

Probabilistic forecasting of heat waves with deep learning

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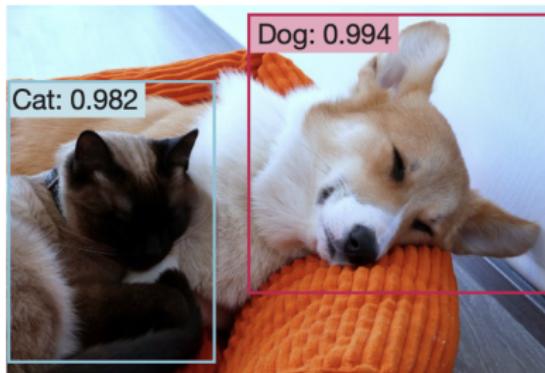


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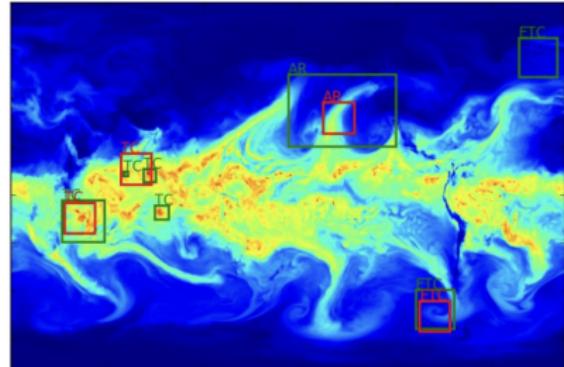
Machine Learning (ML) for extreme events

- The regional impact of climate change remains to be explored^[1]
- Extreme events, like heat waves important impact but rare
- Forecasting with Artificial Neural Networks (ANNs)^{[2][3]}

Object classification and localization



Pattern classification



[1] S. Seneviratne et al., Climate Change 2021: Sixth Assessment Report of the IPCC ()

[2] E. Racah et al., Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems (2017)

[3] V. Jacques-Dumas et al., Frontiers in Climate (2022)

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- Components of ANNs:

- Hyperparameters θ , e.g. weights w_i
- Nonlinear activation function
- loss function $E(\theta) = C(X, g(\theta))$
- backpropagation to minimize loss [5]

$$\theta_{t+1} = \theta_t - \eta_t \nabla_{\theta} \sum_{i \in B_k} e_i (X_i, \theta) \quad (1)$$

- Universal function approximators [6]

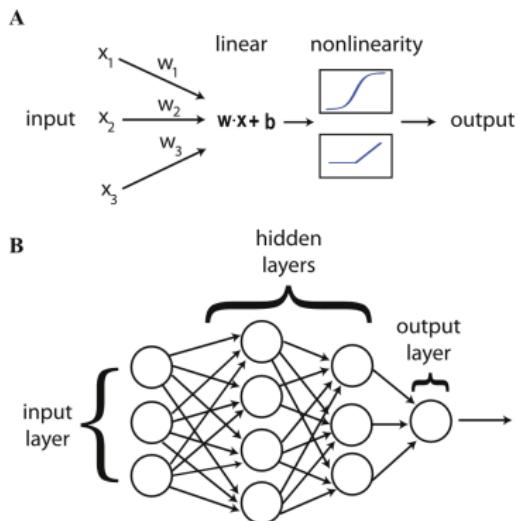


Figure: architecture

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From pattern recognition to physical models

- Early work of Bjerknes to the **method of analogues** Lorenz^[7]
- Success of physical models over pattern recognition, 1950s onwards
- The end of Dennard scaling: arithmetic speed levels off

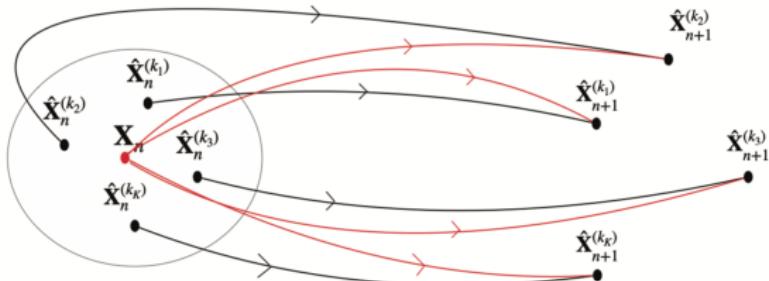


Figure: Analogue method

[7] E. N. Lorenz, Journal of Atmospheric Sciences (1969)

