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## Non-Parametric Statistics Project

Quantification of the effects of climate change around the world

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## Who would need this study ?

- *Stakeholders* : NGO working for the climate.
- *Context* : they want to educate the population (even non-scientific) on the impacts of the climate change around the world

*Research question* : **What are the diverse impacts of climate change across various regions of the world?**

# 1315 weather stations around the world

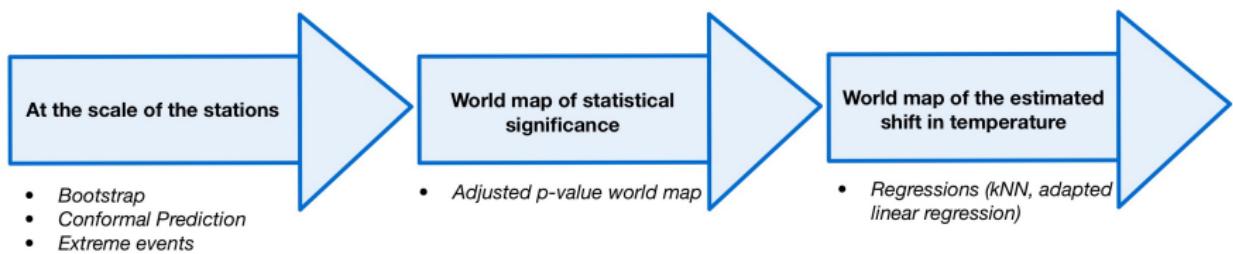


## How do we use the data ?

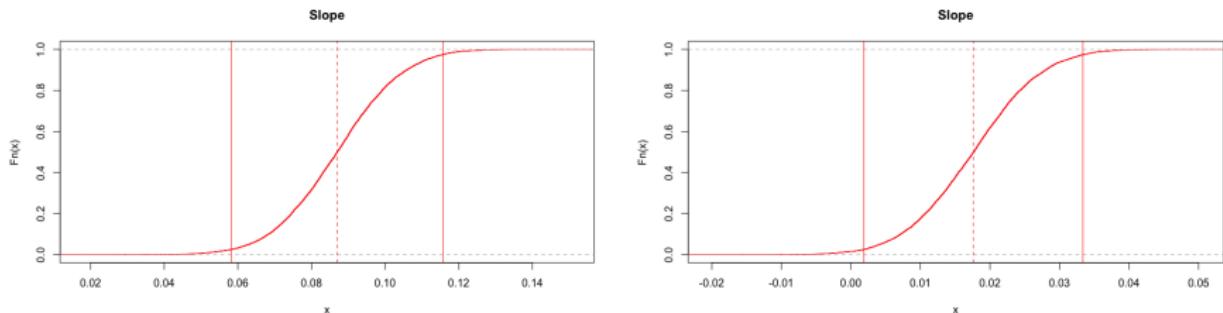
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1978-01-31	3,45	-0,49	8,23	2,28
1978-02-28	3,27	-0,30	7,25	2,99
1978-03-31	9,13	3,74	14,32	1,70
1978-04-30	10,76	6,39	15,37	2,70
1978-05-31	14,94	10,20	19,77	2,90
1978-06-30	20,02	13,70	25,83	2,53
1978-07-31	22,45	16,45	27,94	1,73
1978-08-31	21,79	16,20	27,23	1,85
1978-09-30	18,35	12,53	24,47	1,20
1978-10-31	12,71	7,75	18,48	3,03
1978-11-30	3,44	-1,48	9,50	1,07
1978-12-31	2,17	-0,26	4,90	2,27

Figure: 1978, Verona

# To discern, quantify and illustrate climate change



- Linear regression :
  - ▶ Relationship between Monthly Tavg and Year
  - ▶ Interested in the slope
- Bootstrap analysis :
  - ▶ Pointwise estimation of the slope
  - ▶ Uncertainty estimation (*Reverse Percentile Interval*)
  - ▶ Statistical significance (*Does the RPI contain zero ?*)
- Exporting results :
  - ▶ For each station
  - ▶ For each month
  - ▶ Show the results on a world map

Bootstrap : shift in temperature from 1978 to 2022 ? 7/20

**Figure:** Pointwise estimation and Bootstrap Reverse Percentile Interval for the slope in the linear model of monthly-Tavg VS year, for June, in *Verona* (left), in *Cape Town* (right)

- *Verona* is very significant with a pointwise estimate of the slope of around +0.08 degree/year for June, *Cape Town* has a smaller slope

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Figure: World map of the monthly-Tavg shift for June

