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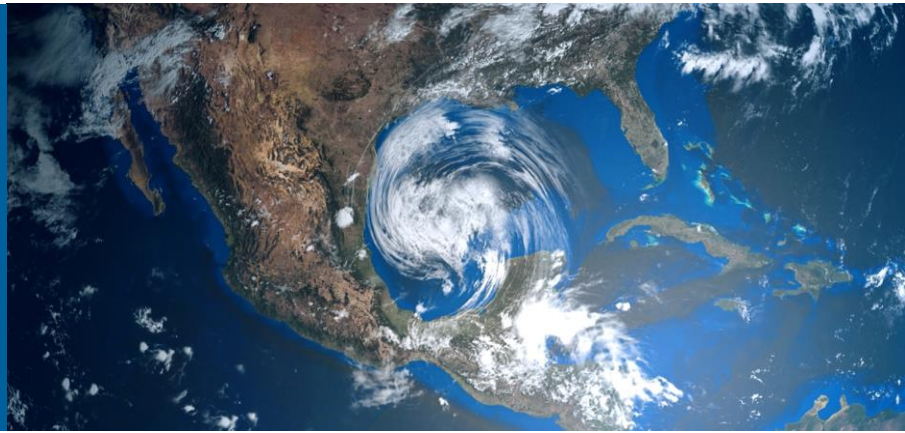
PLANNING FOR RESILIENCE WITH REGIONAL CLIMATE MODELING



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PLANNING FOR RESILIENCE

CLIMATE RISK IS INCREASING

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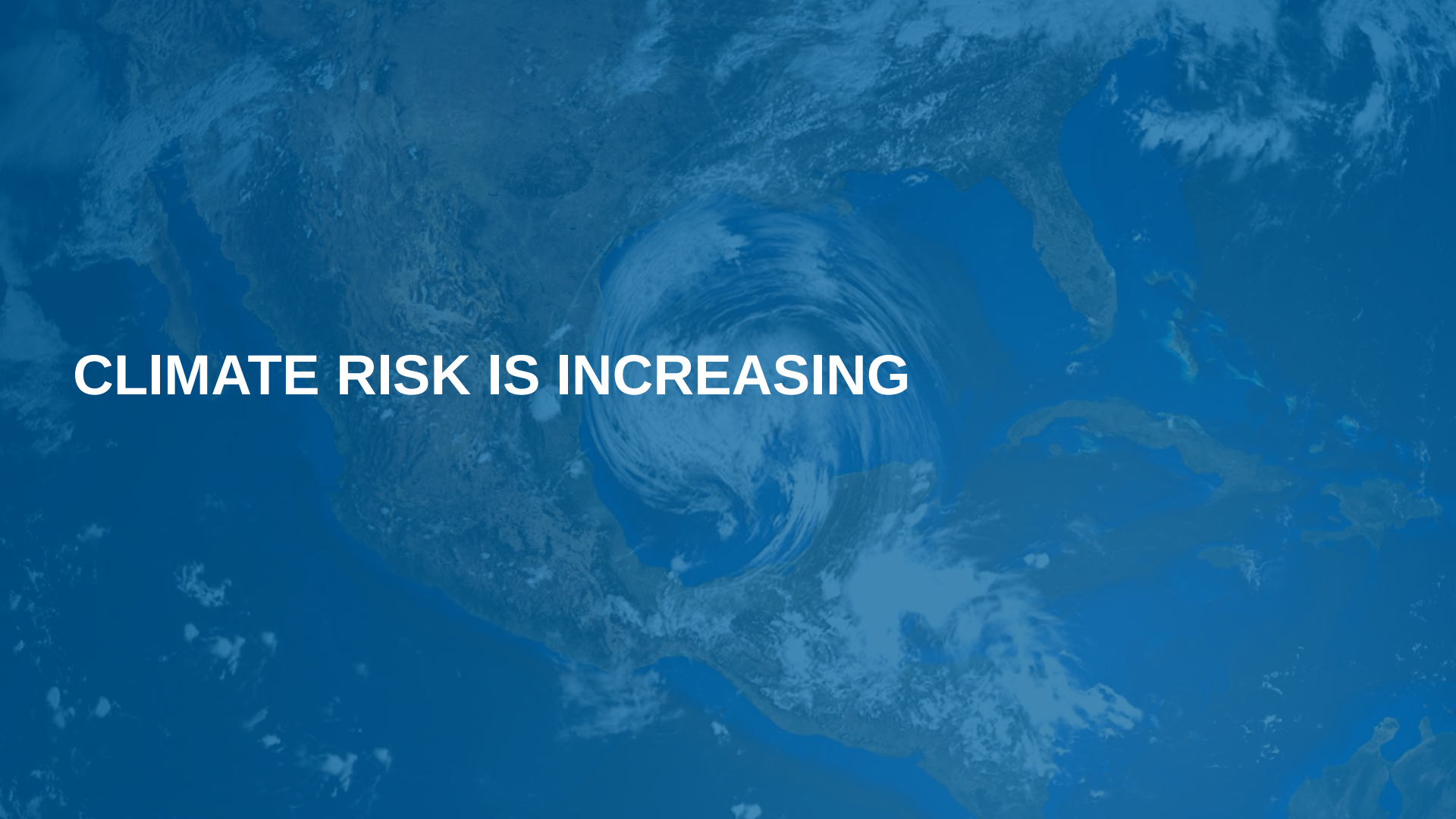
UNCERTAINTY, RESILIENCE, AND DECISIONS



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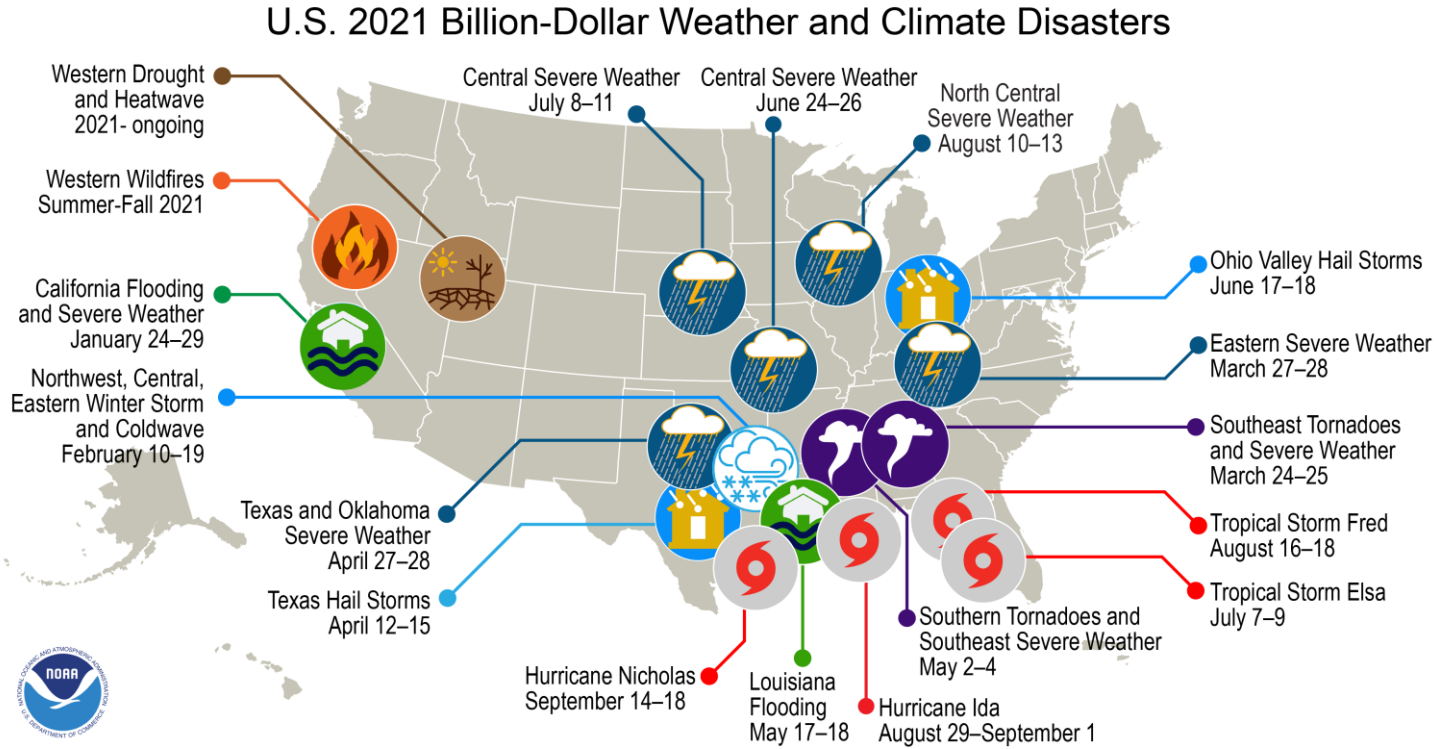
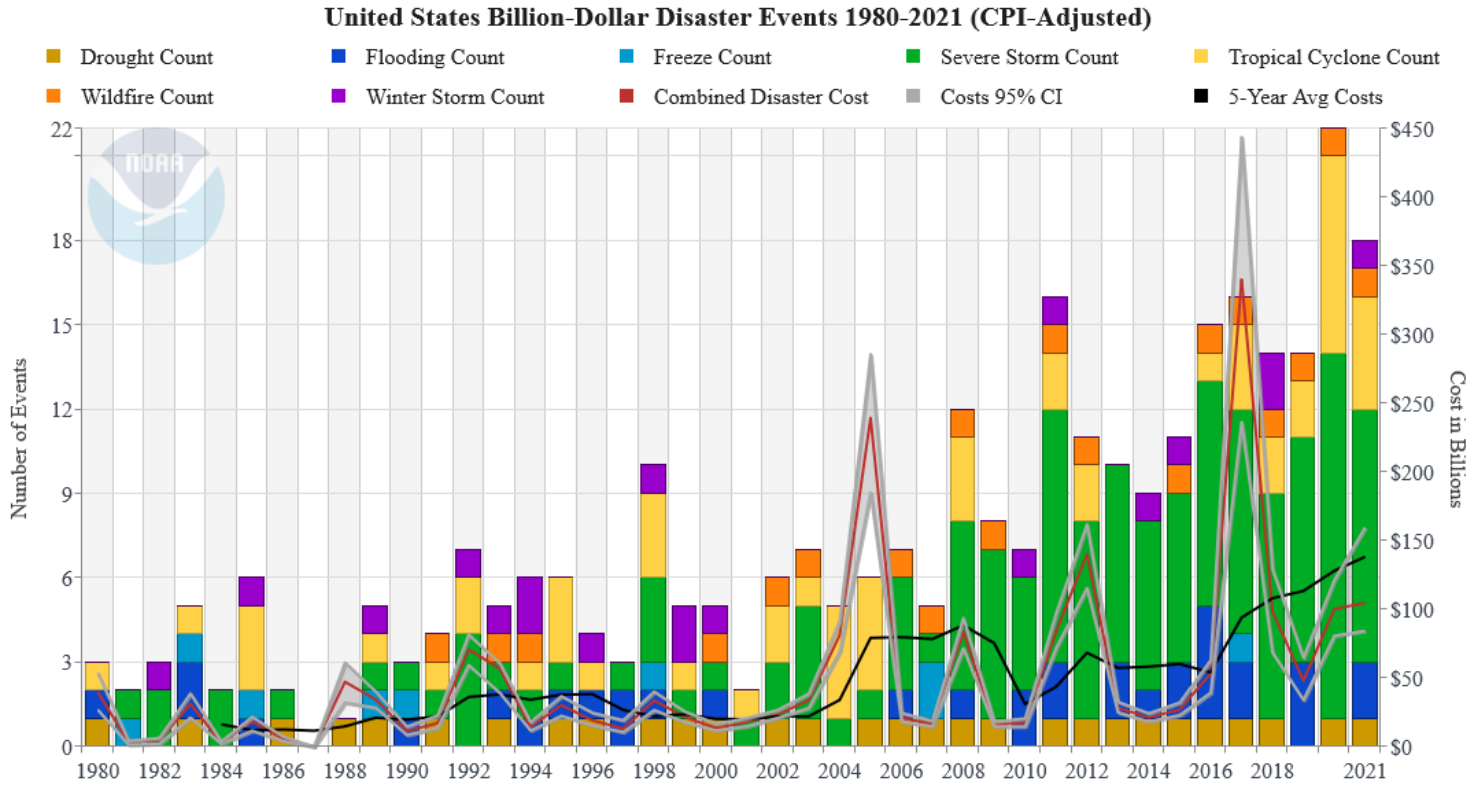
2021 BILLION-DOLLAR CLIMATE DISASTERS: $104.8 BILLION



*This map denotes the approximate location for each of the **18 separate billion-dollar weather and climate disasters that impacted the United States January–September 2021**.*

U.S. BILLION-DOLLAR DISASTER EVENT FREQUENCY



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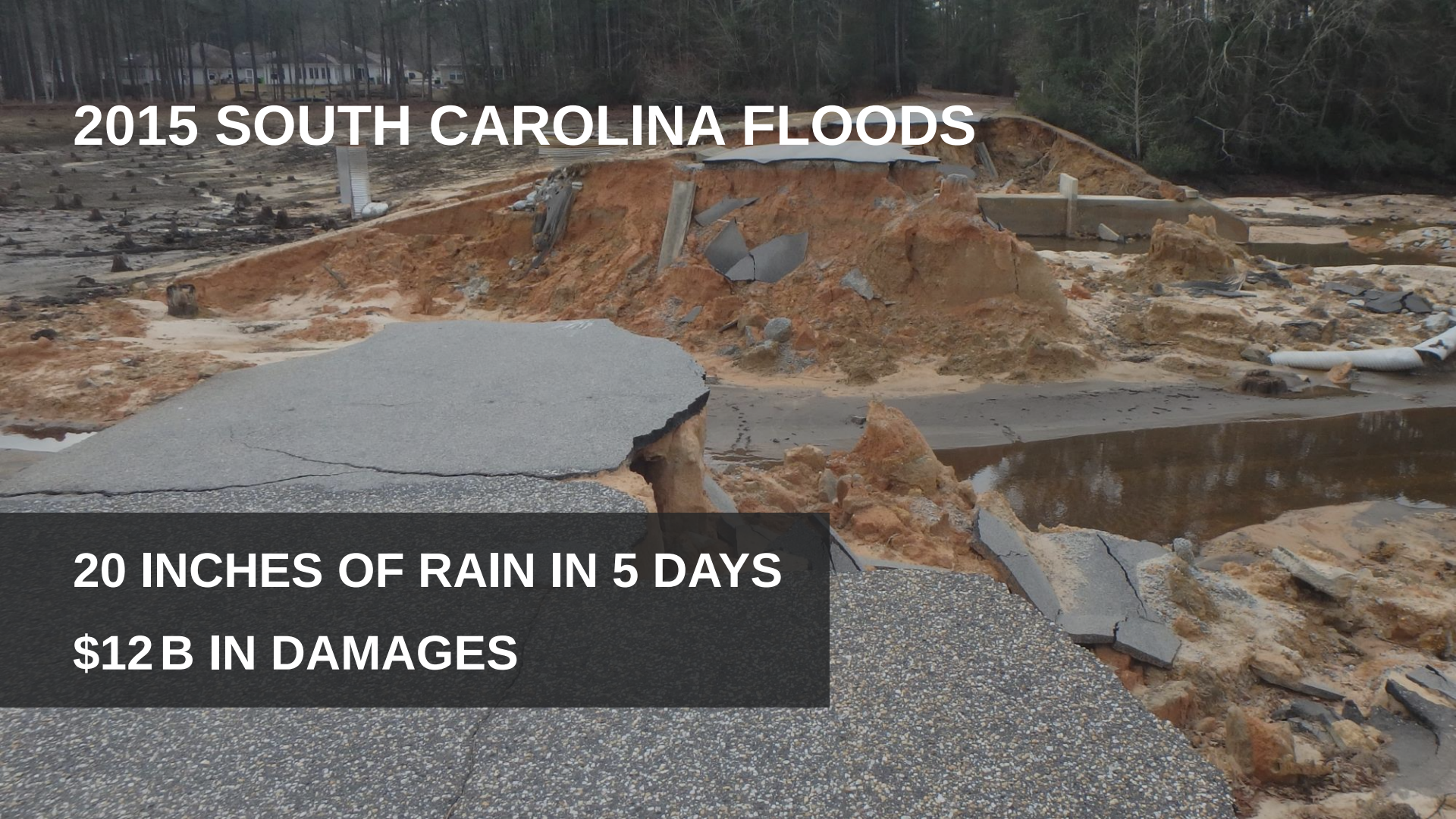
2017 HURRICANE HARVEY
60 INCHES OF RAIN
$125 B IN DAMAGES
Wikipedia