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- Success of ML in long-term prediction such as ENSO [8]
- Will ML replace or morph with physical modeling? [9]

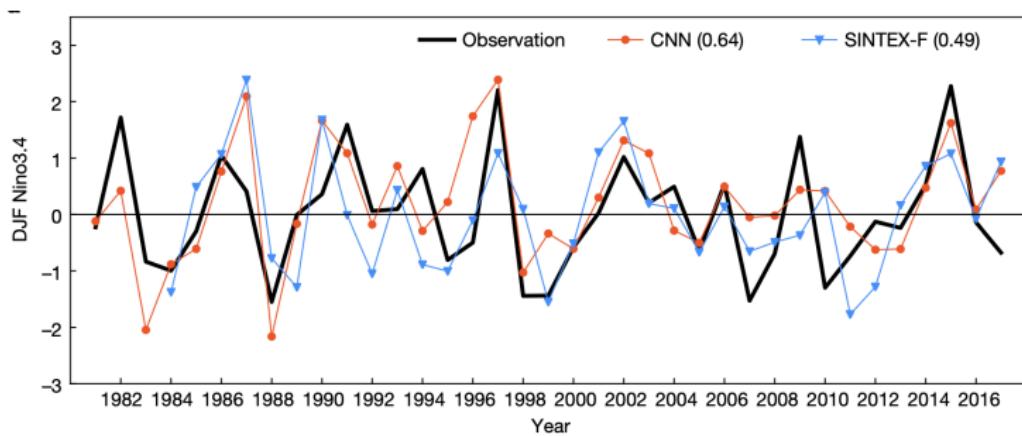


Figure: Nino3.4 indexes for an 18-month-lead

[8] Y.-G. Ham et al., Nature (2019)

[9] V. Balaji, Phil. Trans. of the Royal Soc.A: Math., Phys. and Eng. Sciences (2021) ↗ ↘ ↙

Studying extremes with models vs ML

- General Circulation Models (GCMs) when used for extremes of : [10]
 - at the regional scale, are still limited by the **rarity of events**
 - For uncertainty quantification larger multi-model ensembles wanted

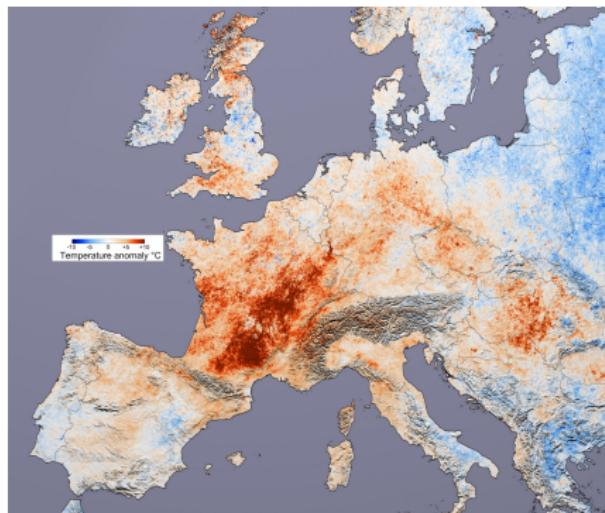


Figure: European heat wave 2003

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 [11] S. E. Perkins, Atmospheric Research (2015)

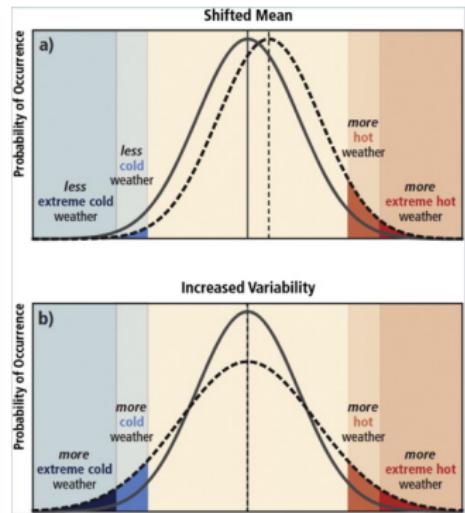


Figure: Changes in temperatures [11]