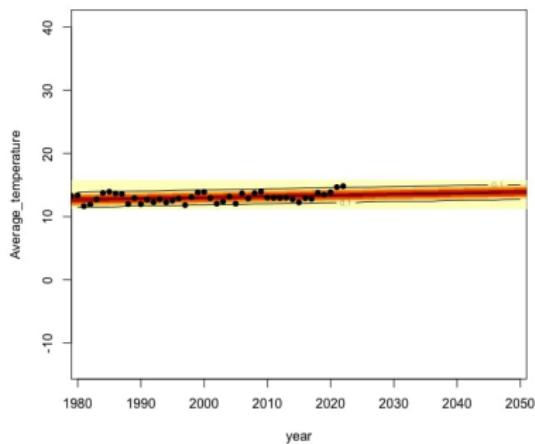
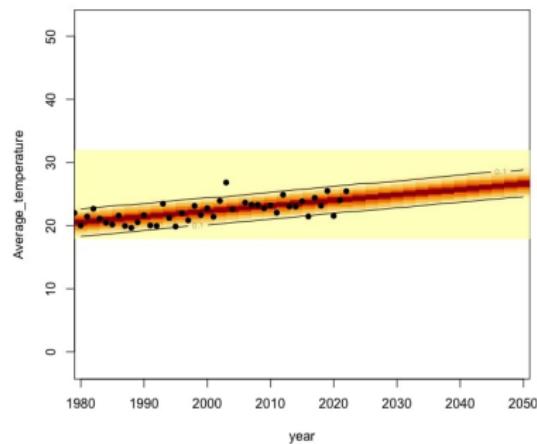
# Conformal Prediction : what about in the next years ? 9/20

- Conformal Prediction :
  - ▶ Prediction intervals for future monthly-Tavg
  - ▶ Full Conformal : limited 45 years of data
- Result examples for June :
  - ▶ Verona's 90% prediction intervals :
    - 2030 : [22.9, 26.9]
    - 2040 : [23.7, 27.9]
    - 2050 : [24.7, 28.7]
  - ▶ Cape Town's 90% prediction intervals :
    - 2030 : [12.5, 14.7]
    - 2040 : [12.7, 14.9]
    - 2050 : [12.9, 14.9]

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Conformal Prediction : what about in the next years ?<sub>10/20</sub>

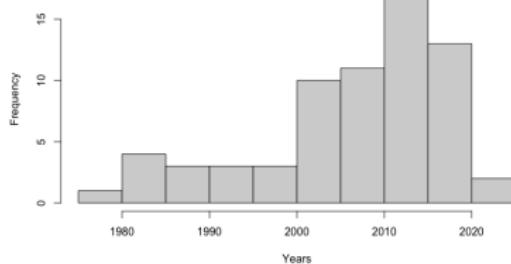
Conformal Prediction of the **Average-Monthly-Temperature** for  
**June**, in *Verona* (left) & *Cape Town* (right)



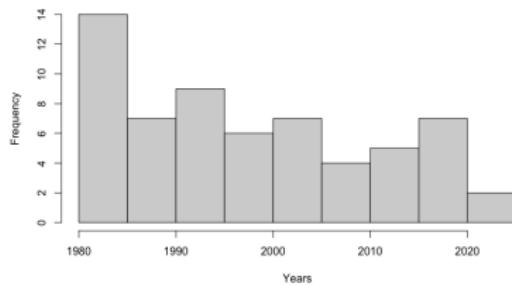
Cape Town exhibits more stable temperature patterns

# What about the extreme meteorological events ?

- Aimed to detect extreme events (top 5%) at a daily scale.



Daily Tmax in Verona (left)



Daily Tmax in Cape Town (right)

- Observed alignment between extreme events and global warming patterns.
- Climate change manifests in various consequences, including extreme meteorological events.

## The choice of the statistic T

$$y(s,m,\text{year}) = a(s,m) + b(s,m) * \text{year} + \epsilon(s,m,\text{year})$$

### ■ Temperature :

- ▶ H0 :  $b(s,m) = 0$
- ▶ H1 :  $b(s,m) > 0$
- ▶  $T \rightarrow \max \left( 0, \frac{\hat{b}}{SE(\hat{b})} \right)$

### ■ Precipitation :

- ▶ H0 :  $b(s,m) = 0$
- ▶ H1 :  $b(s,m) \neq 0$
- ▶  $T \rightarrow \hat{b}^2$

Permutation test with 500 random resampling.

