

ClimateWins: Predicting Climate Change with Machine Learning

Climate Strategy Proposal

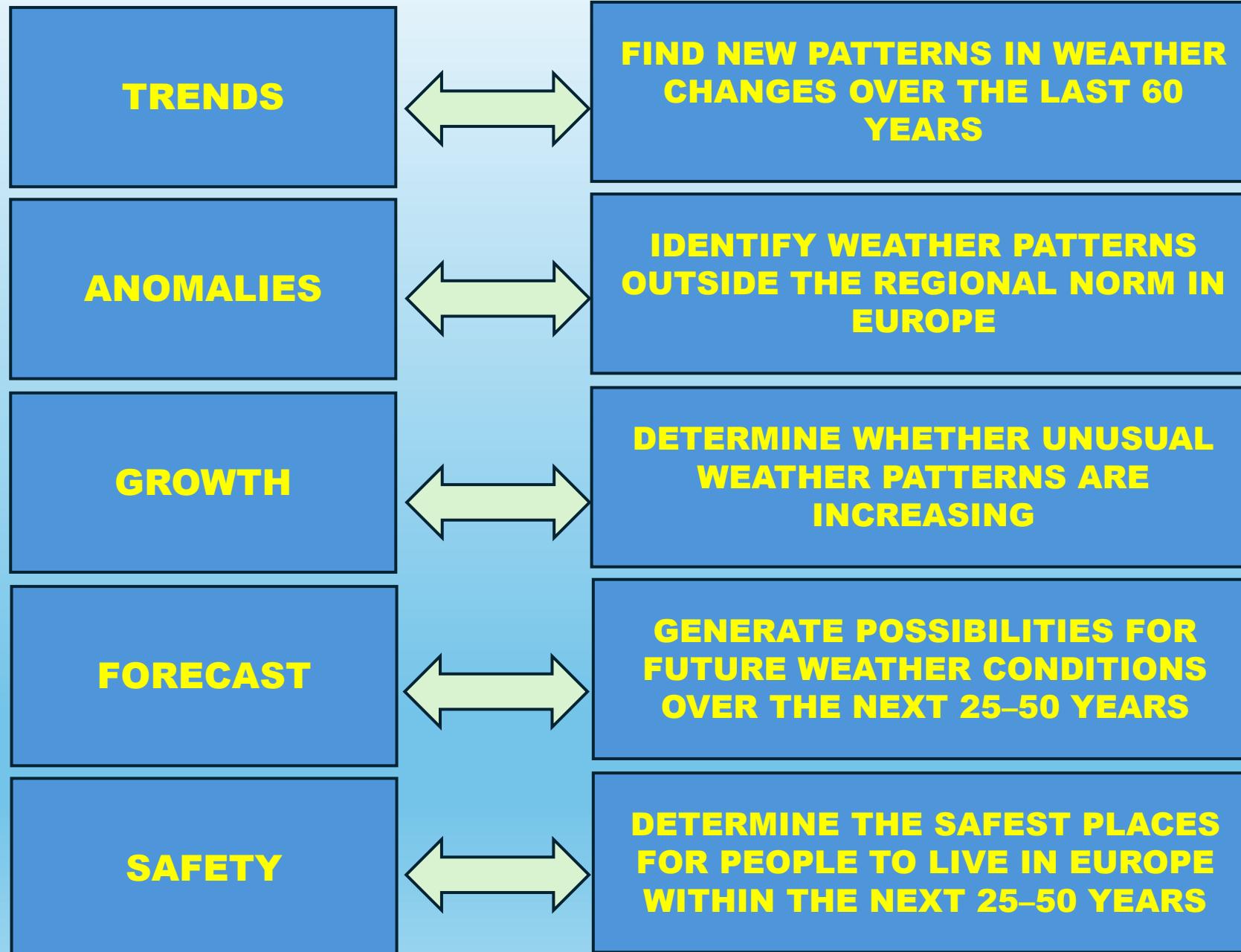
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Executive Summary

- Europe's climate regimes remain structurally stable but increasingly variable.
- ML can detect anomalies and forecast exposure risk but cannot score habitability alone.
- Additional data (infrastructure, population, resilience) is required for full risk assessment.
- ML provides early-warning signals but requires socioeconomic data for actionable planning.