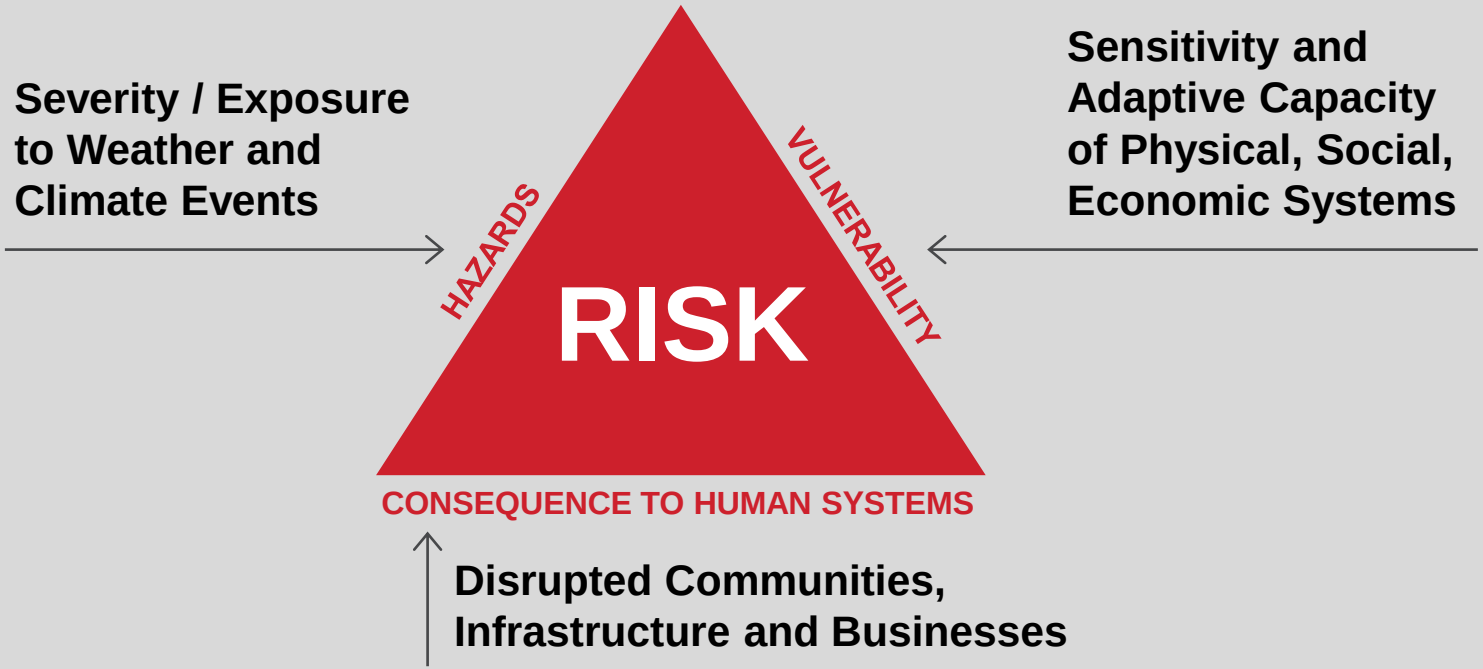


2015 SOUTH CAROLINA FLOODS

20 INCHES OF RAIN IN 5 DAYS

$12 B IN DAMAGES


2013 COLORADO FLOODS
17 INCHES OF RAIN IN 2 DAYS
$4B IN DAMAGES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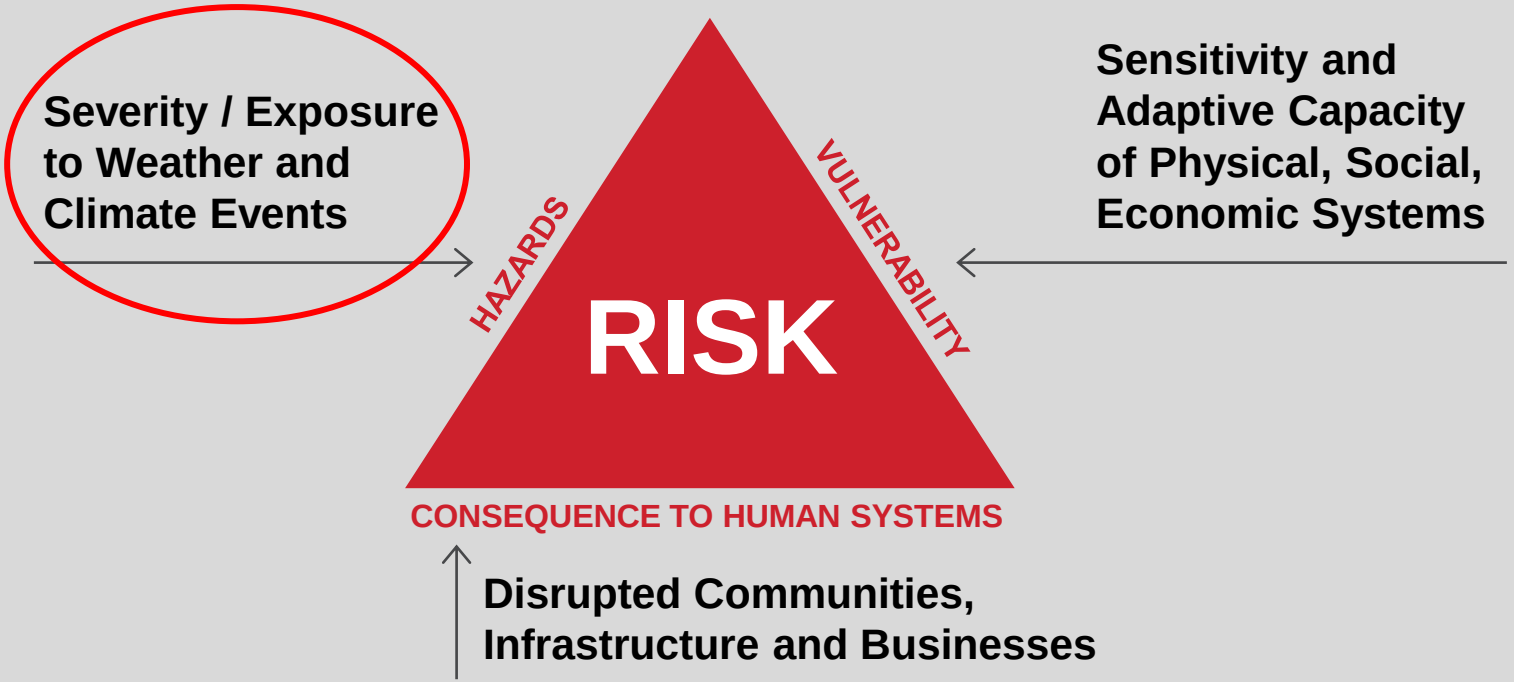
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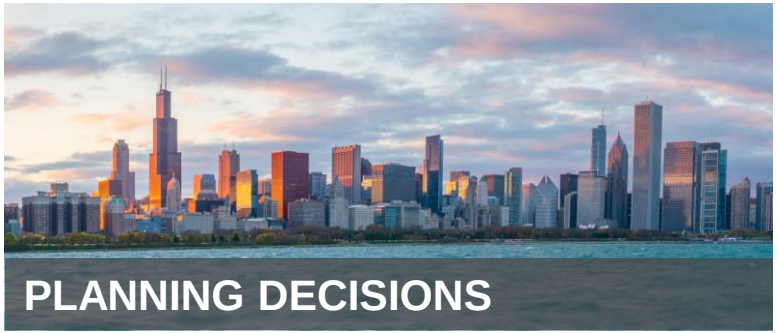
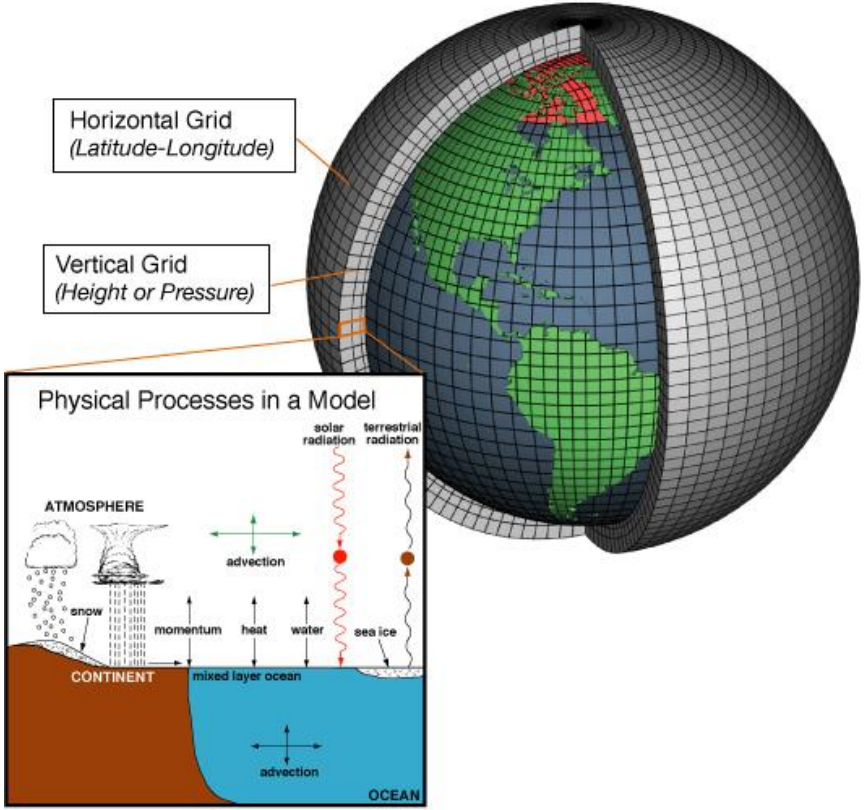
DIFFERING NEEDS IN DECISIONMAKING



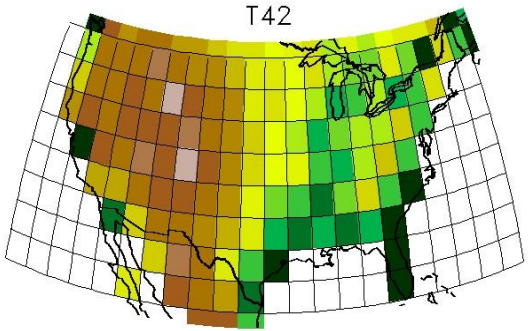
GLOBAL CLIMATE SYSTEM MODELS

Mathematical representations of the climate system based on physical laws and understanding of processes



EVOLUTION OF CLIMATE MODEL RESOLUTION

Smaller grid squares or "pixel sizes" enable more *place-specific* and *detailed* projections of locally relevant climate



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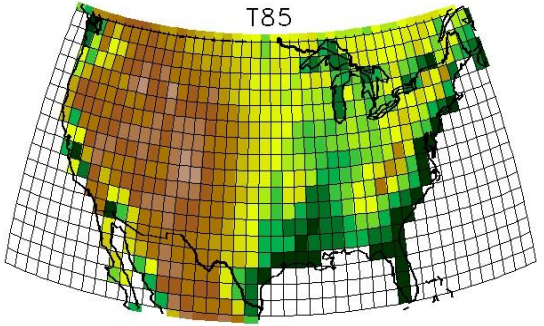
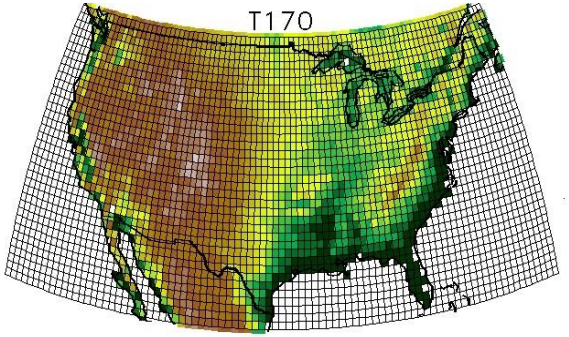
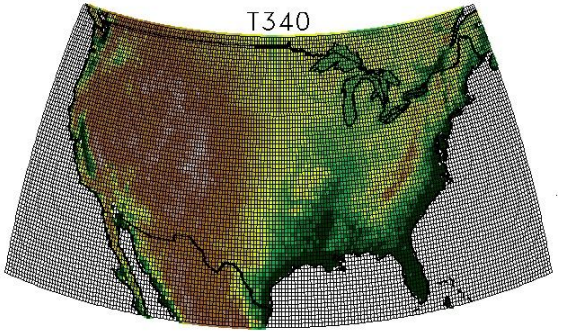


2000s 100~150 kms



Current 50~100 kms

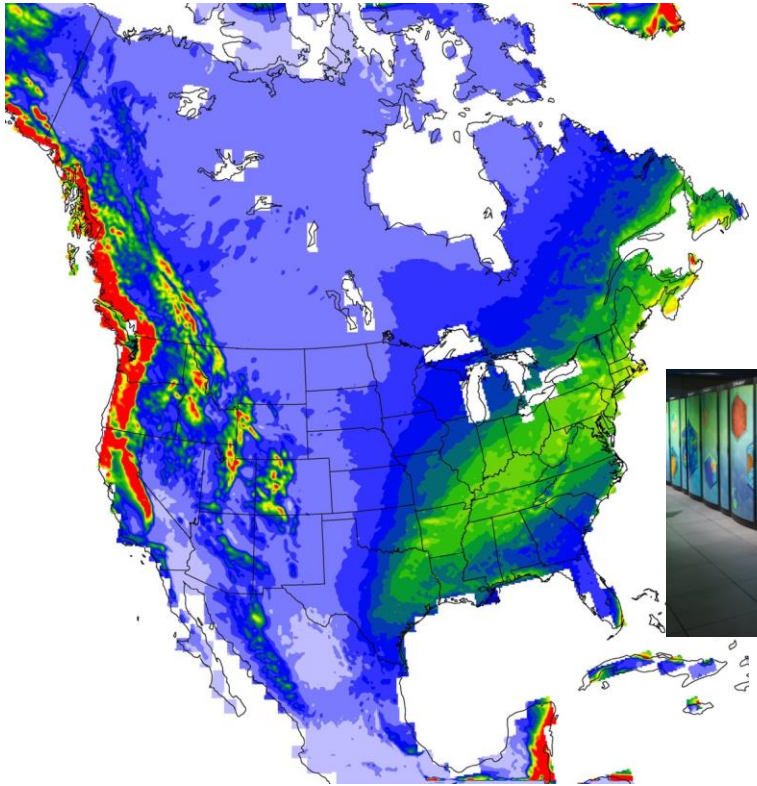


Future. 25~40 kms

DYNAMIC DOWNSCALING

RUNS A REGIONAL CLIMATE MODEL OVER A SMALLER SPATIAL DOMAIN USING INPUT FROM GLOBAL CLIMATE MODELS

- Covers (nearly) all of North America
- Spatial resolution: 12 km
- Physics-based Model: Weather Research Forecast (WRF) Model, V3.3.1
- Output data interval 3-hrs; 8.8 GB/day
- More than 330 years of model simulation output
- Dataset size: > 700Tb
- Accounts for 2 IPCC scenarios RCP4.5, RCP8.5
- Output includes 6-8 ensemble member datasets