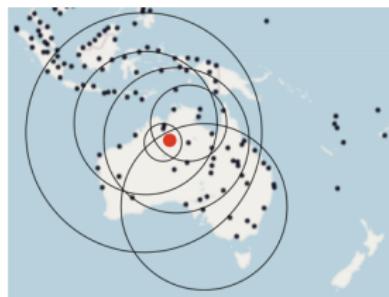
## Method to expand the results

### ■ Definitions :

- ▶  $T^I = \int_I T(x)dx$
- ▶  $p^I = p_{H0} (T^I > T_{obs}^I)$
- ▶  $\tilde{p}(x) = \max_{I \in B: x \in I} p^I$

### ■ Procedure :

- ▶ Weights on the station to compute integrals
- ▶ Compute the integral of  $T$  for  $I = B(x,r) \rightarrow T^I$
- ▶ Deduce  $p^I$
- ▶ From all the  $p^I$ , deduce  $\tilde{p}(x)$



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## Temperature results

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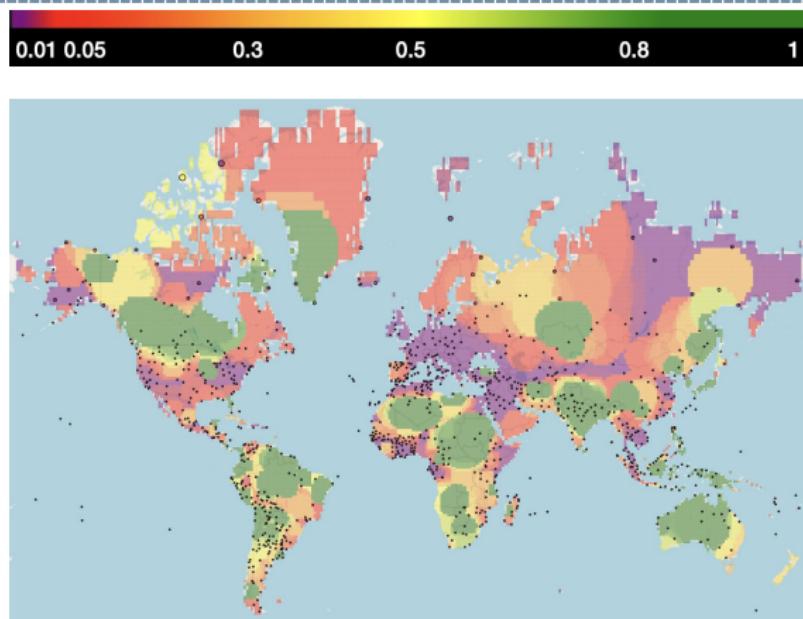


Figure: June adjusted p-value (temperature)

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## Precipitations results

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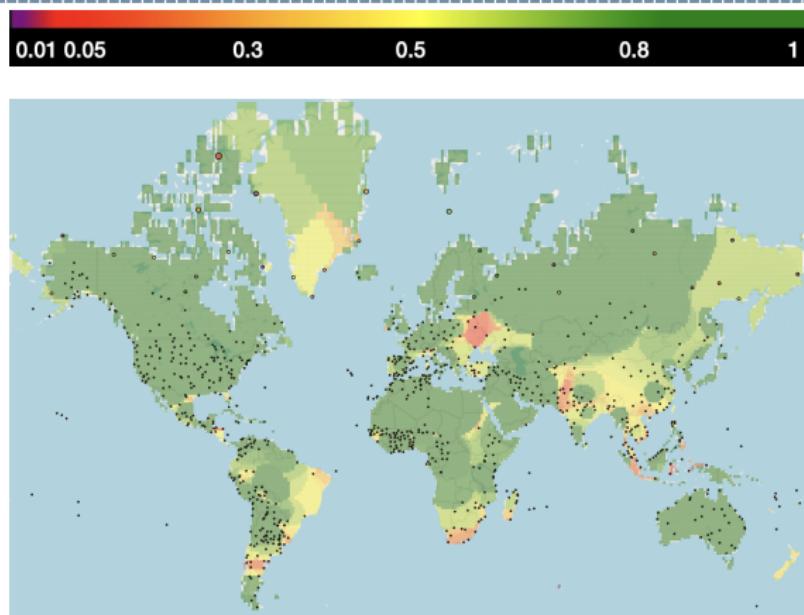


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## Regression of the shift for the temperature

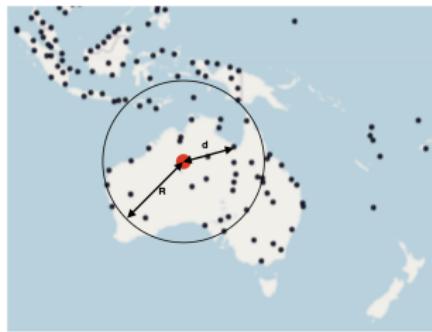
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- K-nearest neighbors