CLIMATEWINS OBJECTIVES

ML APPROACH



MACHINE LEARNING METHODS SUMMARY

ML MODEL

PURPOSE

Unsupervised Learning:

- PCA (Principal Component Analysis)
- K-Means & Hierarchical Clustering

- Dimensionality reduction to simplify data
- Identify natural groupings in weather patterns

Deep Learning Models:

- CNN (Convolutional Neural Networks)
- RNN/LSTM (Recurrent Neural Networks)

- Learn complex multivariate patterns & interactions
- Capture temporal weather sequences

Optimization:

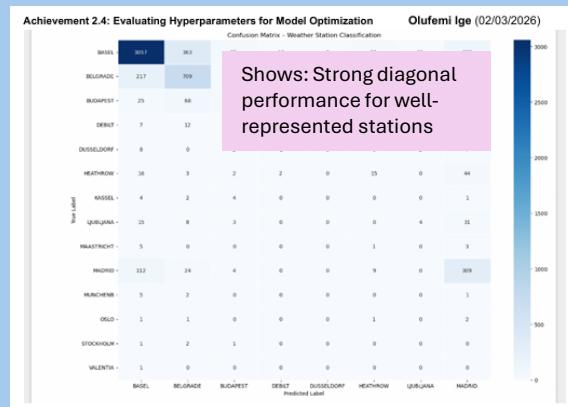
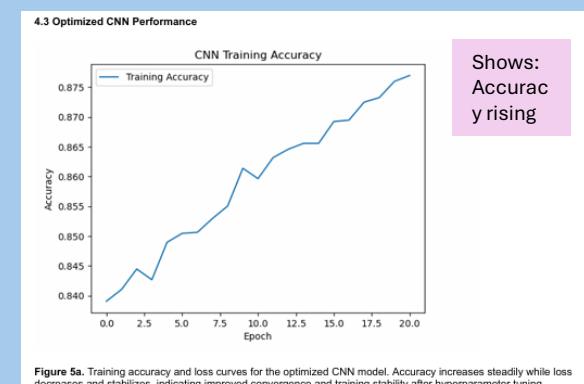
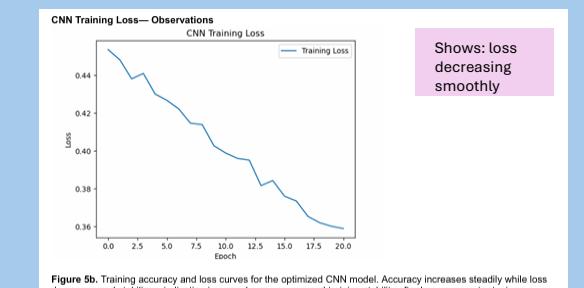
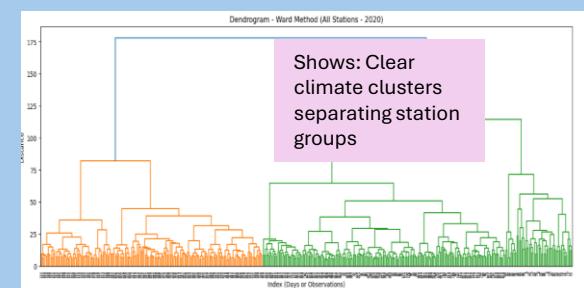
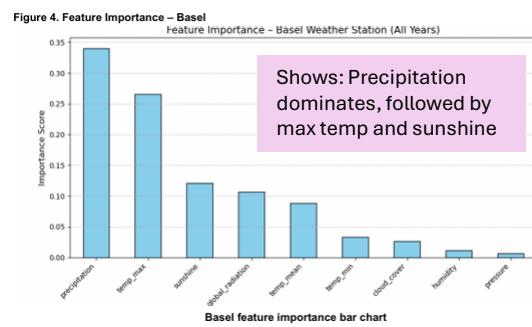
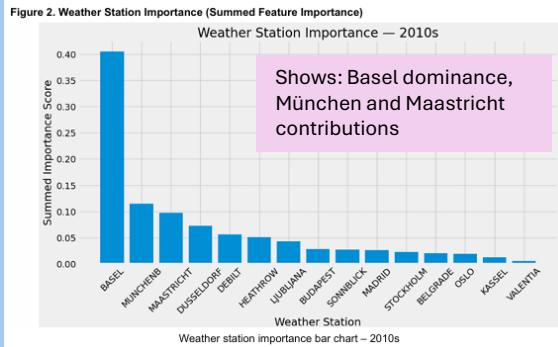
- Bayesian Optimization
- Random Forests

- Find optimal hyperparameters efficiently
- Ensemble learning for robust predictions

Generative Models:

- GANs (Generative Adversarial Networks)

- Generate & test synthetic extreme weather scenarios



Thought Experiment #1:

Detecting Historical Climate Anomalies

Analysis Question:

Is it possible to detect weather patterns that deviate from the historical climatic norms of a region?