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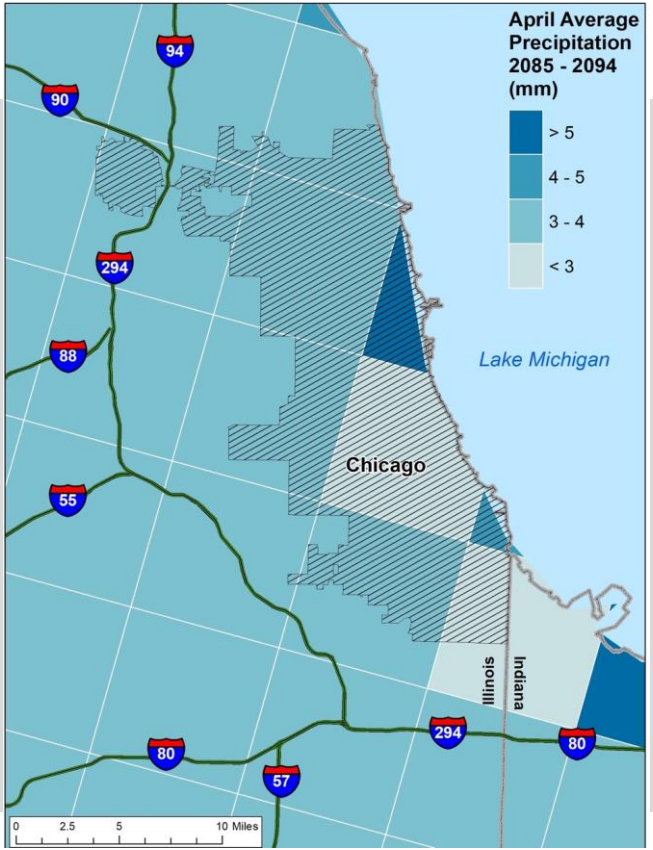

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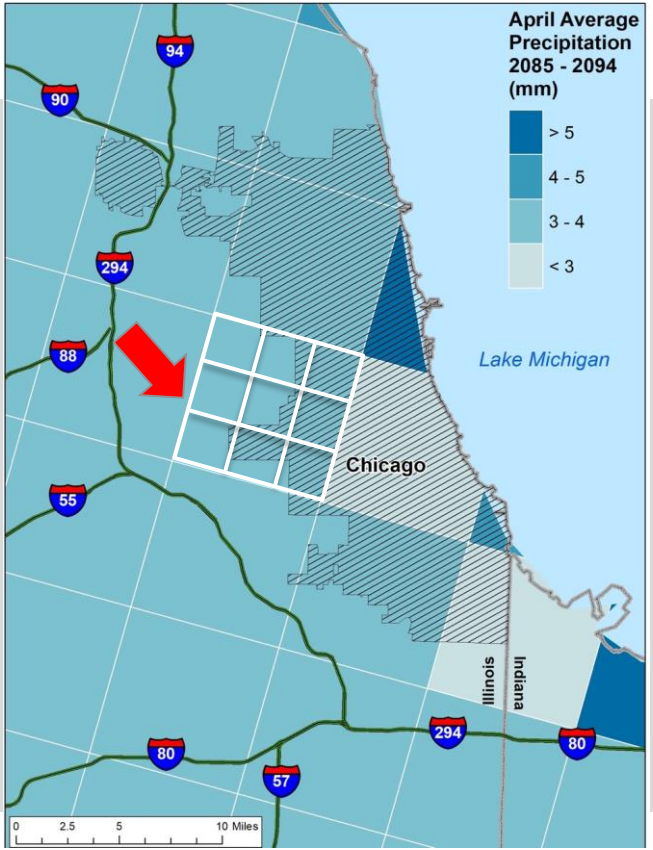

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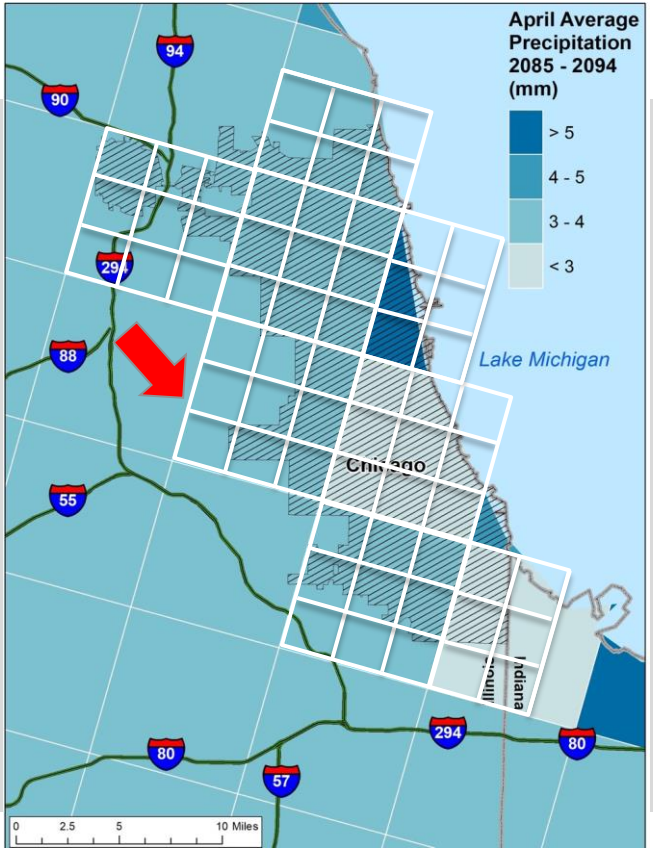


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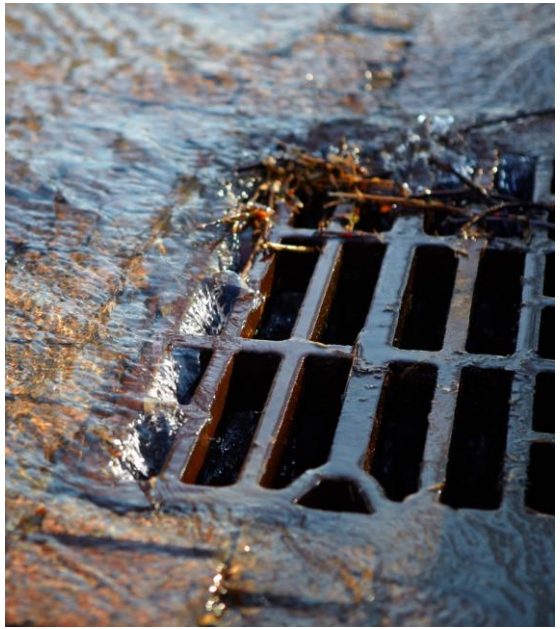
ARGONNE EXPERTS FORM MULTIDISCIPLINARY TEAMS

Answer Impact-Specific Questions, Provide Actionable Information



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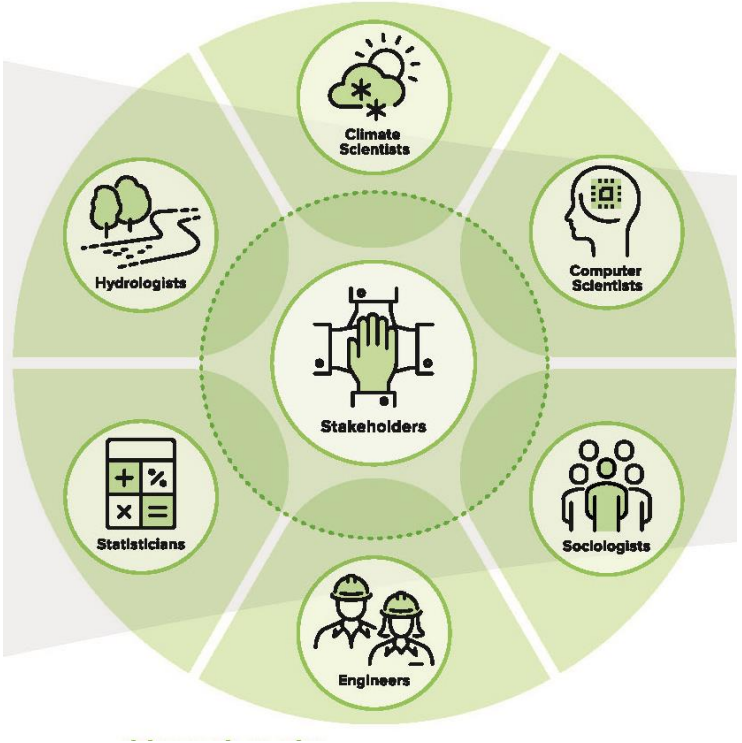
Climate Science Enabling Decisionmaking

STATISTICIANS
determine extreme event intensities

ENVIRONMENTAL MODELERS
determine location-/region-specific impacts

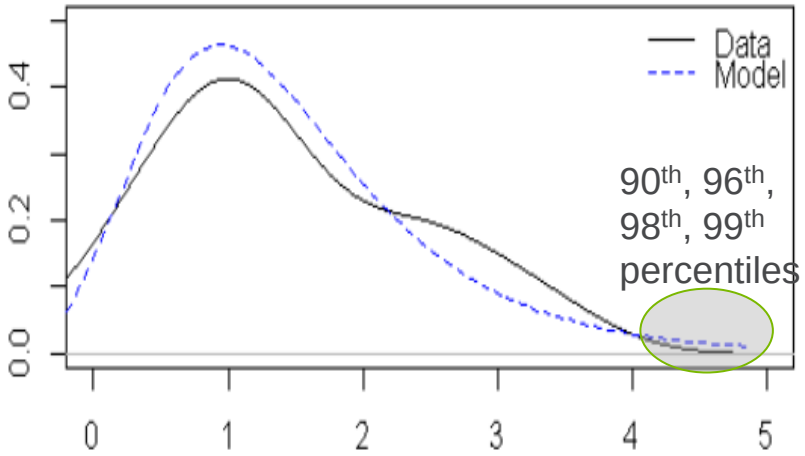
ENGINEERS
determine critical asset/system thresholds and impacts



STATISTICAL ANALYSIS PROJECTS EXTREMES AND FLOOD RISKS

DYNAMIC DOWNSCALE PRECIPITATION DATA (12km RUNS) INFORMS SURFACE HYDROLOGY MODEL AT 200m RESOLUTION FOR ALL OF SOUTHEASTERN USA

- 10- year simulations for present-day and mid-century
- Ensemble of downscaled simulations
- GEV fitting to develop the PDF of maximum water depths for each 200m grid cell



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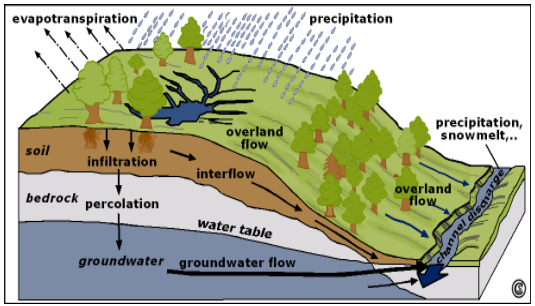

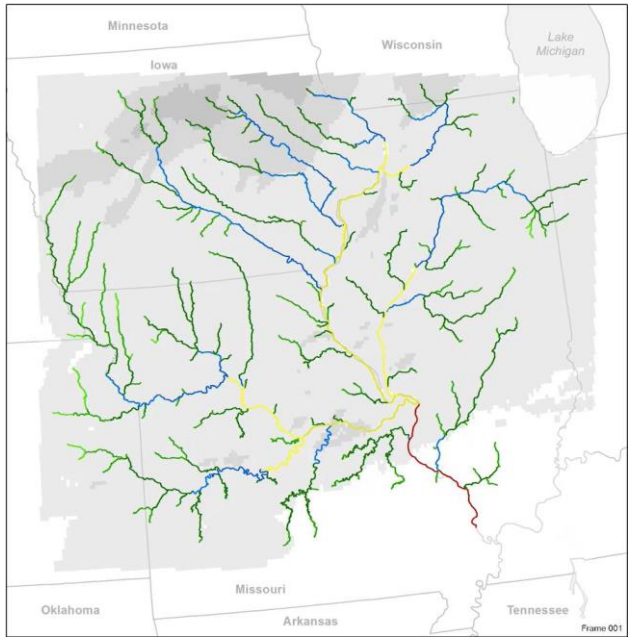

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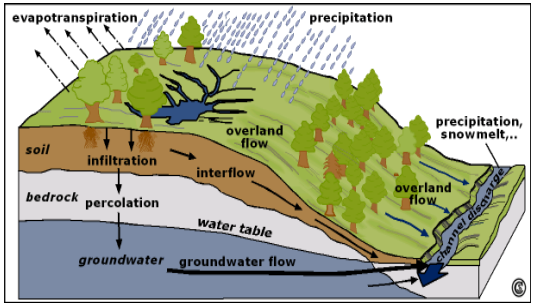

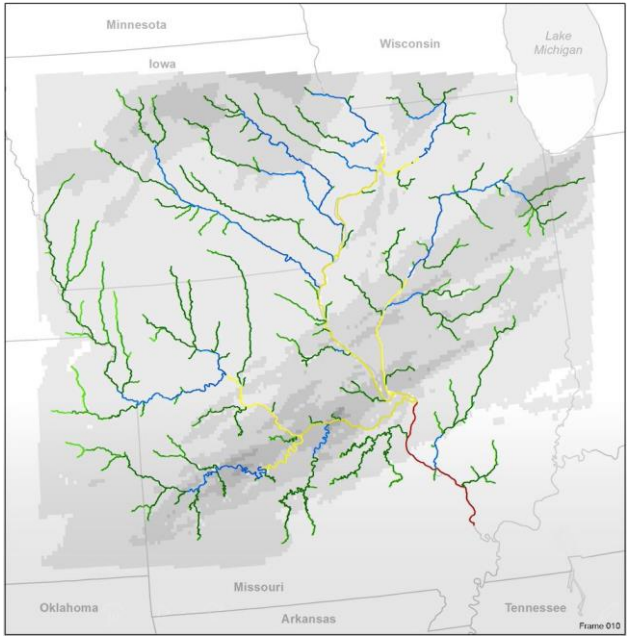

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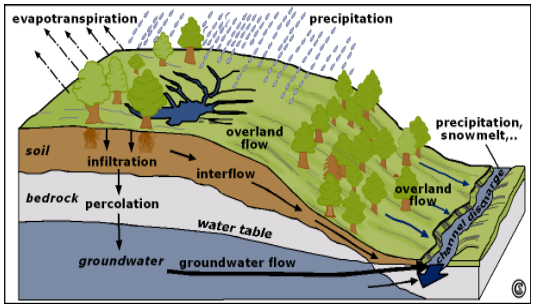

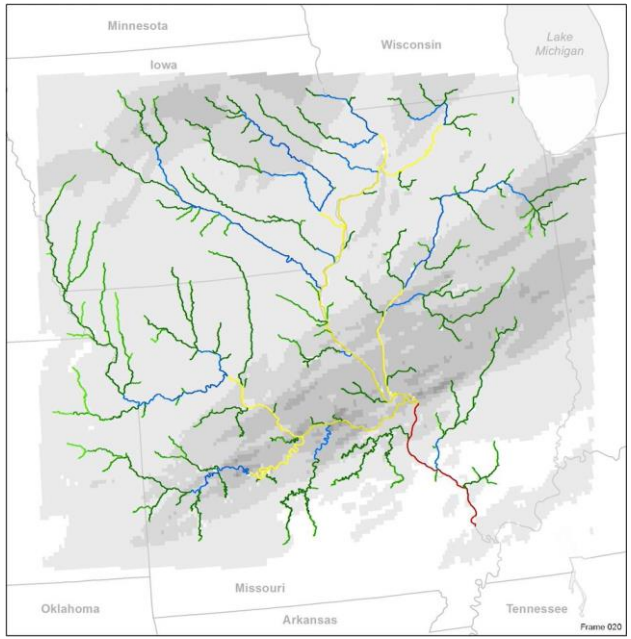

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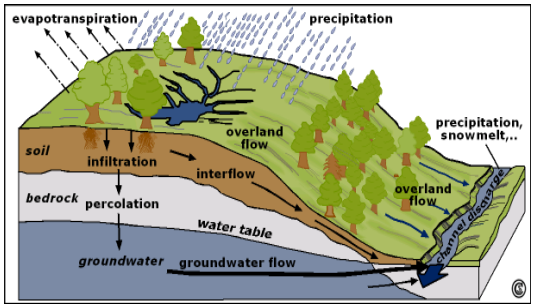

