# Data-driven Impact Projections for Climate Risk Management

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#### Asset-specific Impacts for Climate Risk Management

- We estimate changes in:
  - Energy needs
  - Heat stress
  - Equipment downtime, performance, etc.
  - Health impacts
  - Electrical power plant cooling limits
- This list changes in breadth and level of detail depending on specific concerns of different industry sectors or government missions
- Risk approach informs resilience and adaption measures

## Applied Resilience Toolkit – Screening Level

- Initial assessment of relative risk
- Identifies where to do detailed analysis
- Fast processing of thousands of locations using 27 indices from 31 models
- Calculates surrogates for specific risks (energy use, heat stress, etc.)
- GIS for rapid display of results and integration with other information (drainage basins, population distributions, storm surge data, etc.)





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## Applied Resilience Toolkit – Detailed Level

- Localized statistics for 1950-2100 anywhere on the globe.
- All CMIP5 models and variables
- Downscaled data from NEX-GDDP, NARCCAP, etc.



- Location-specific decadal averages for each month throughout year.
- Distributions for any month/year based on all models.
- Distributions for any period based on all models, or on selected model.

- Risk metric: Change in frost days plus tropical nights at 400 public-sector facilities
- For example, compare 2026-2045 to 2006-2025 for RCP 8.5 climate

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## Energy Risk Refined Based on Energy Use Related to Weather (Screening Level)

- Utilized detailed energy billing records (100K records for 790 facilities)
- Heating/cooling energy-usage surrogate (frost days + tropical nights)
- Compare 2026-2045 to 2006-2025 for RCP 8.5 using 10 models



#### Risk: Increases in Energy Needs (Detailed Level)

 Risk metric: location-specific Cooling Degree Days (CDD) and Heating Degree Days (HDD) 1950-2100:

Cooling and Heating Degree Days - Baton Rouge Facility

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Cooling Degree Days 
Heating Degree Days

**Approximate Changes in Degree Days:** Cool Heat Cost 2025 + 5% - 5% 2045 +20% -10% + \$15000 2065 +40% -15% + \$38000 2085 +60% -20% + \$60000

Adaptation planning implications:

- plan for higher energy needs;
- modify infrastructure
- Distribution of estimates for each year and each month give probabilities of exceeding decision-specific thresholds.

\* Area of facility is 248,000 sqft. Average annual energy consumption is 6 kWh/sqft, so the annual energy use is about 1.5M kWh. At \$0.10/kWh, the annual cost is \$150,000.

#### **Risk: Increases in Heat Stress**

- Risk metric: Heat impacts on persons based on hot days and hot nights (above historical 90<sup>th</sup> percentile values) at 600 cities and towns in Mali
- For example, compare 2026-2045 to 2006-2025 for RCP 8.5 climate scenario



#### Risk: Decreases in Electricity Plant Cooling Capacity

- Plant data: location, cooling type, water source/sink, flow rates, etc.
- Screening results using surrogate for decreases in cooling capacity (total precipitation divided by high-temperature days, prcptot/tx90p)
- Compare 2026-2045 to 2006-2025 for RCP8.5 scenario.



Change in Electrical Plant Cooling Capacity (%)

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-42.6762 - -40.0000 -40.0000 - -35.0000 -35.0000 - -30.0000 -30.0000 - -25.0000 -25.0000 - -20.0821

# Risk: Decreases in Electricity Plant Cooling Capacity (Cont'd)

- Drainage basins<sup>\*</sup> merged with plant data to prepare for more detailed analysis.
- Screening results as on previous slide.



\* Basin data from Global Drainage Basin Database, Yuji Masutomi, Yusuke Inui, Kiyoshi Takahashi and Yuzuru Matsuoka, "Development of highly accurate global polygonal drainage basin data", Hydrological Processes, 23, 572-584, DOI: 10.1002/hyp.7186, 2009.

## Value of the Approach

- Interpret climate data within specific end-user context
- Improves allocation of adaptation resources:
  - Decision-specific risk metrics with probabilities
  - Localized and time-specific
  - World-wide coverage
- Bridges gap between latest climate-projection data and needs of planners for risk-based decision-making on asset-level resilience investments

## Questions?



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## Backup Slides

# Effective Adaptation Planning Must Be Driven by Detailed Climate Data

- Adaptation resources will always be limited
- Need to prioritize allocation according to best available data
- We bridge the gap between general changes in climate and specific risks to local assets



#### How LMI Determines Asset-specific Impacts

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- Integrate enormous amounts of climate data from observations and models to get good statistics.
- Develop statistics for specific asset locations and time periods.
- Use the uncertainty in these statistics systematically in our risk-management decisions.
- Link the statistics to **real-world measures of employee and infrastructure risk**, tailored to client management processes

## LMI Toolkit Integrates Climate-model Data

- Projected climate statistics for specific locations
- Based on all available climate-model outputs (CMIP5)



#### CLIMATE MODELS - DAILY MAXIMUM SURFACE TEMPERATURE

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## LMI Toolkit Derives Local Statistics

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- Distributions for any month/year based on all models.
- Distributions for any period based on all models, or on selected model.

Average Daily Maximum Surface Temperature



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Month (January - December)

## **Extremes Indices Overview**

- TNI0p Cold nights
- TX10p Cold days
- TN90p Warm nights
- TX90p Warm days
- WSDI Warm spell duration
- CSDI Cold spell duration
- TXx Max TX
- TXn Min TX
- TNx Max TN
- TNn Min TN
- FD Frost days
- ID Ice days
- SU Summer days
- TR Tropical nights

GSL Growing season length DTR Diurnal temperature range RXI day Max I-day precipitation RX5day Max 5-day precipitation Simple daily intensity SDI Number of wet days RIm **RIOmm** Heavy precipitation days R20mm Very heavy precipitation days CDD Consecutive dry days CWD Consecutive wet days R95p Very wet days R99p Extremely wet days PRCPTOT Total wet-day precipitation

See Sillmann, J., V. V. Kharin, F. W. Zwiers, X. Zhang, and D. Bronaugh, 2013a: Climate extremes indices in the CMIP5 multi-model ensemble. Part 1: Model evaluation in the present climate. *J. Geophys. Res.,* <u>doi:10.1002/jgrd.50203.</u> Also see Part 2: Future projections. *J. Geophys. Res.,* <u>doi:10.1002/jgrd.50188.</u>