- Linear like method :  $f(x) = \frac{\sum_{s_i \in B(x, R)} f(s_i) \frac{w(s_i)}{d(x, s_i)}}{\sum_{s_i \in B(x, R)} \frac{w(s_i)}{d(x, s_i)}}$

Inspired from the 1D linear regression :

$$f(x) = \frac{f(a)(b-x) + f(b)(x-a)}{b-a} = \frac{\frac{f(a)}{d(x,a)} + \frac{f(b)}{d(x,b)}}{\frac{1}{d(x,a)} + \frac{1}{d(x,b)}}$$



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## KNN results

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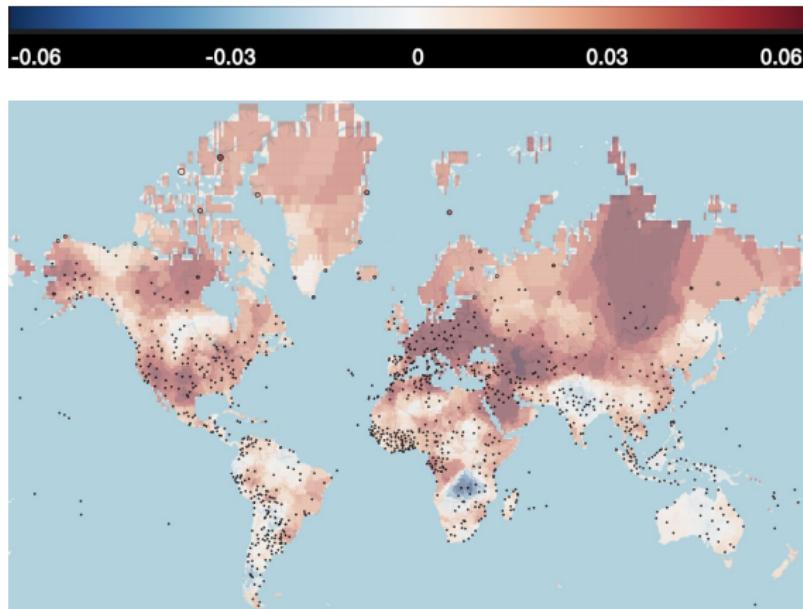


Figure: June estimated shift (degree per year)

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## Linear like method results

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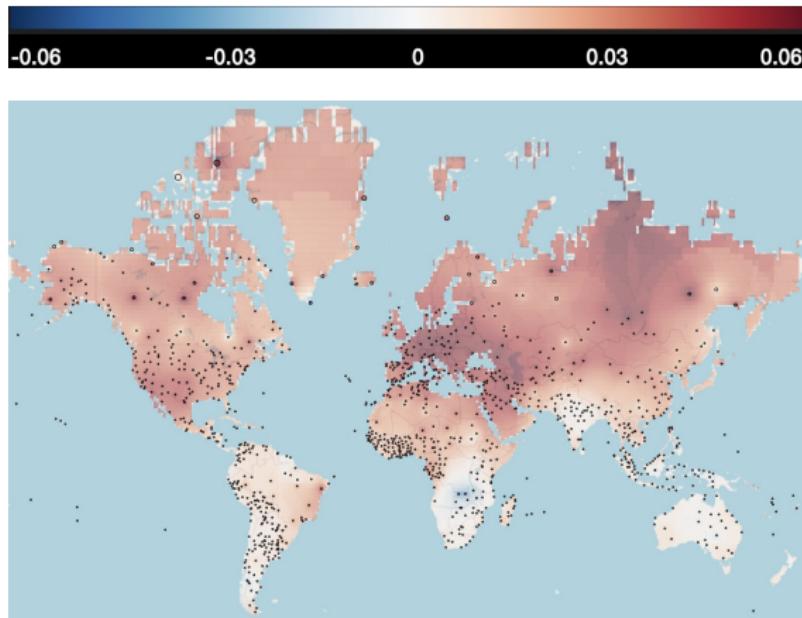


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In this study :

- Innovative method to compute p-values globally, inspired by the article of Niels Lundtorp Olsen and Alessia Pini and Simone Vantini (2023) *Local inference for functional data on manifold domains using permutation tests*
- There exists different paces in the climate change depending on the region in the world
- Different consequences of the climate change : global warming + higher frequency in extreme meteorological events
- Clear and accessible format so that results can be helpful even to non-scientific population (NGO)

## **Bibliography :**

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- US National Weather Service : <https://www.weather.gov/>
- European data : <https://data.europa.eu/>
- Canadian government : <https://open.canada.ca/>
- Meteorological Institute of Norway : <https://developer.yr.no/>