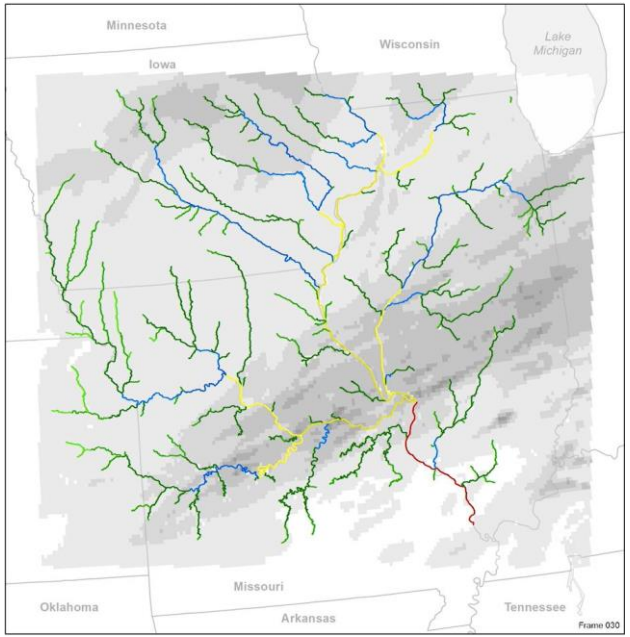

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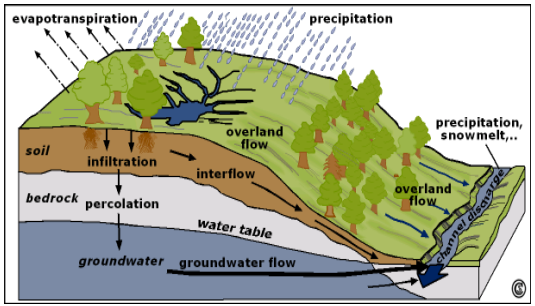

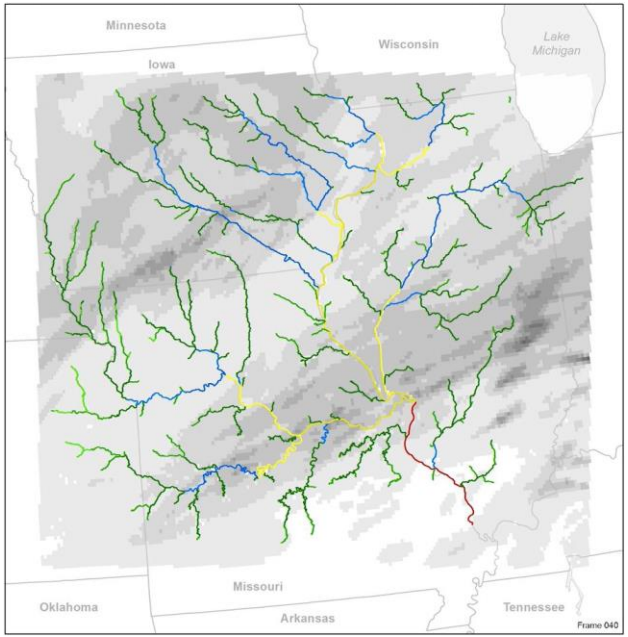

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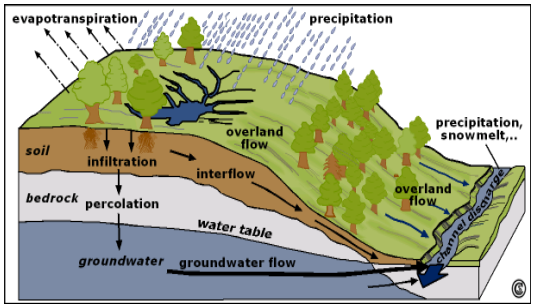

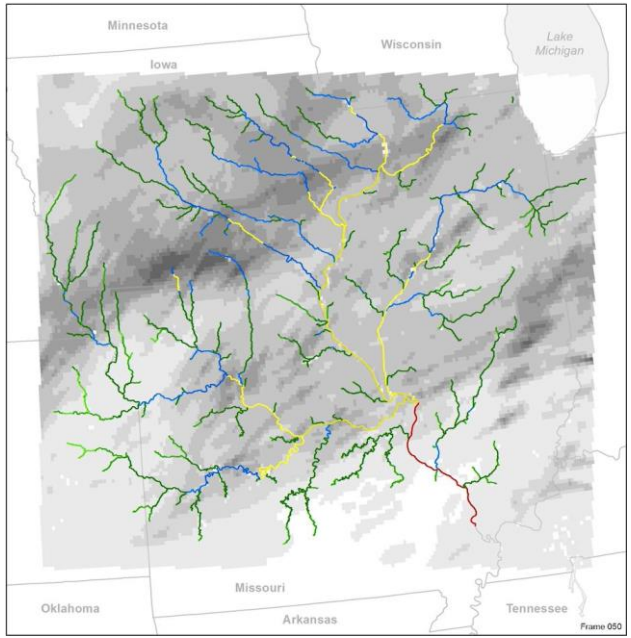

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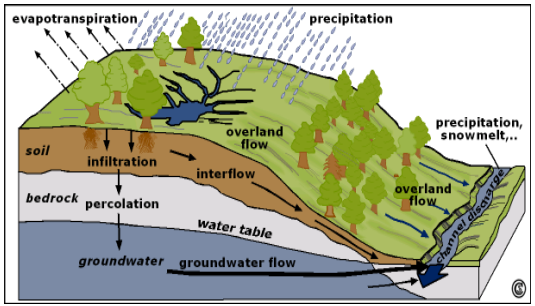

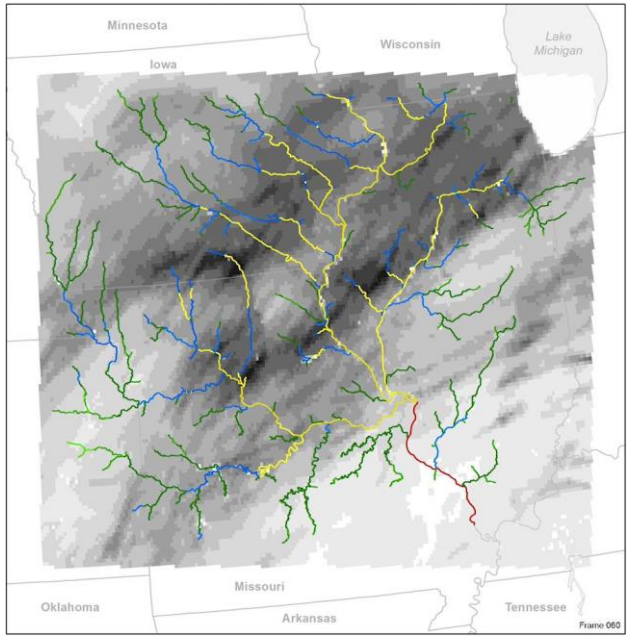

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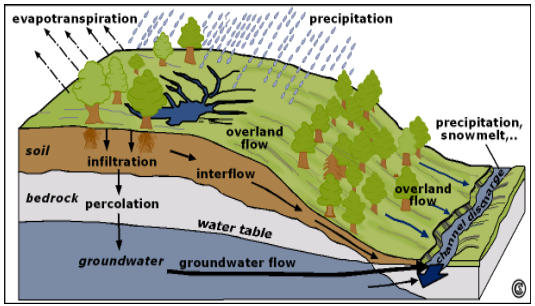

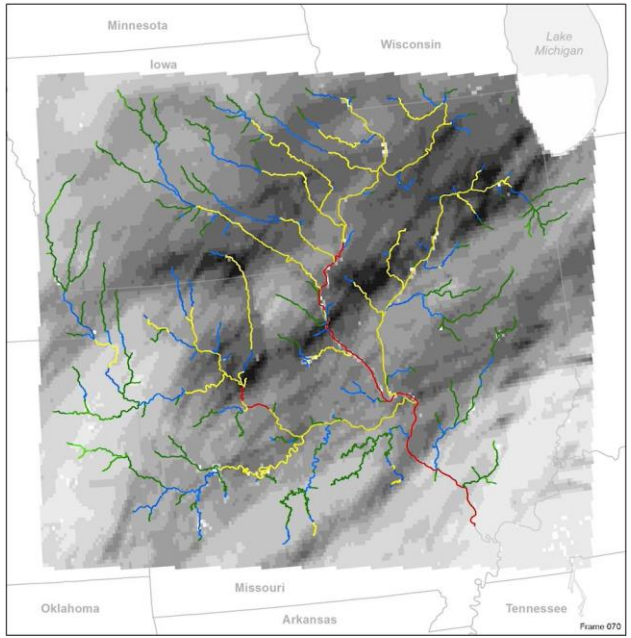

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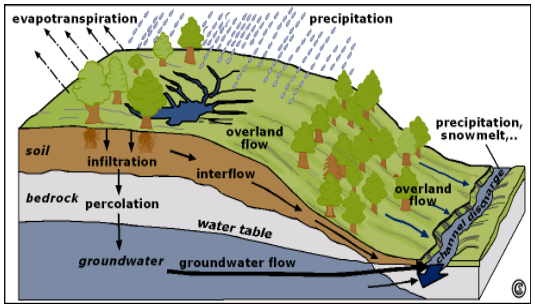

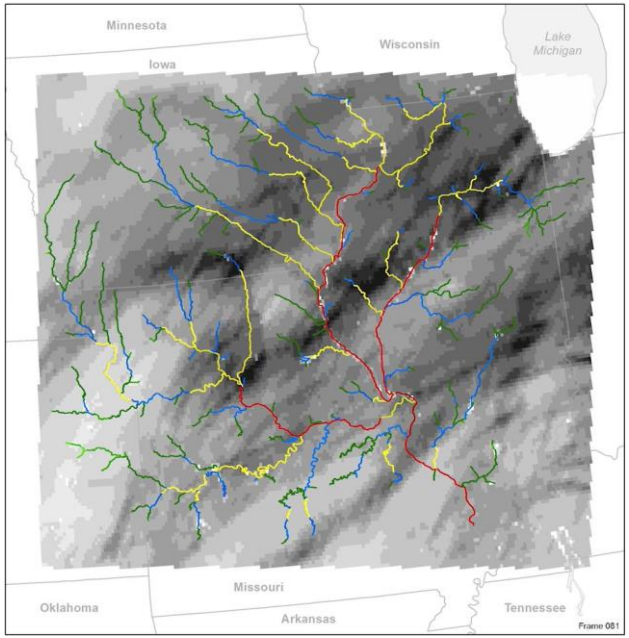

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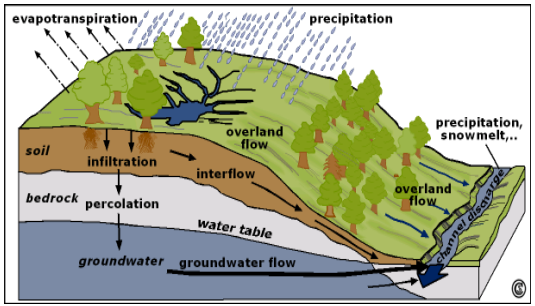

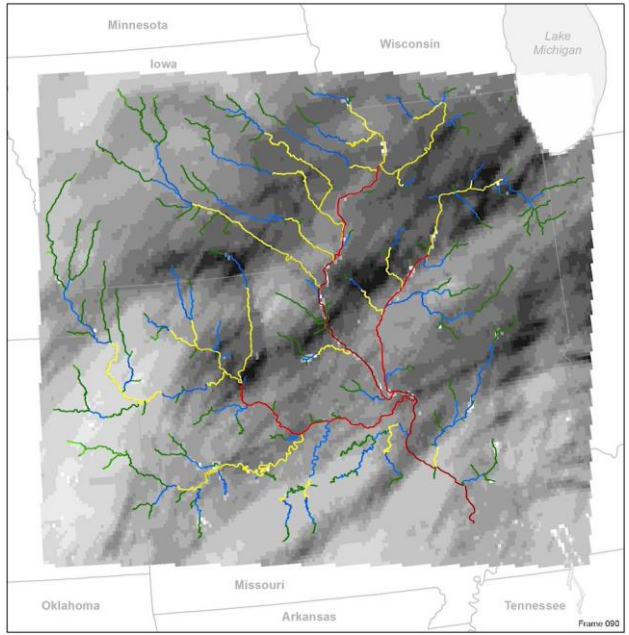

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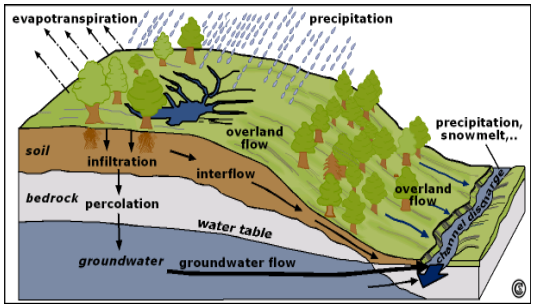

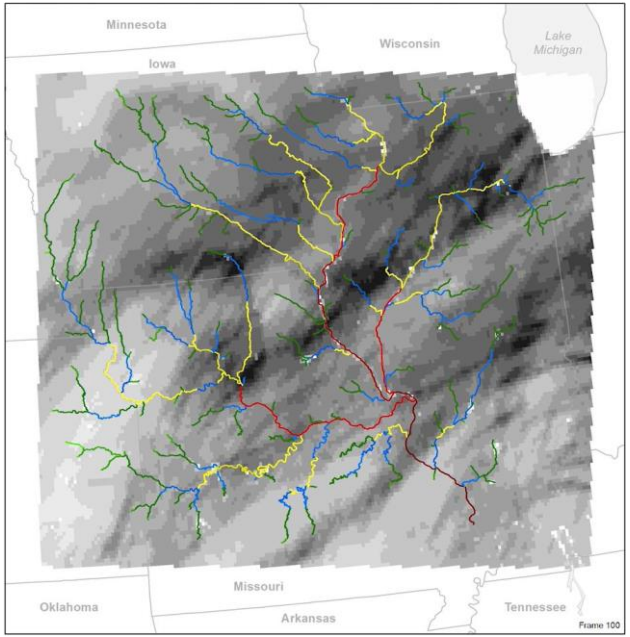

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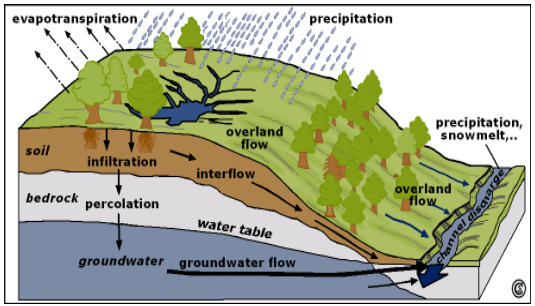

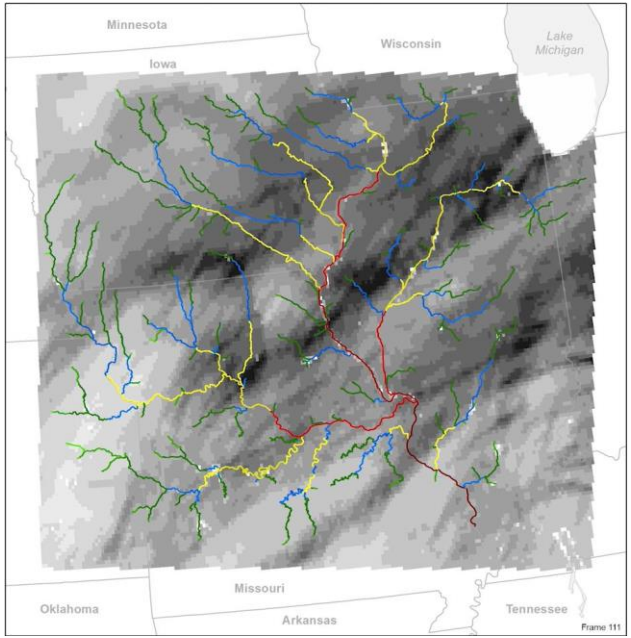

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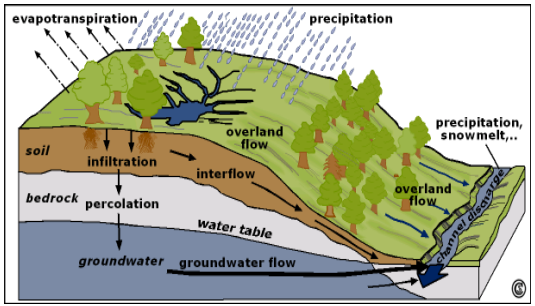