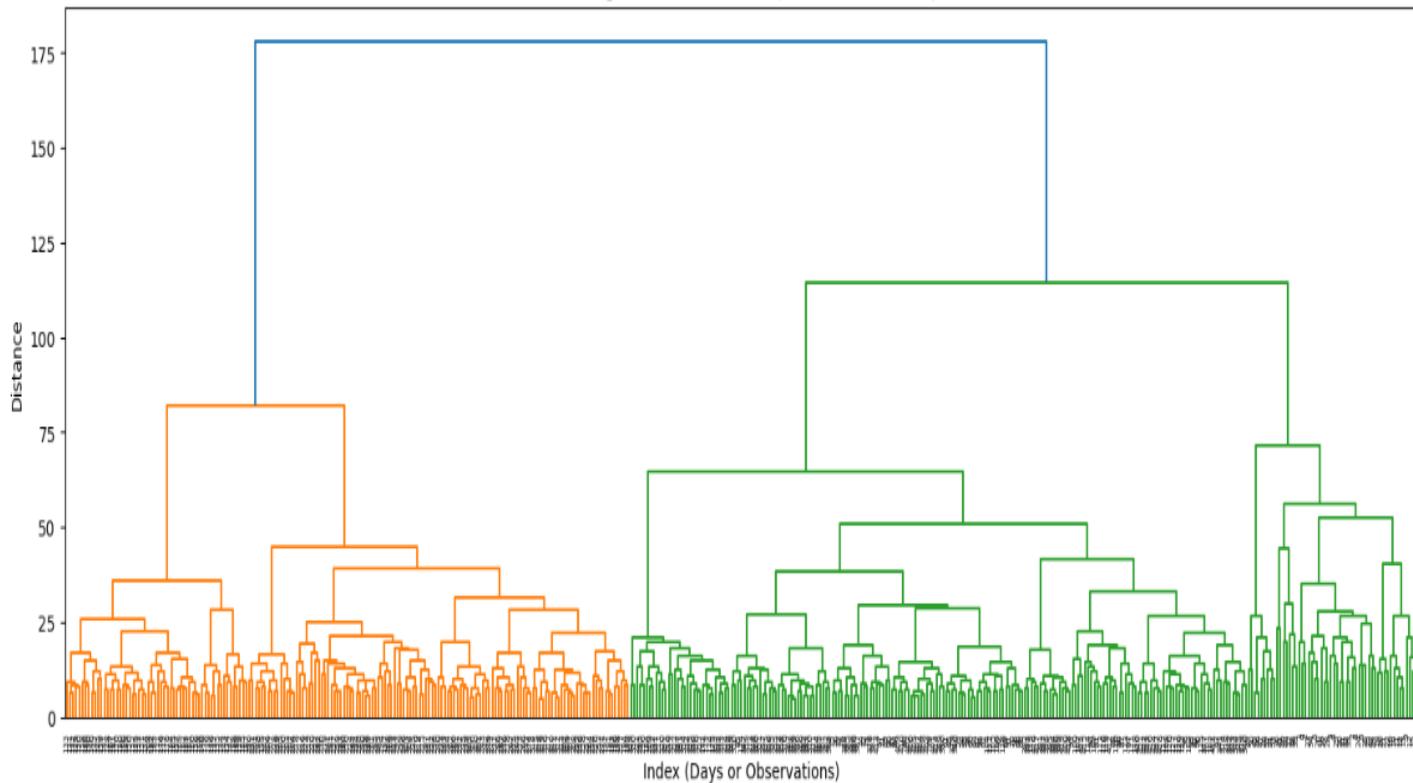
Answer:

- Yes — deviations from historical climate norms can be detected.
- Hierarchical clustering reveals stable climate groups.
- High-distance merges indicate anomalies.
- Deviations from long-term norms are detectable.
- Supports early warning for unusual weather behavior

This Ward dendrogram shows tight climate clusters and highlights potential anomalies as observations that merge only at much higher distances.