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Scandinavian blocking: HW onset

- Rossby wave breaking and blocking
- Advection: persistent anticyclonic anomaly

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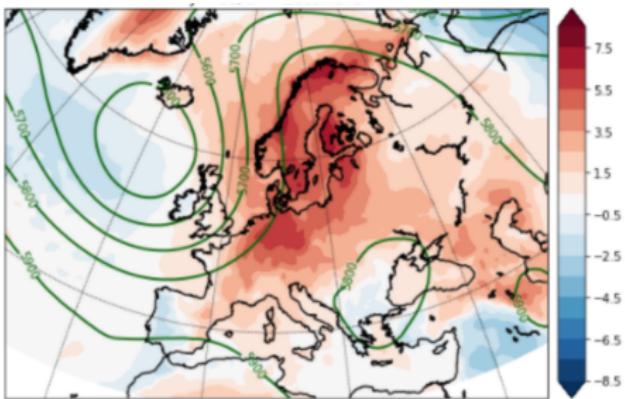
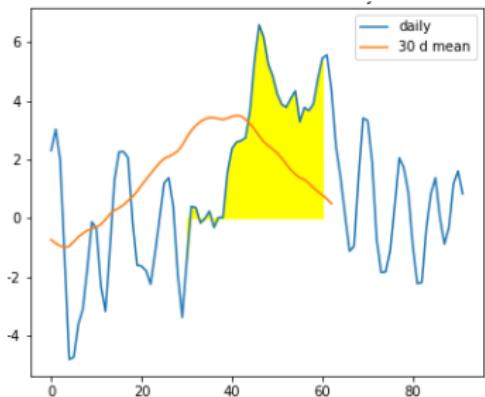
$$z(p) = R \int_p^{p_s} \frac{T}{g} \frac{dp}{p}$$

(3)

Coriolis parameter

500 mbar geopotential height

- Dry soil contributes to heating due to lack of latent heat



Summer HWs over France: definition

- HW: extreme of space-time averaged temperature anomalies:

$$A_T(t) = \frac{1}{T} \int_t^{t+T} \frac{1}{|\mathcal{D}|} \int_D (T_{2m} - \mathbb{E}(T_{2m}))(\vec{r}, u) d\vec{r} du \quad (4)$$

Duration: $T = 14$ days

Area D - "France"

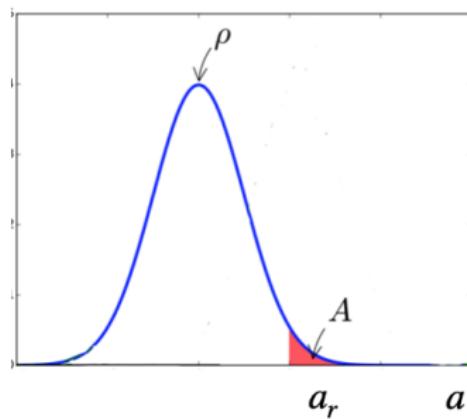


Figure: Temperature fluctuations

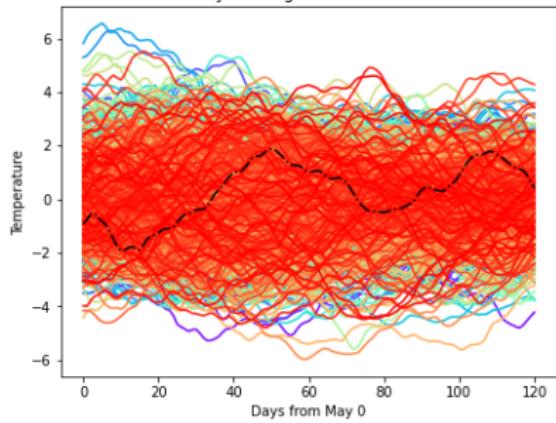


Figure: 1000 years of $A(t)$

Plasim: Planet Simulator, HWs in France

- Intermediate complexity model allows long simulation (8000 years)
- SST and the ice cover is repeated cyclically every year
- Resolution: 2.8 by 2.8 degrees. 10 vertical atmospheric levels