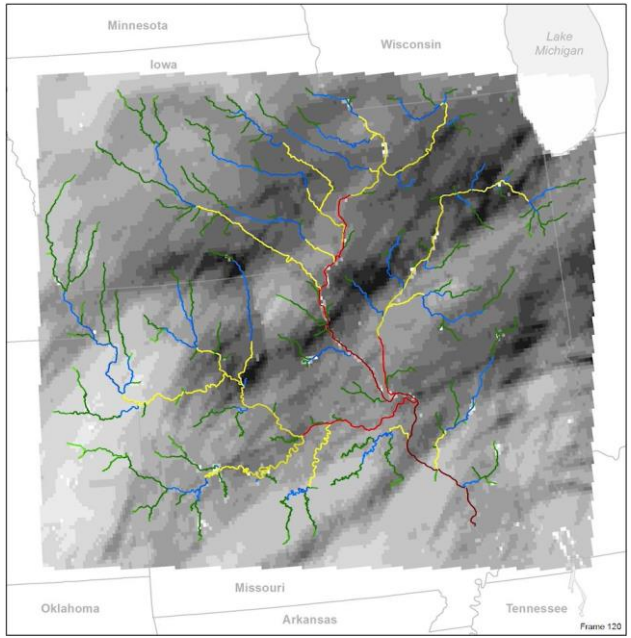

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MODEL ALLOWS FOR NEIGHBORHOOD SCALE PROJECTIONS

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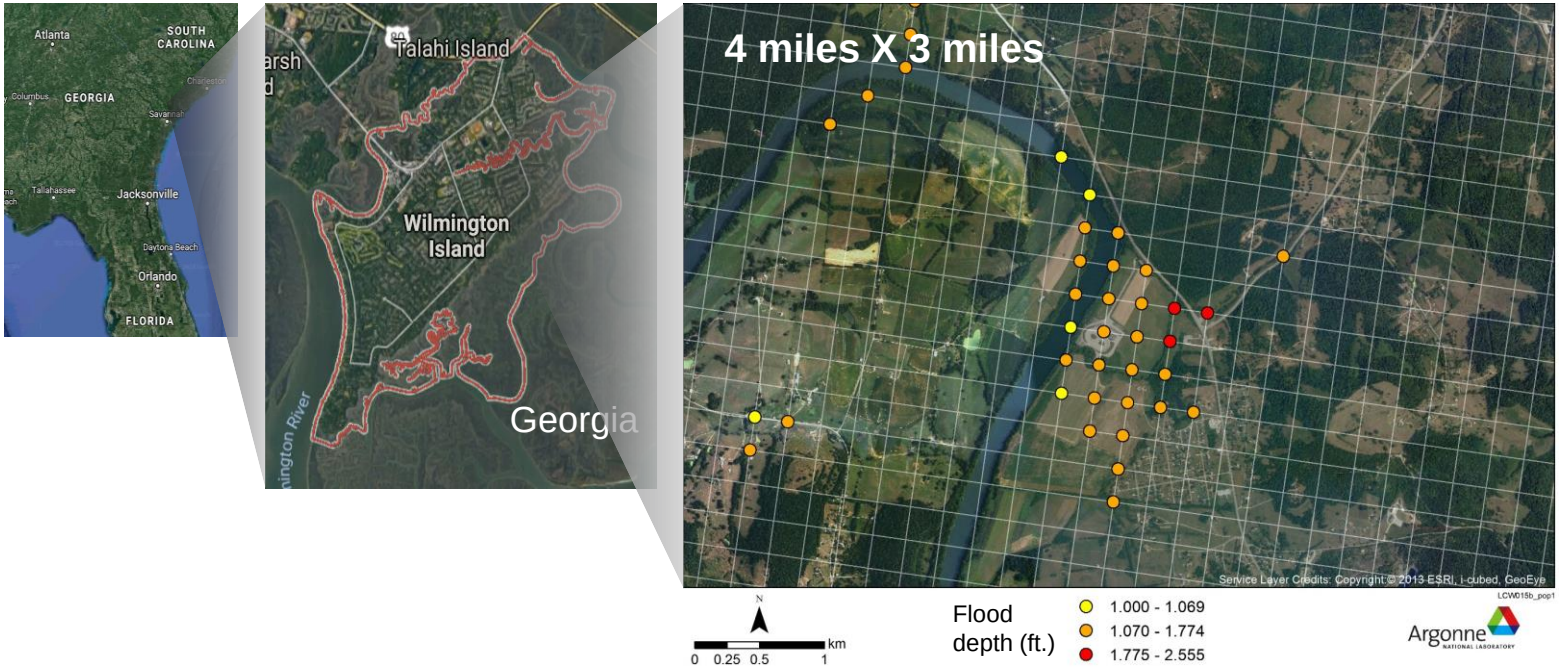

Time interval

- Water depth: 2hr, 3hr or 6hr
- Streamflow: 2hr

Spatial resolution: 200 meters

Number of grid cells: 5180 x 6980 = 36.15 millions

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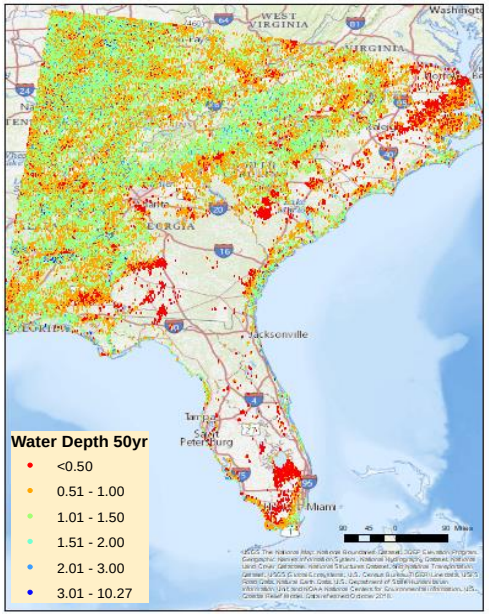

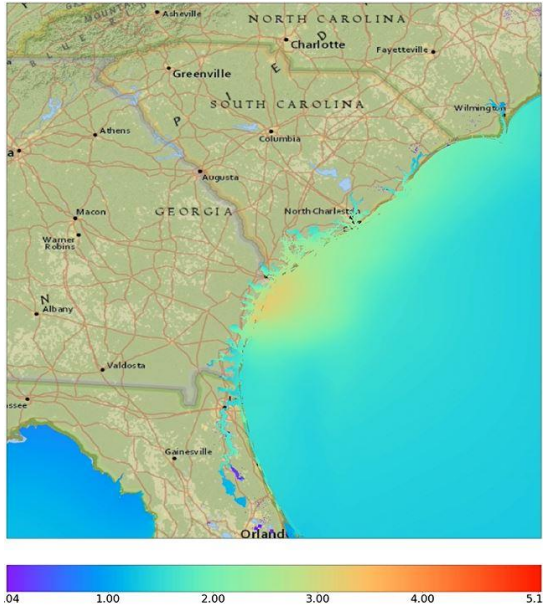

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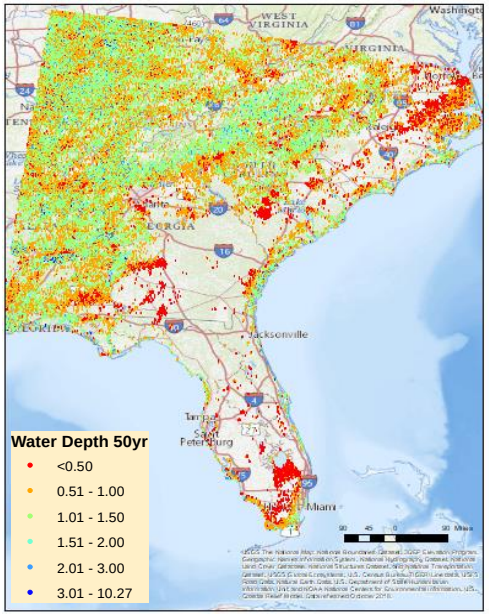

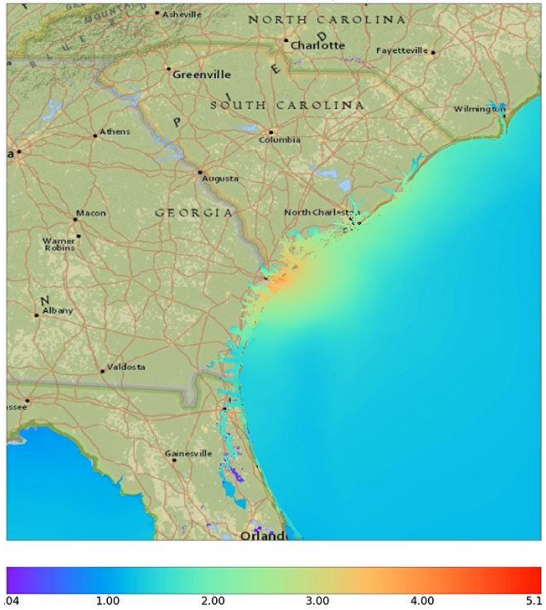

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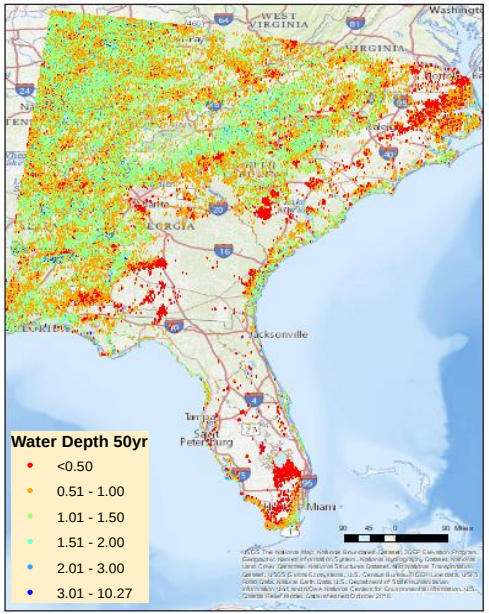

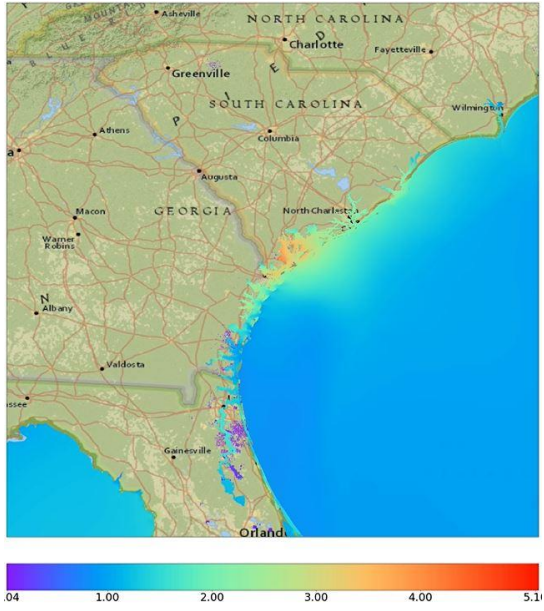

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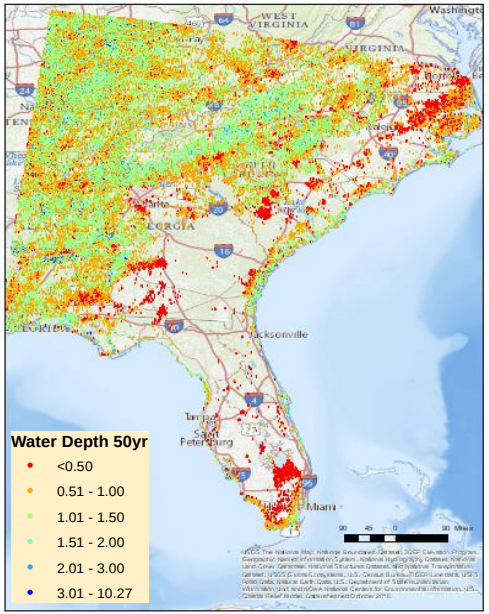

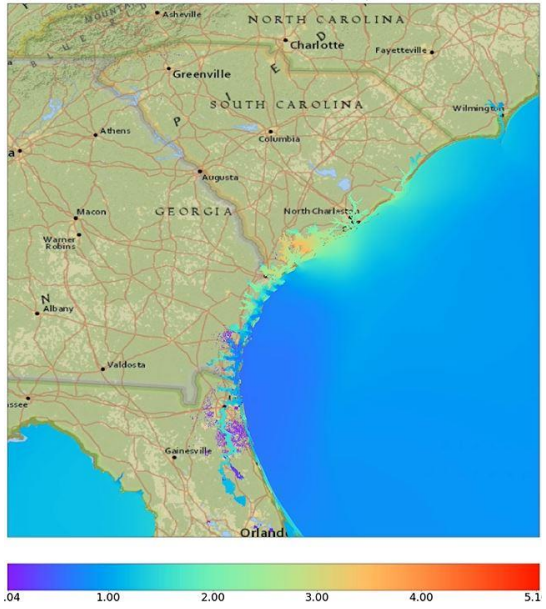

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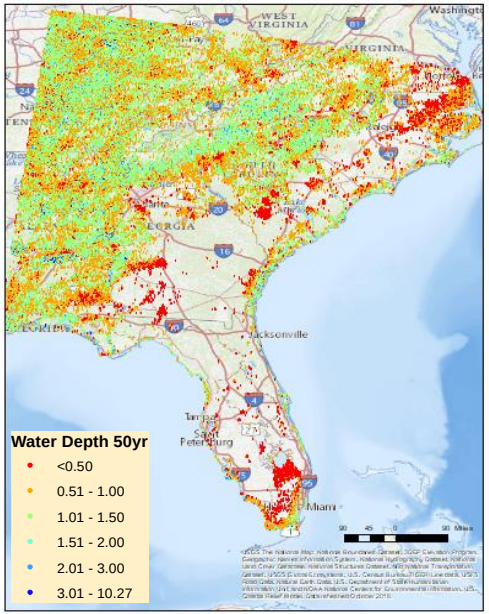

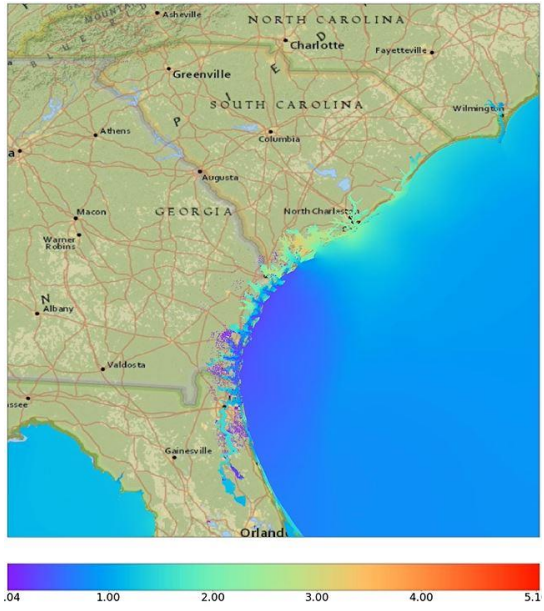

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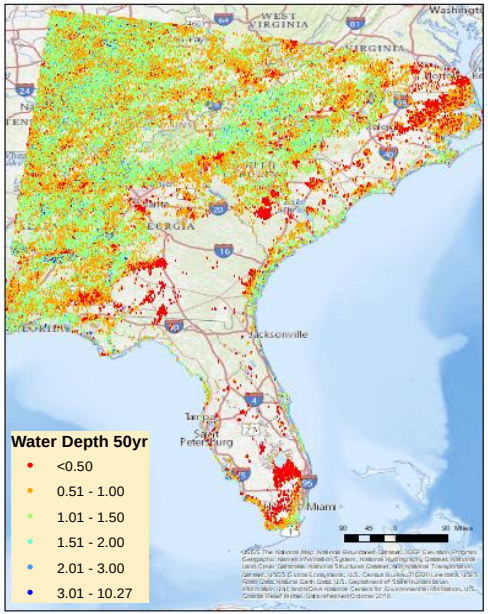