Dendrogram - Ward Method (All Stations - 2020)



Thought Experiment #2:

Are Europe's Climate Regimes Structurally Shifting?

Analysis Question:

Have Europe's climate regimes structurally shifted over the past 60 years?



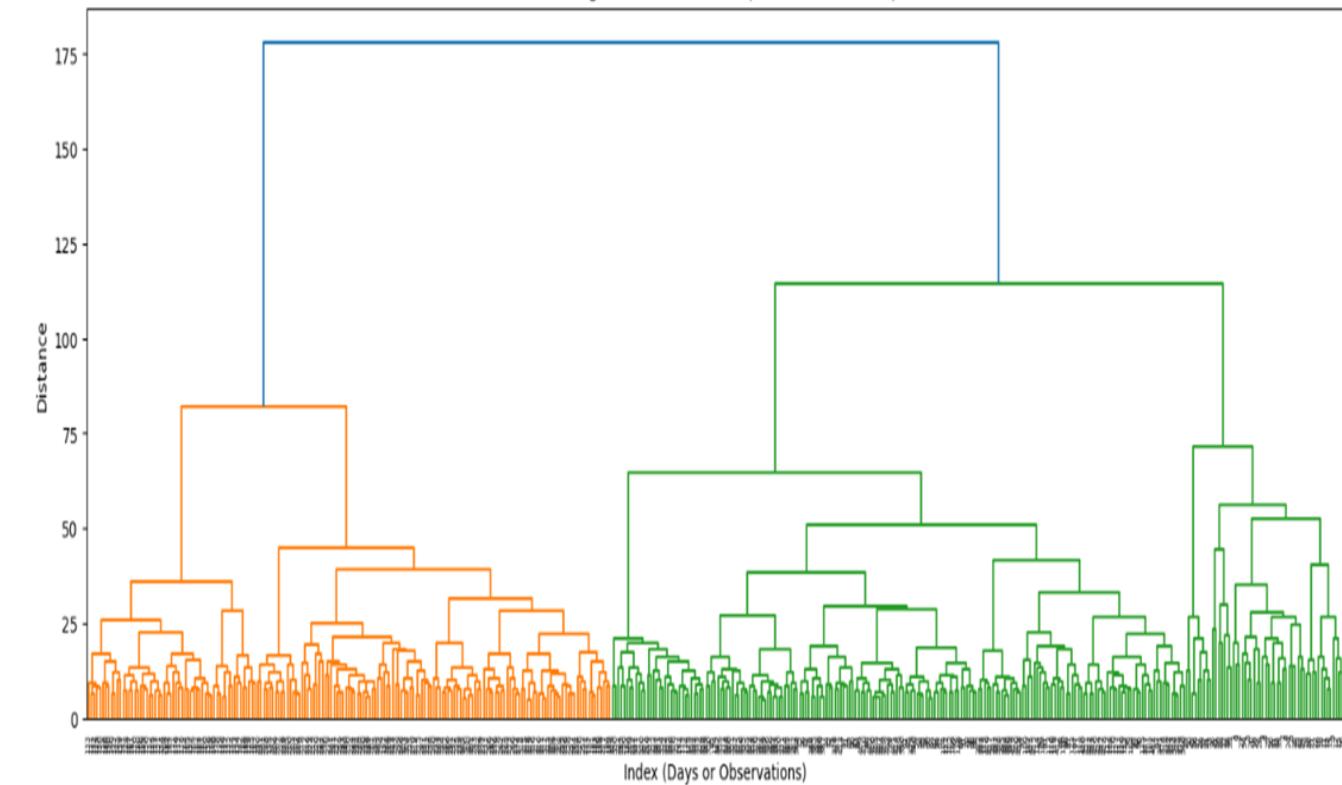
Answer:

- Yes, stable regional climate regimes remain statistically identifiable. Localized deviations exist, but there is no evidence of continent-wide structural breakdown.
- Climate variability is increasing unevenly, not systemically.

This diagram shows and identifies climate exposure thresholds that differentiate stable from volatile regions, forming a foundational layer for long-term habitability assessment.