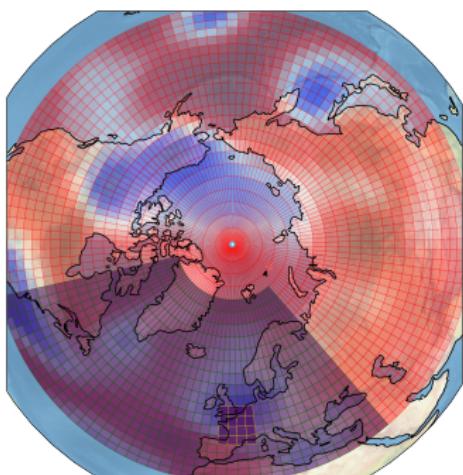


Figure: Plasim gridpoints

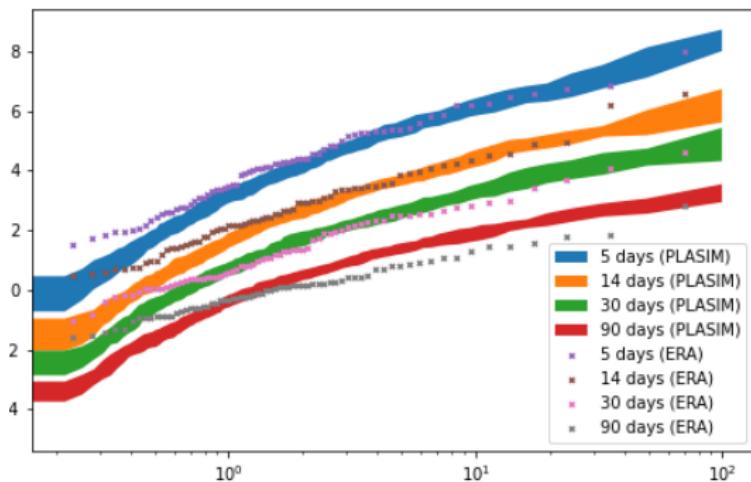


Figure: Plasim vs ERA5: return time plot [12]

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Normalized Skill Score (NSS): subtract climatological prediction

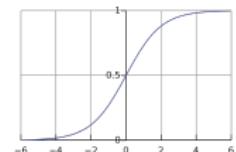
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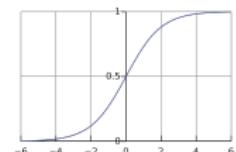
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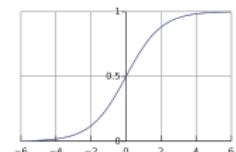
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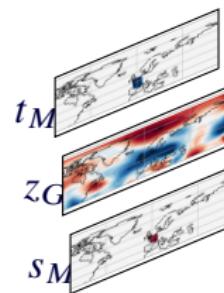


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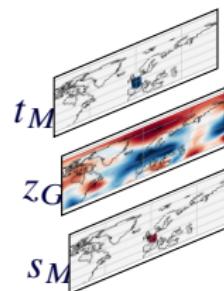
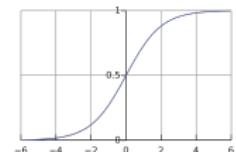