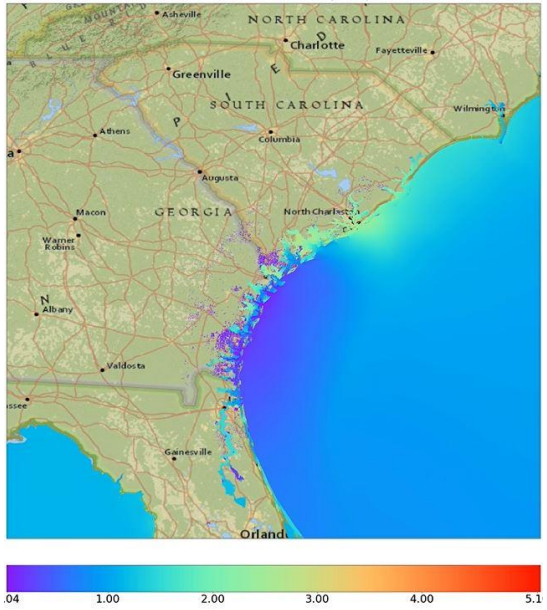

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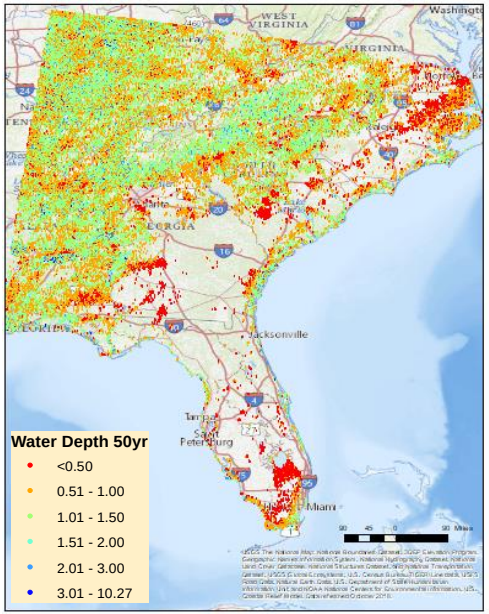

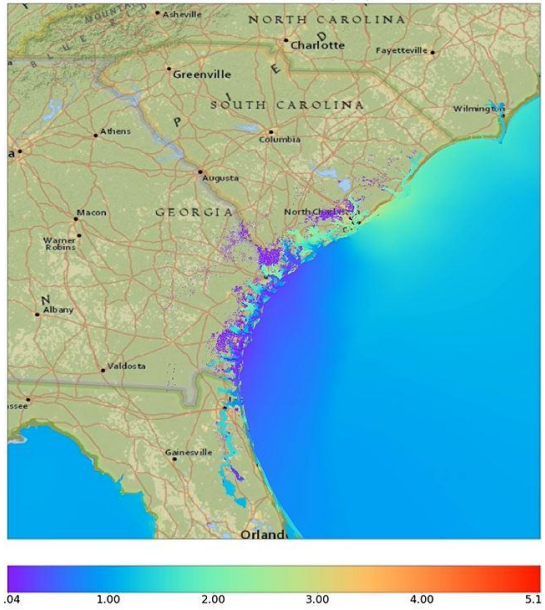

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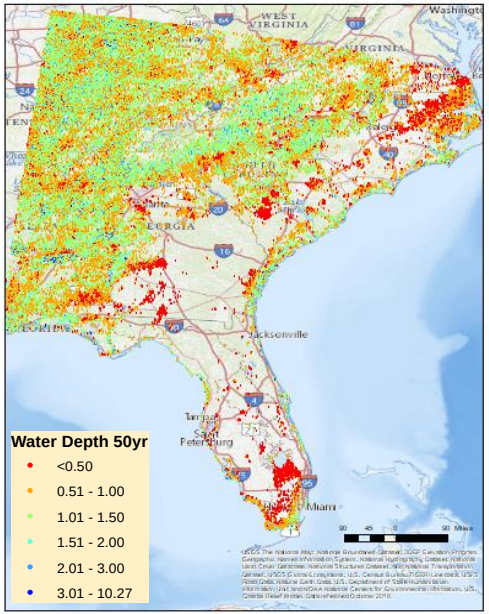

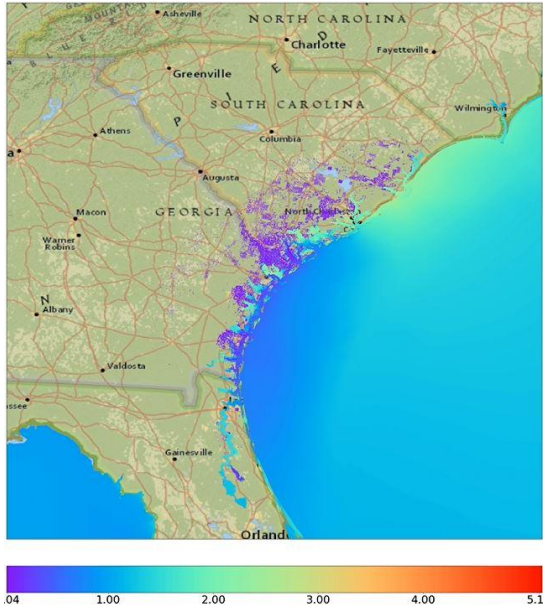

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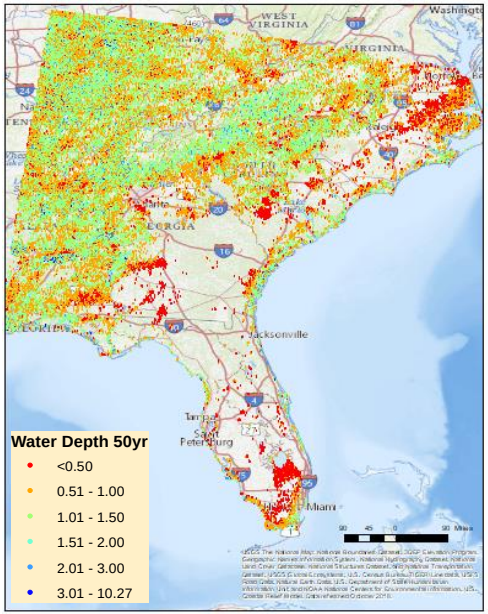

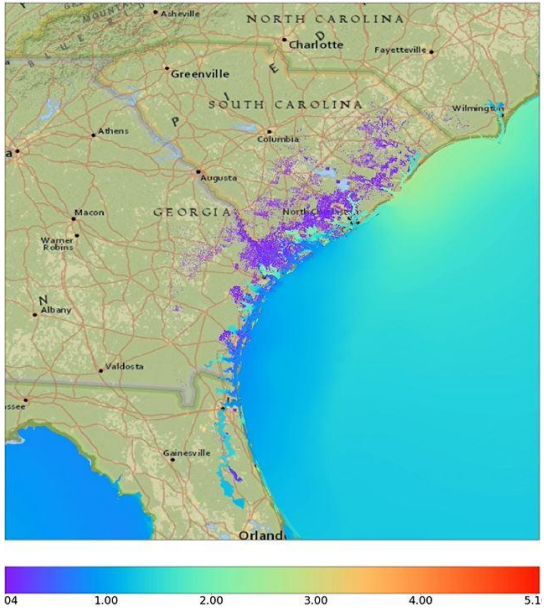

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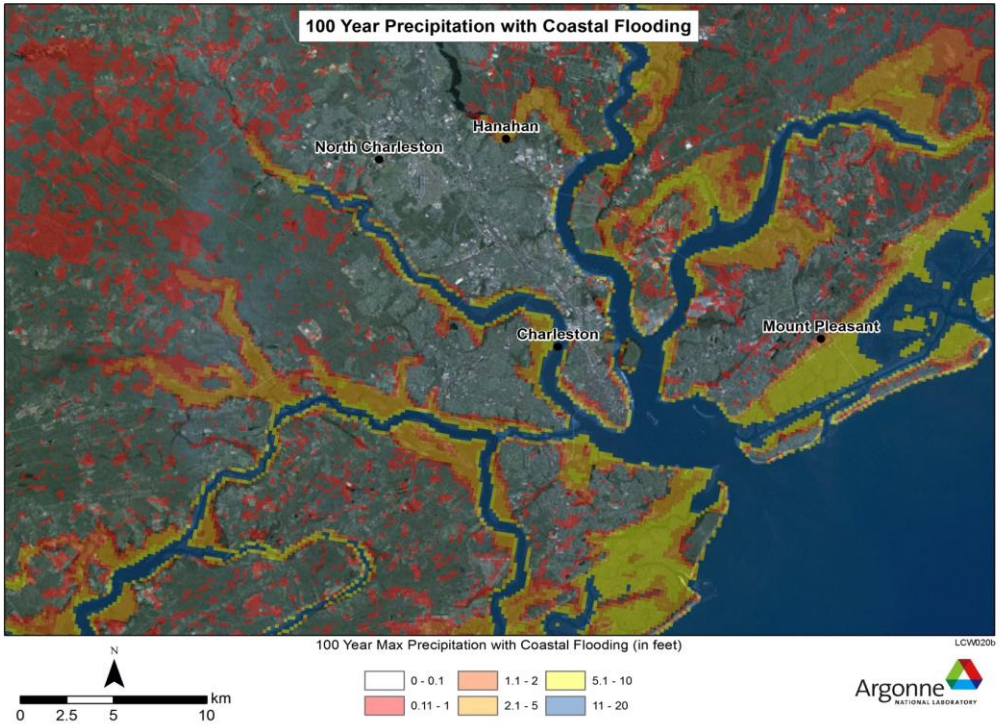

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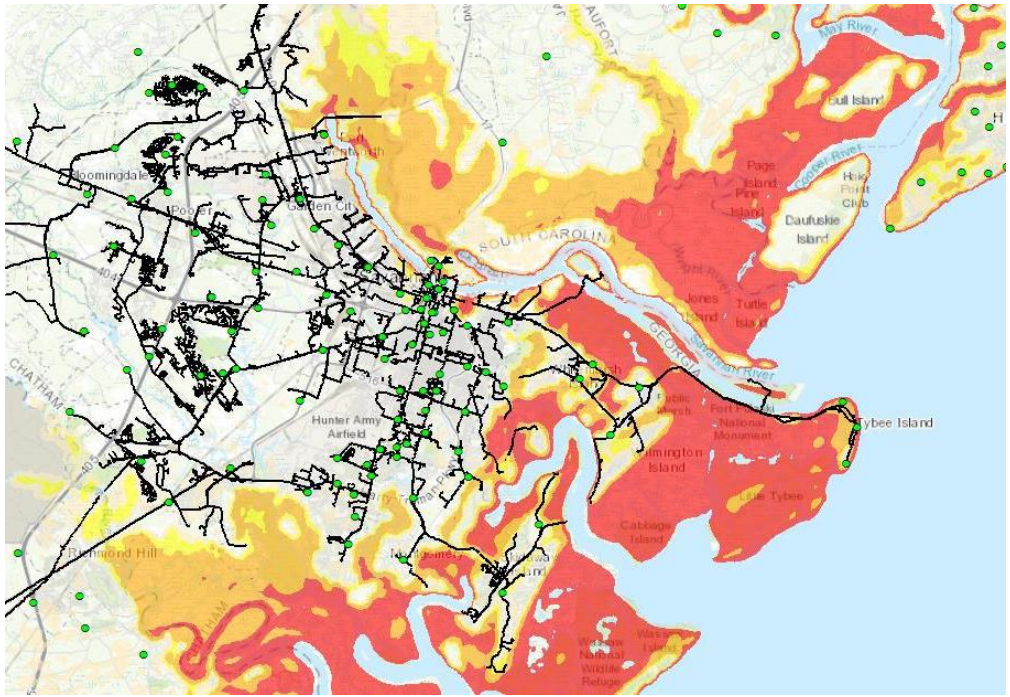

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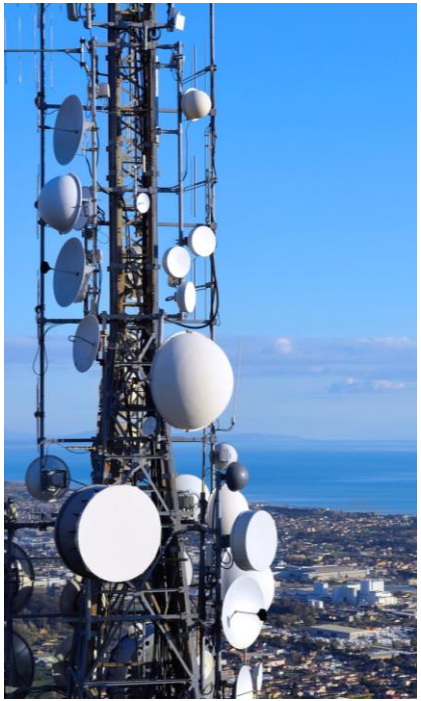
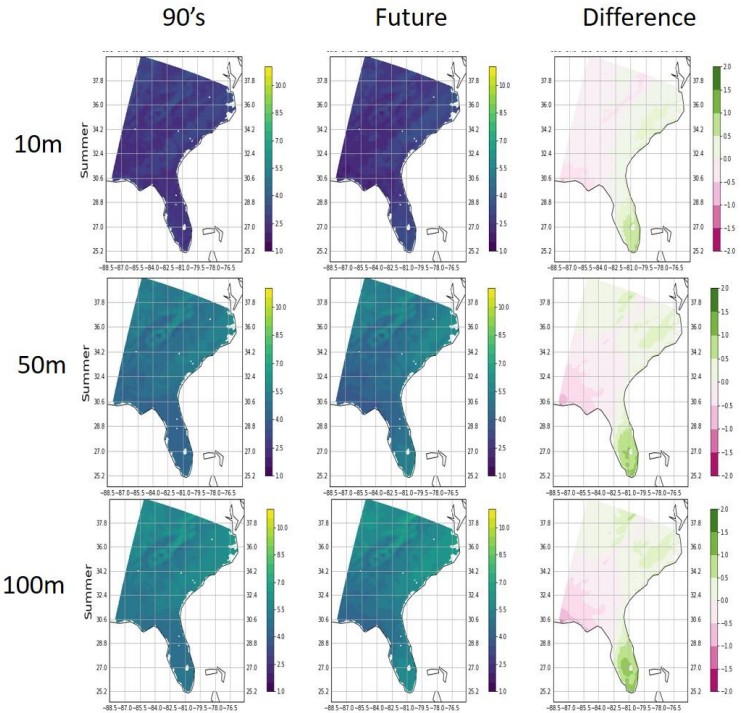
PROJECTING FUTURE WIND INTENSITIES AND EXTREMES

- Statistical modeling projects changes in wind intensities across the Southeast
- Incorporated high-resolution local topographical datasets
- Projected wind intensities at 10, 50 and 100 meters above the ground
- Changes in 50-year wind intensities inform structural design for lateral wind loading





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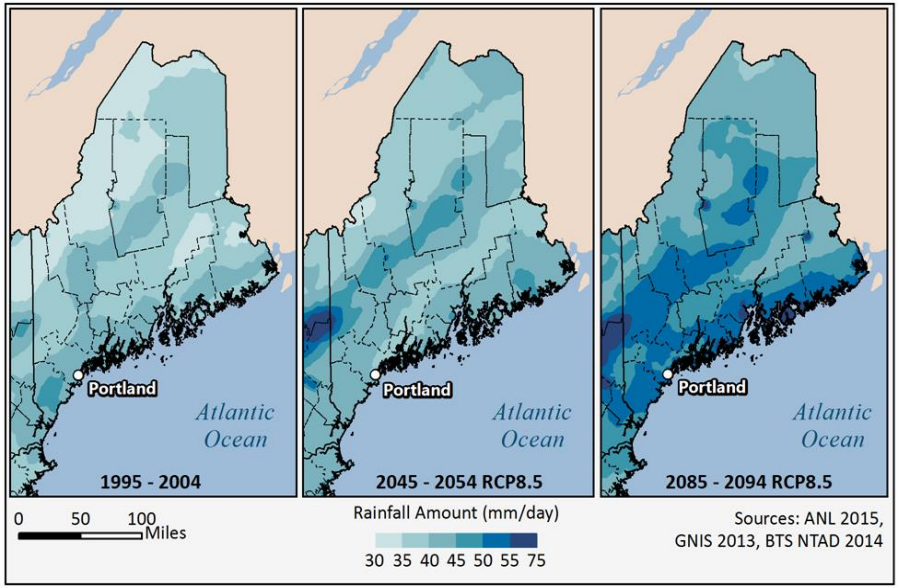