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Thought Experiment #3:

Future Habitability: What ML Can and Cannot Predict Within 25–50 Years

Analytical Question:

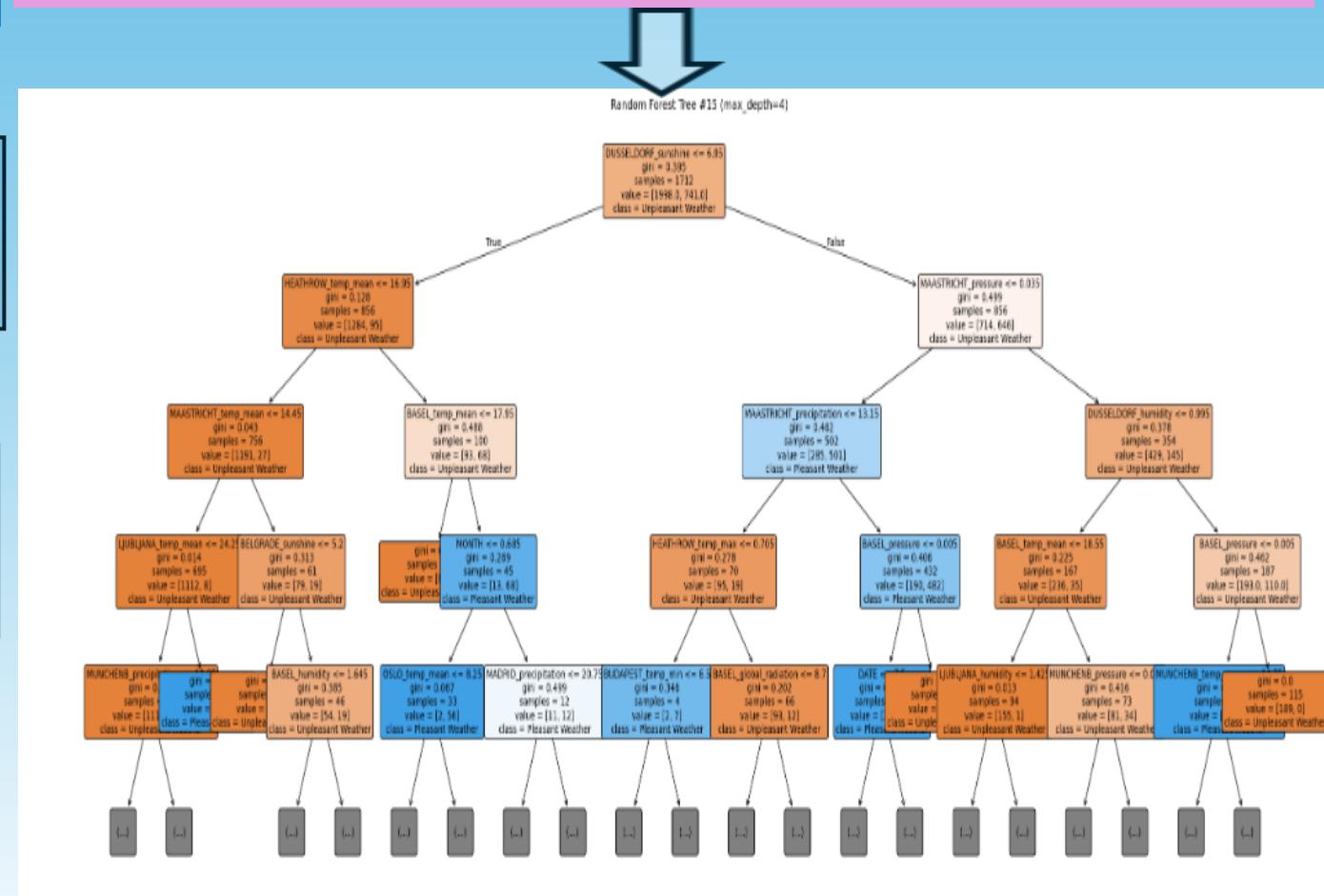
Can ML help identify safer places to live in the future?

Answer: Yes — partially and indirectly.

ML Can: detect regimes, track instability, model exposure

ML Cannot: determine habitability without infrastructure, population, and resilience data

This diagram shows whether unusual weather patterns are emerging by highlighting stable clusters versus areas of localized variability.



