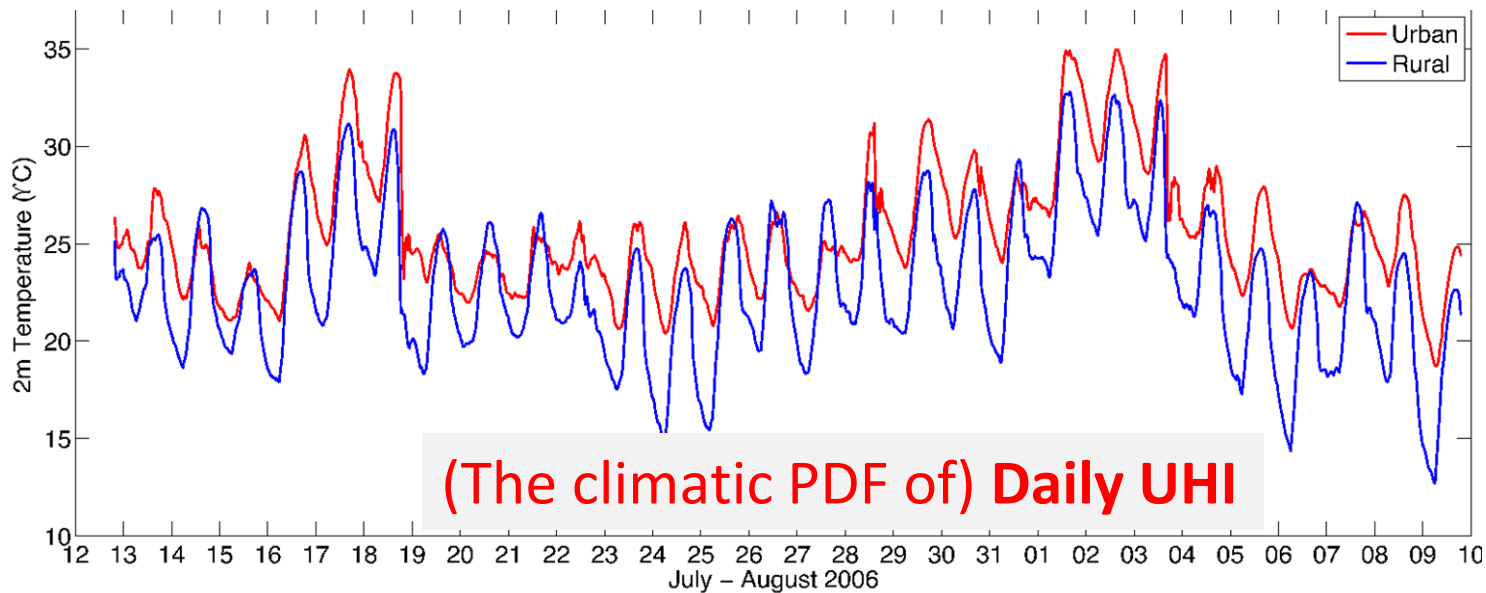
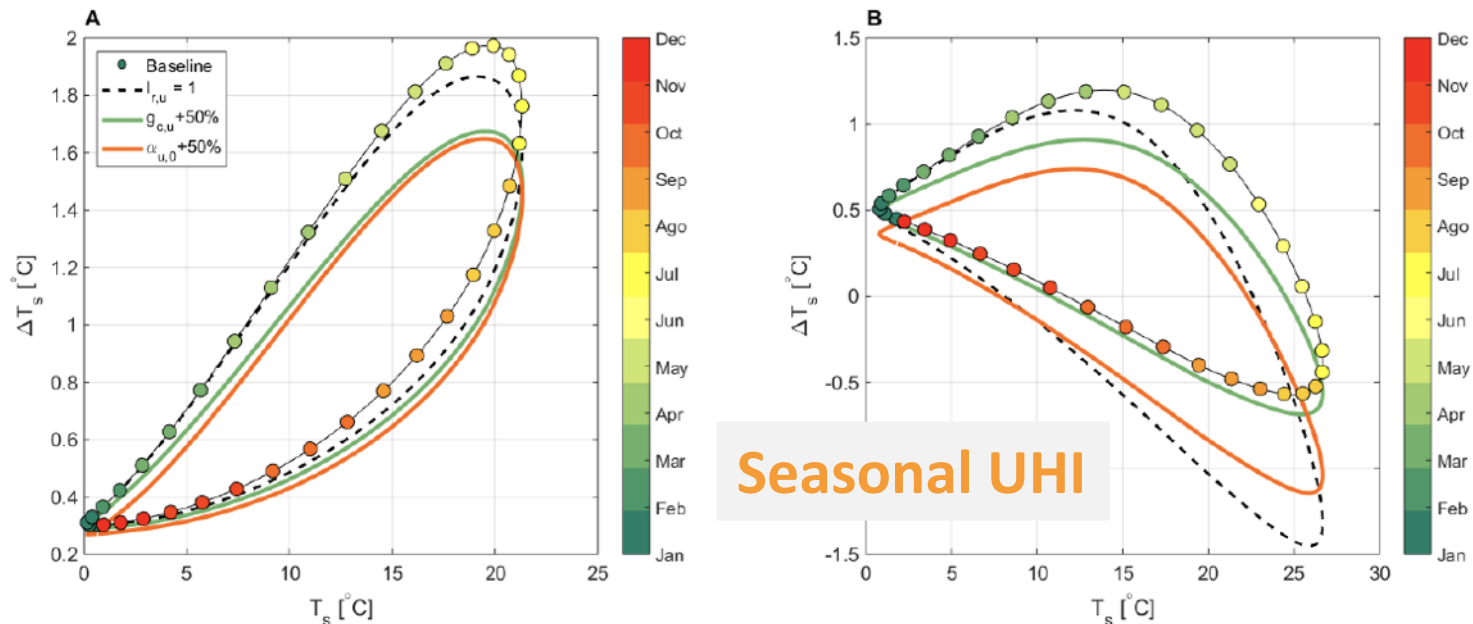
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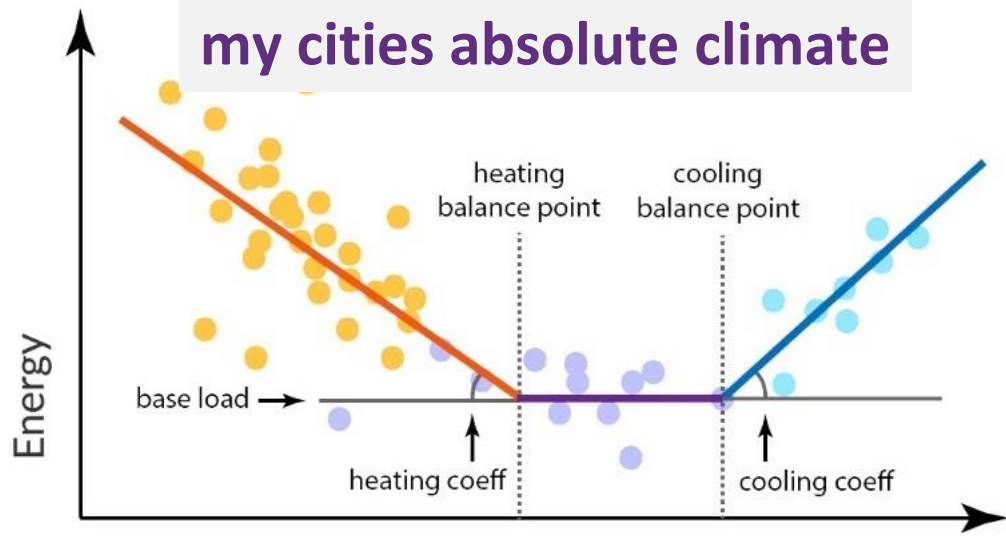
Using ground based observations & machine learning techniques, we will be able to predict/nowcast high resolution urban **air temperature, humidity and heat index**



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Local: Beyond UHI,  
my cities absolute climate



But what is local?