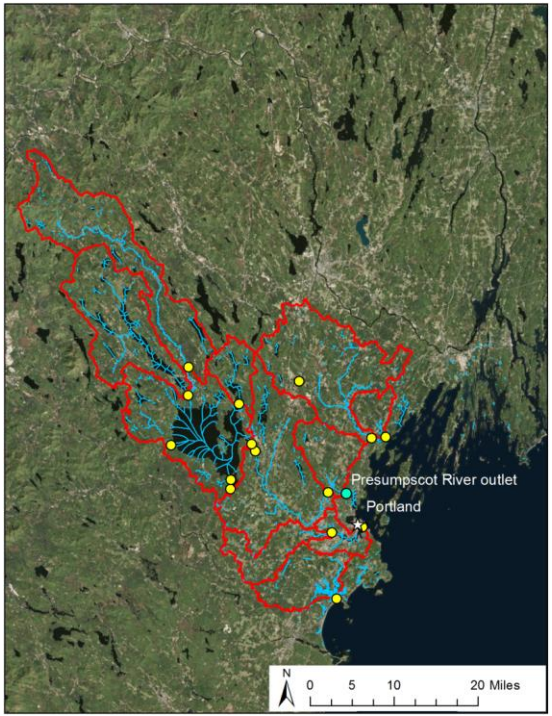

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STORMWATER FLOOD RISKS TO TRANSPORTATION STORMWATER SYSTEMS

- Modeled regional watersheds using USACE's HEC-HMS software
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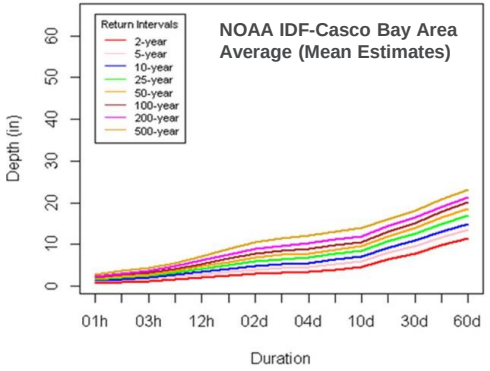

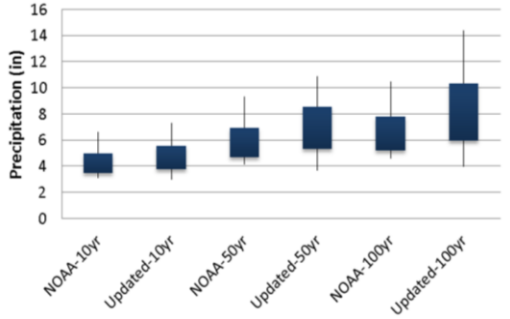

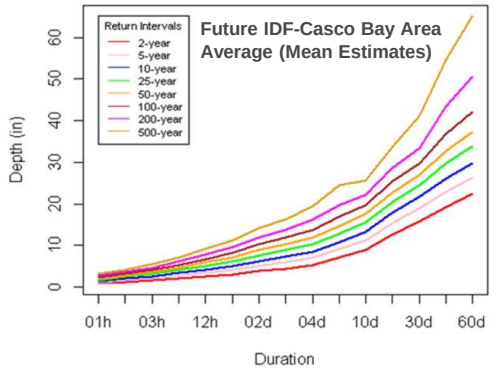

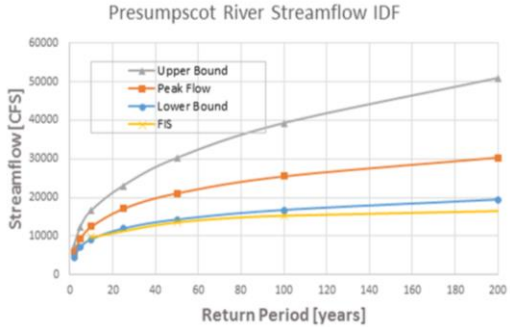

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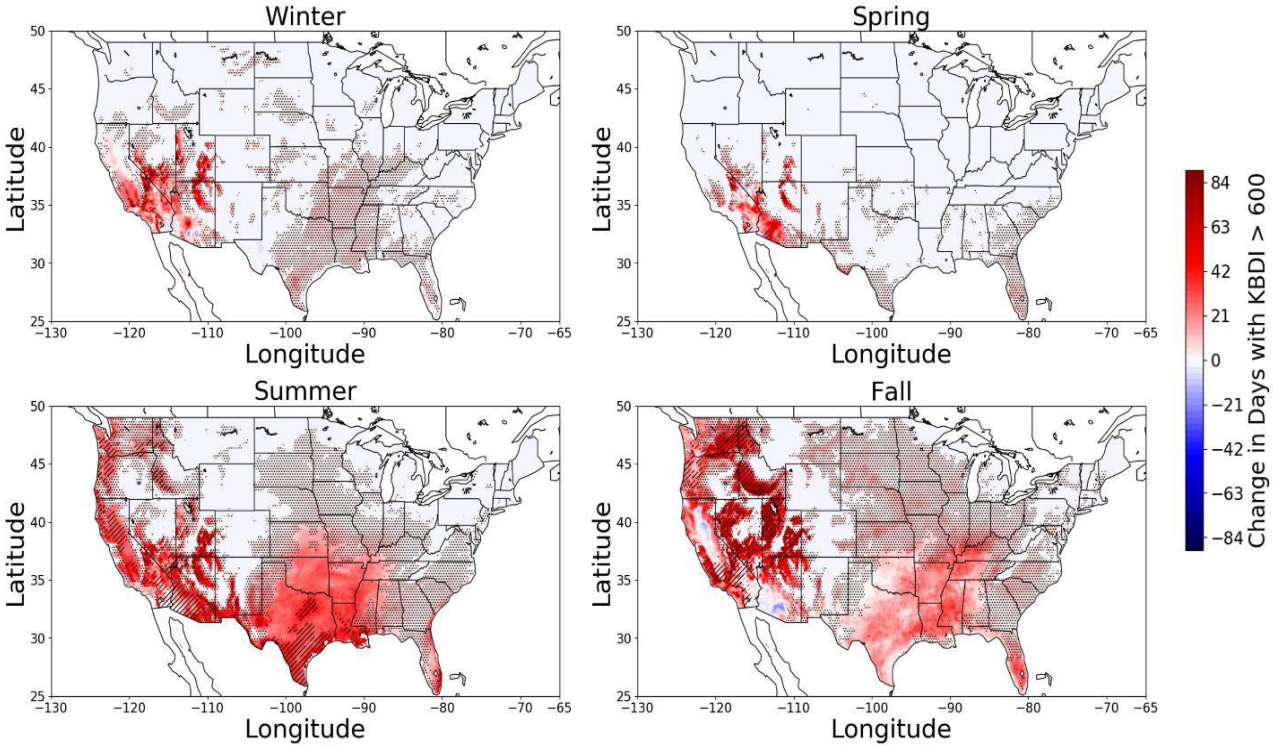

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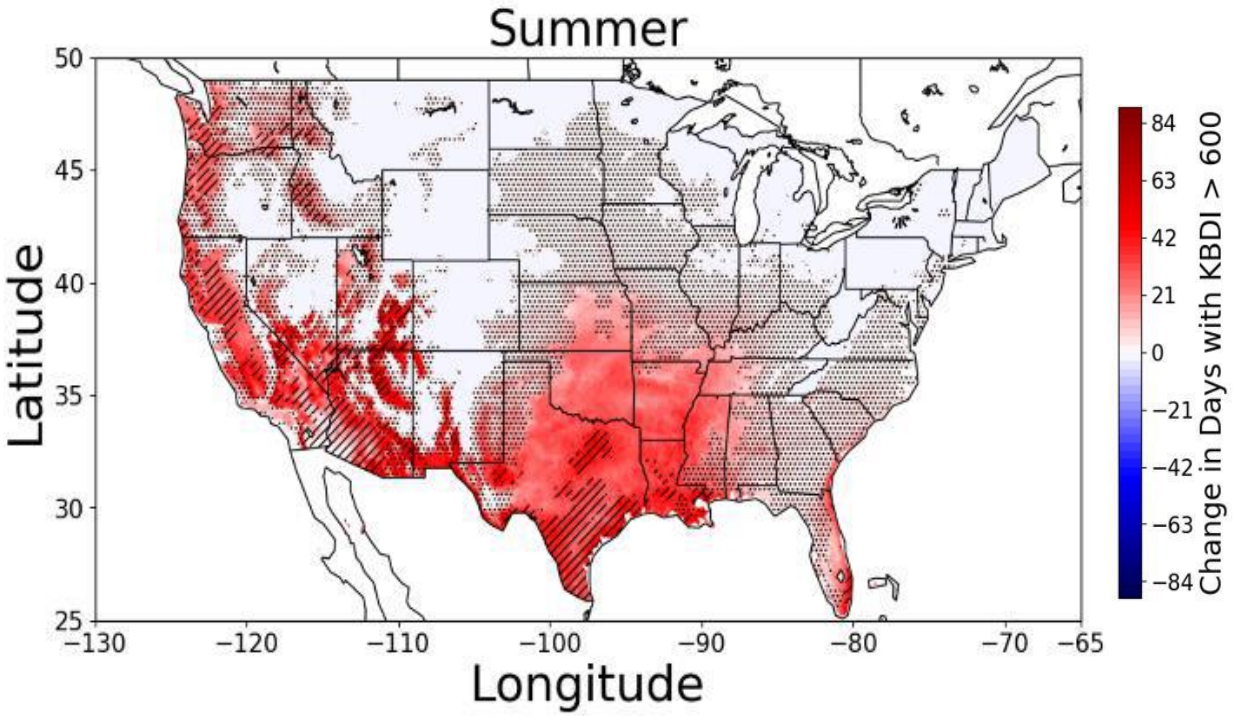

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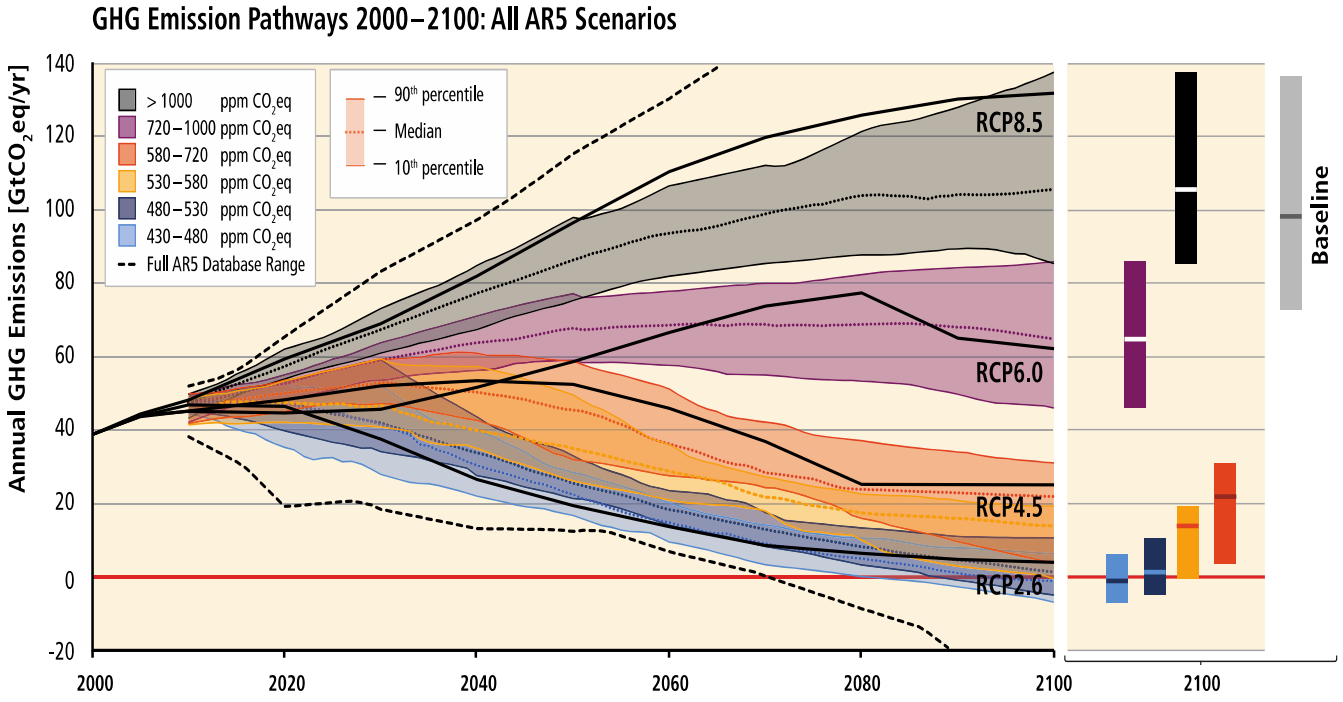

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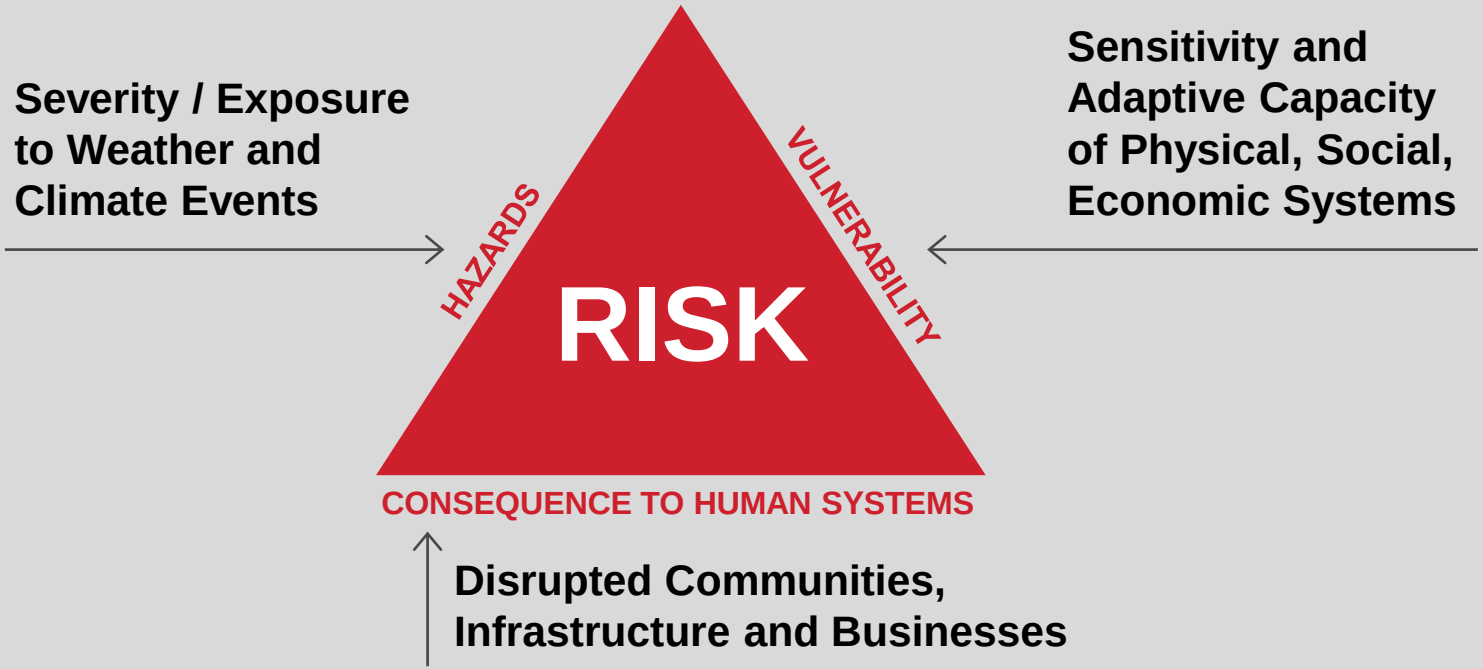
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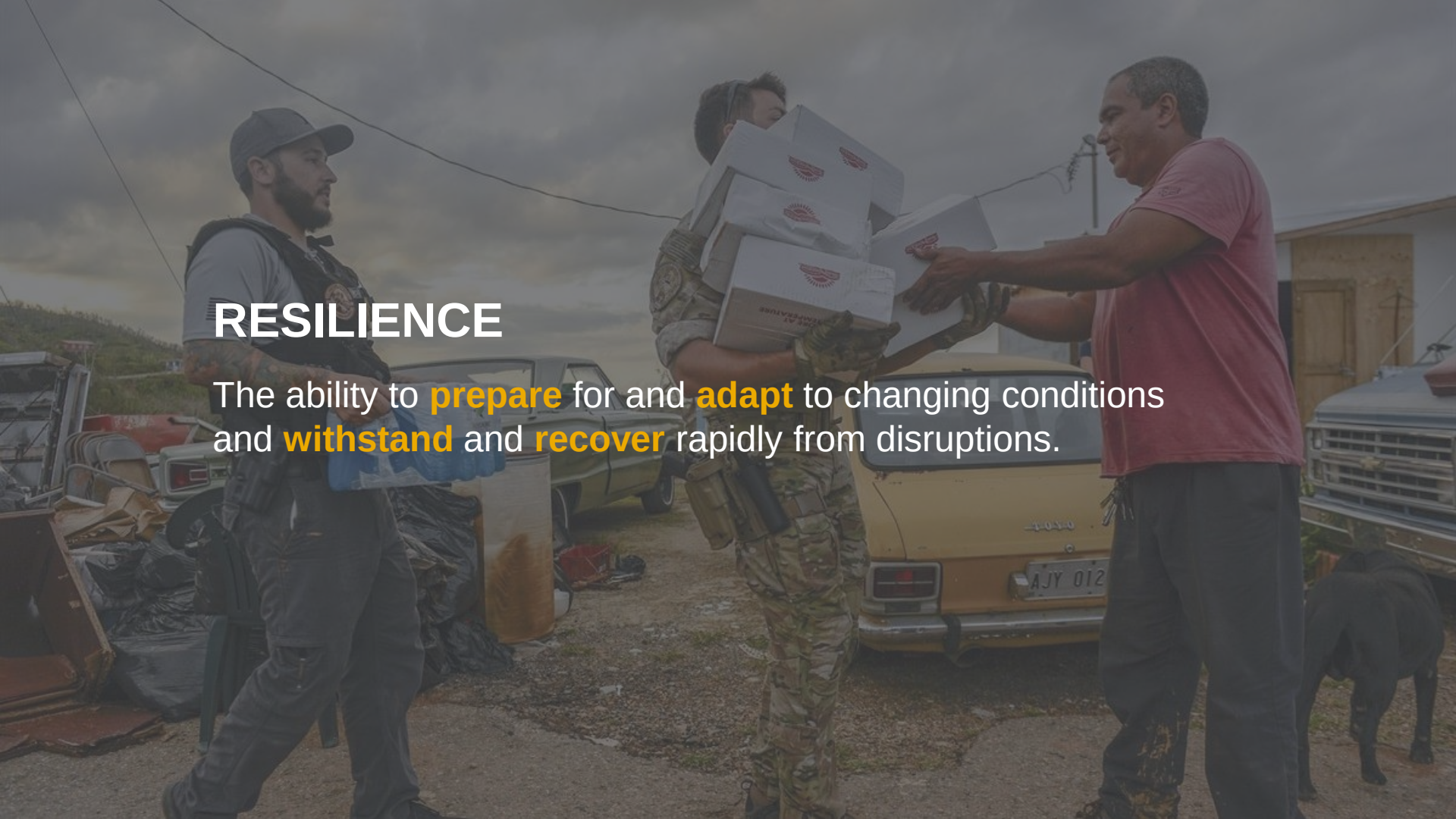