Data Gaps That Limit Habitability

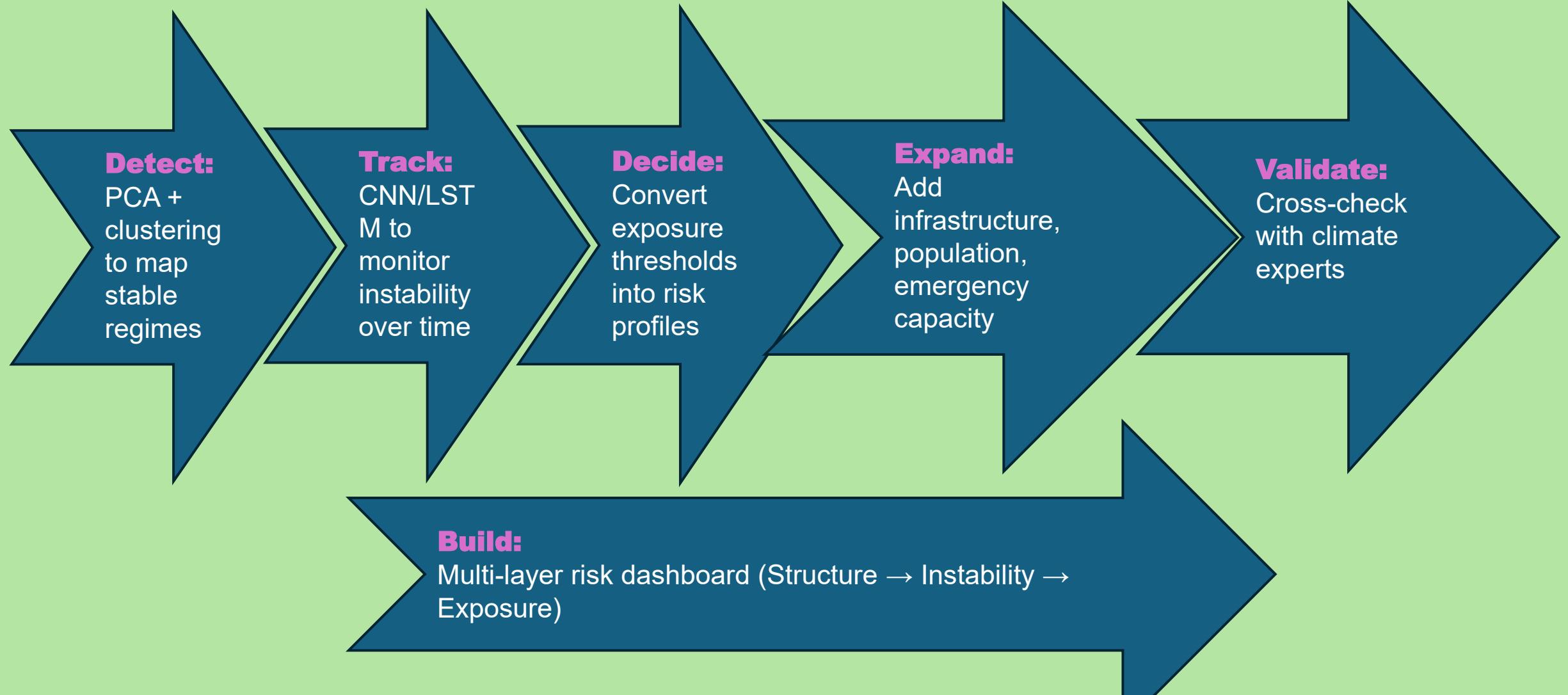
Scoring:

- **Critical Gaps:**
 - Infrastructure resilience.
 - Population vulnerability.
 - Emergency response capacity.
 - Land use and urban density.
 - Exposure pathways.
- **Key Insights:**
 - Weather alone cannot define long-term habitability — risk and resilience matter equally



Key Insights & Recommendations

Integrating ML structure, instability tracking, and exposure modeling creates a scalable climate-risk framework.



Conclusion

- ML reveals meaningful climate structure and emerging variability.
- Europe's climate is shifting unevenly, not collapsing.
- A multi-layer risk framework can guide long-term planning.

Future work will integrate socioeconomic resilience data to produce a full habitability index.

The background of the slide is a photograph of an underwater environment. At the bottom, there is a large, textured coral reef in shades of brown and orange. Above the reef, several small fish of various colors (blue, red, yellow) are swimming in different directions. The water is clear and blue, with sunlight filtering down from the surface in bright rays.

Thank You For Your Attention

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