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The ability to **prepare** for and **adapt** to changing conditions and **withstand** and **recover** rapidly from disruptions.

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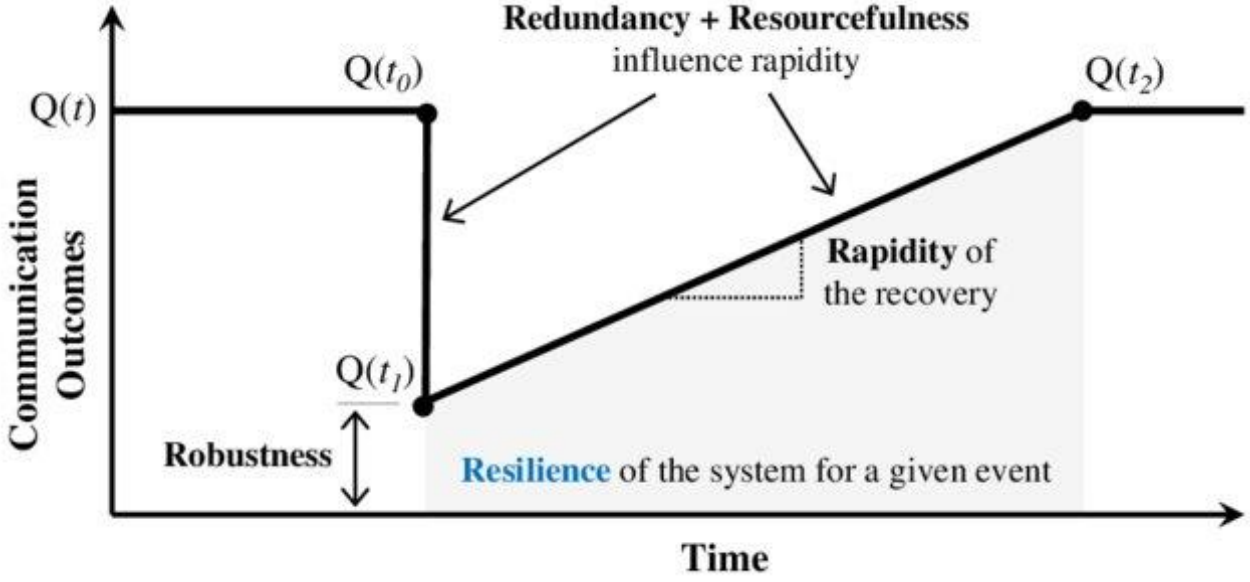

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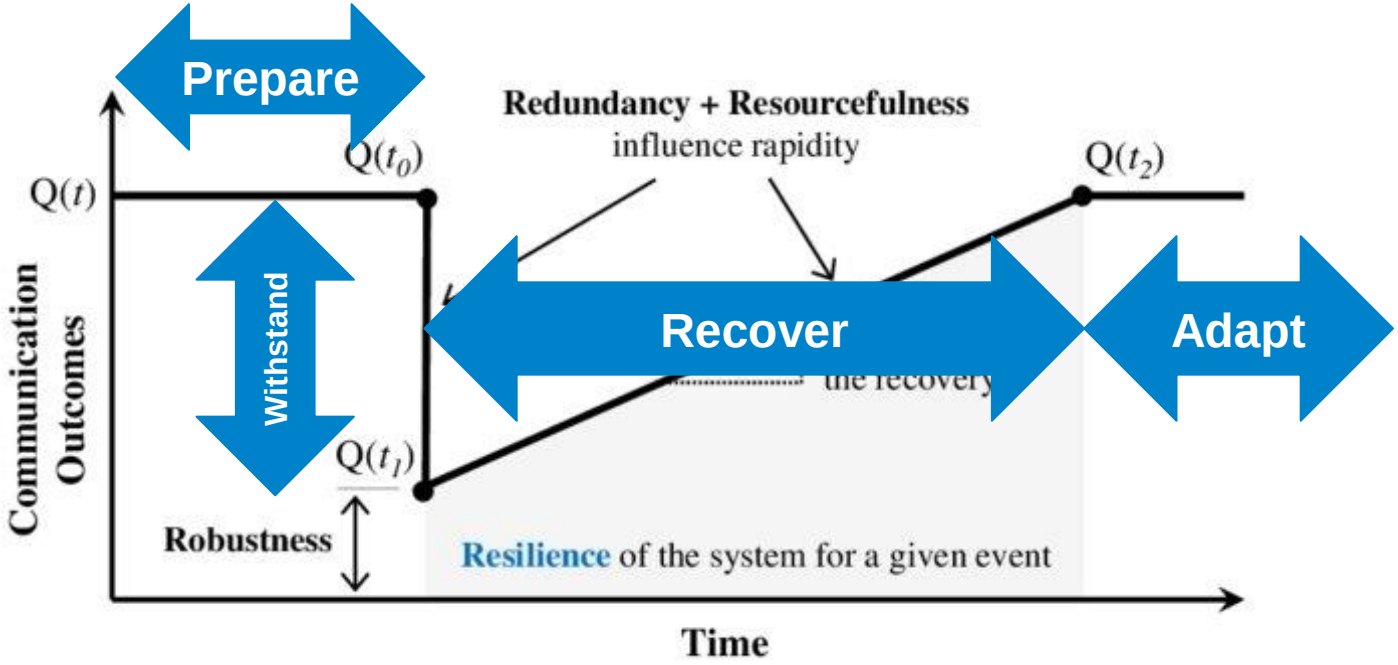

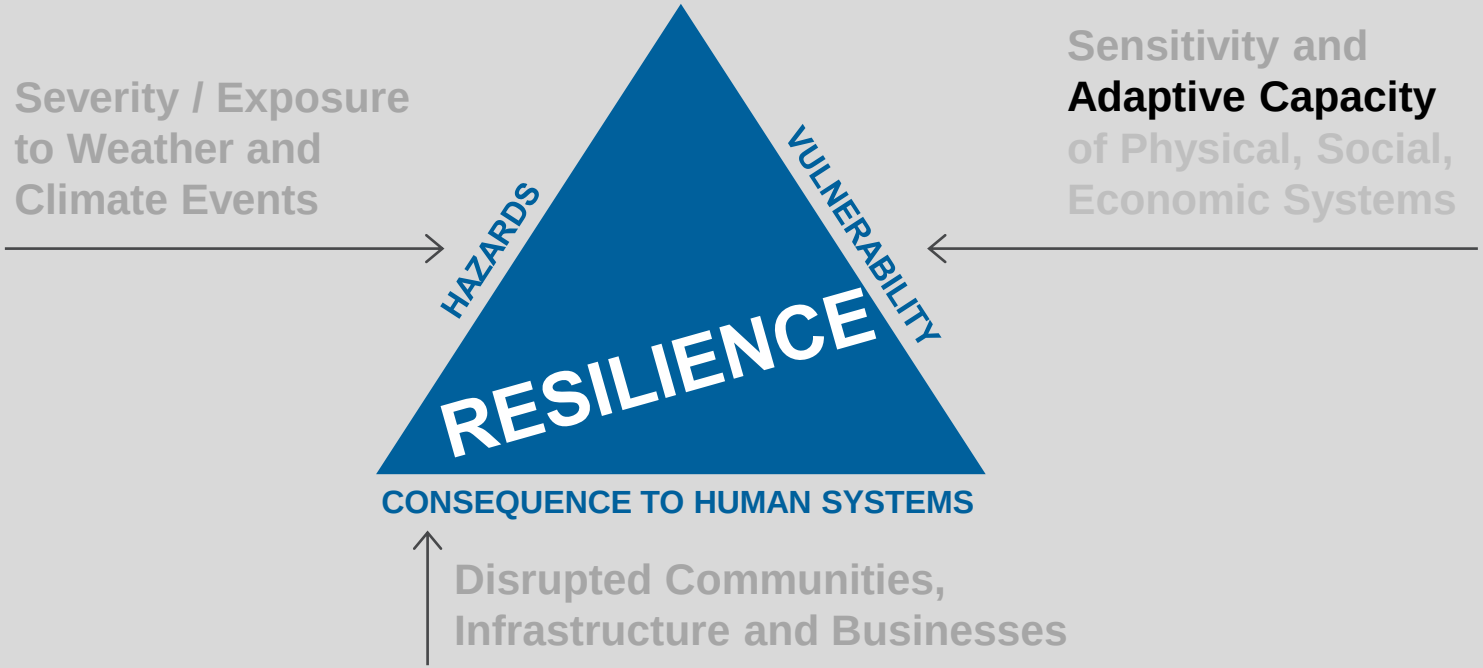
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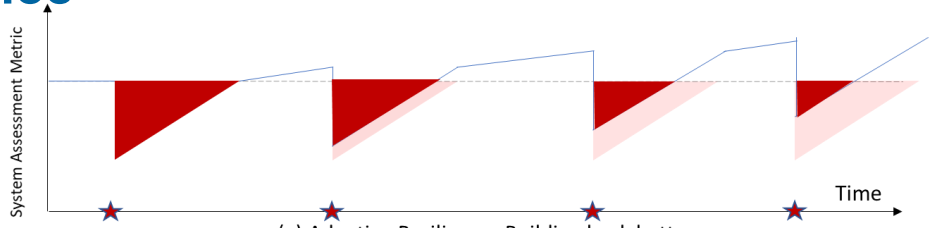

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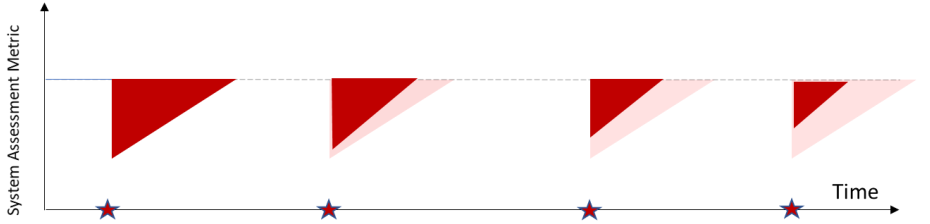
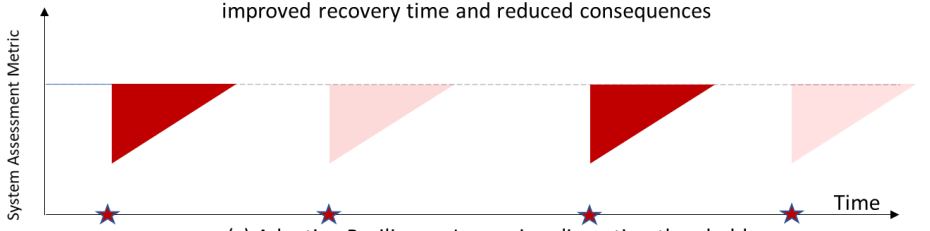


(b) Adaptive Resilience: Continuous reduction of resilience triangle-improved recovery time and reduced consequences



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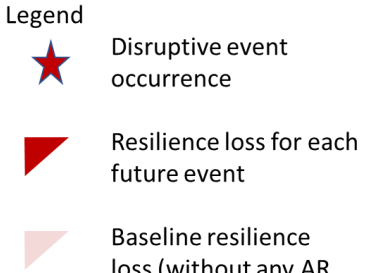

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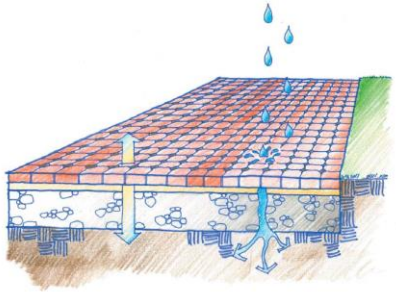

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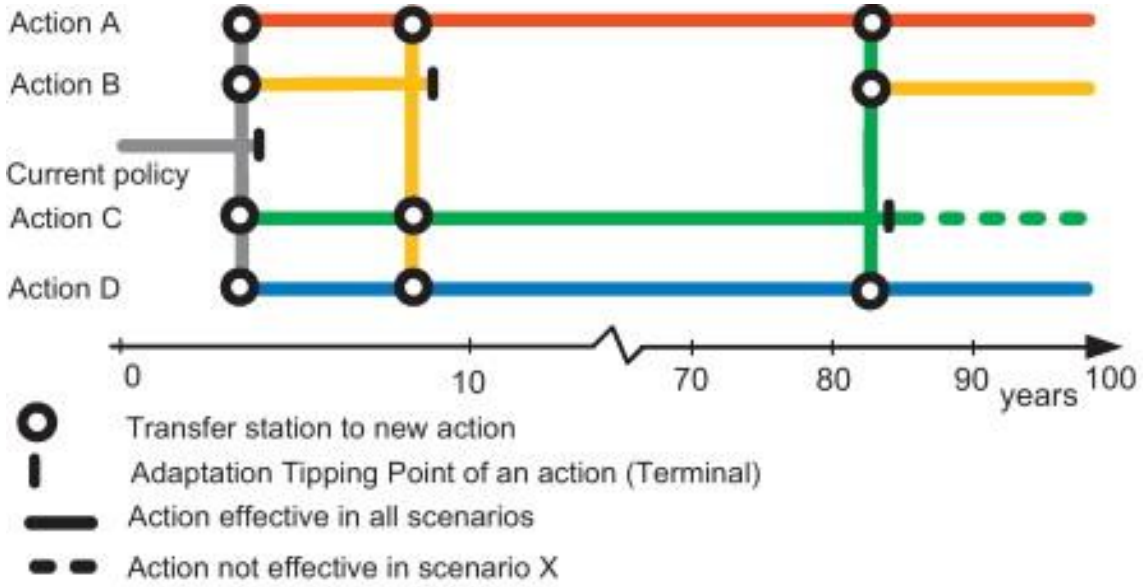
Real Options and Dynamic Adaptive Planning (Policy Pathways)



Adaptation Pathways Map

	Path actions	Relative Costs	Target effects	Side effects
1		+++	+	0
2		+++++	0	0
3		+++	0	0
4		+++	0	0
5		0	0	-
6		++++	0	-
7		+++	0	-
8		+	+	- - -
9		++	+	- - -

Scorecard pathways

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