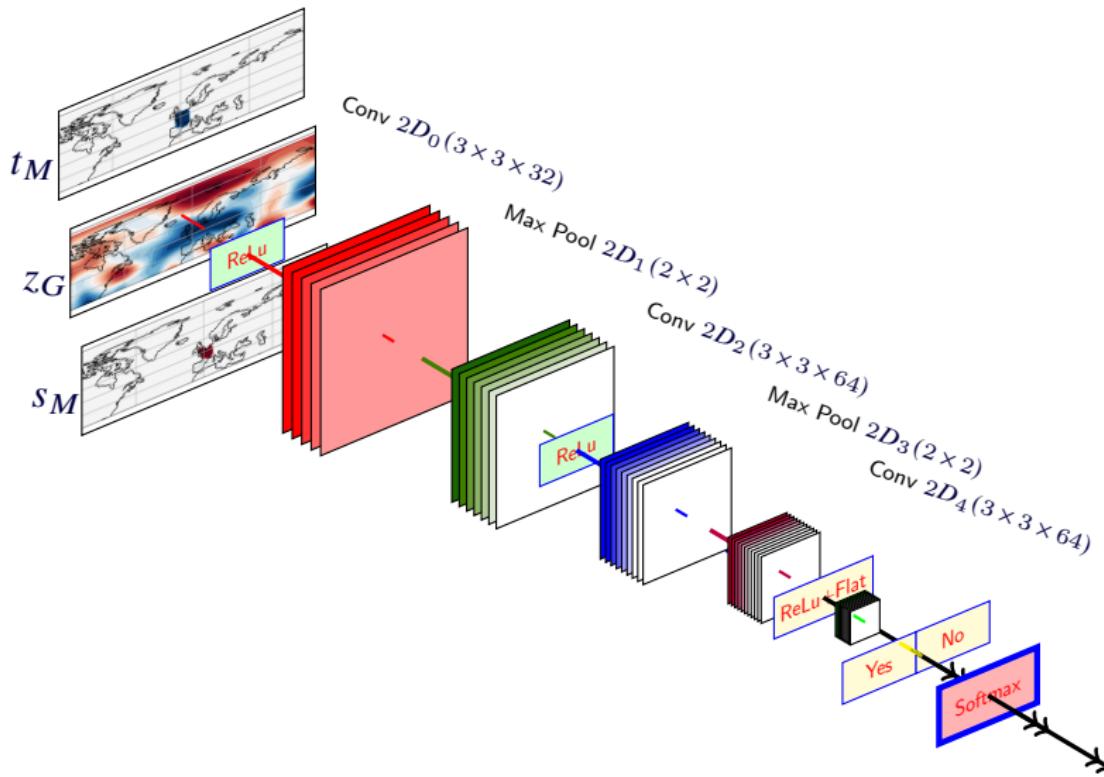
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CNN Architecture with masking



NSS vs lag time for different fields

- We present the plots of NSS vs **lag time τ** selecting **different fields**
- s_M has long-term, while z_G has short-term information
- z_G, s_M coupled together account for most of the information

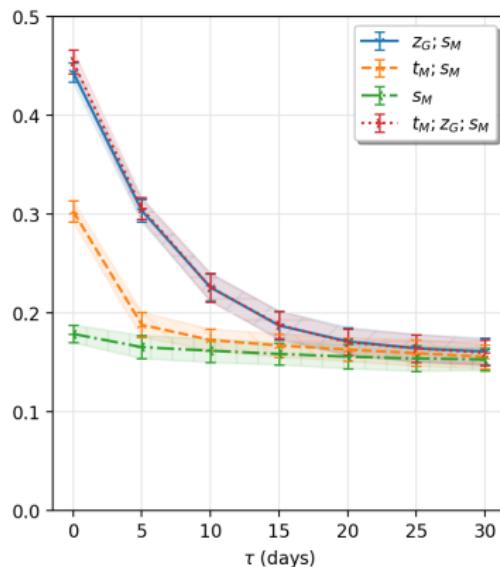


Figure: NSS 7200 years

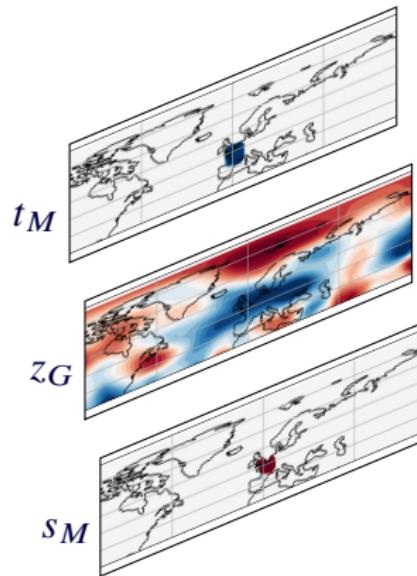


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NSS vs different areas and data size

- We present the plots of NSS vs lag time τ
- Having **less data**, some **global teleconnections** not represented well
- In reanalysis only the data from 1950 to present is available

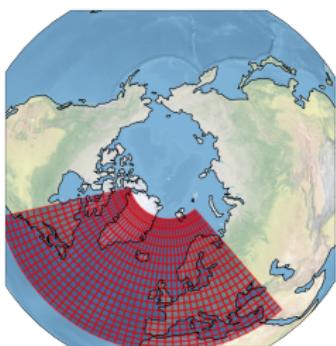
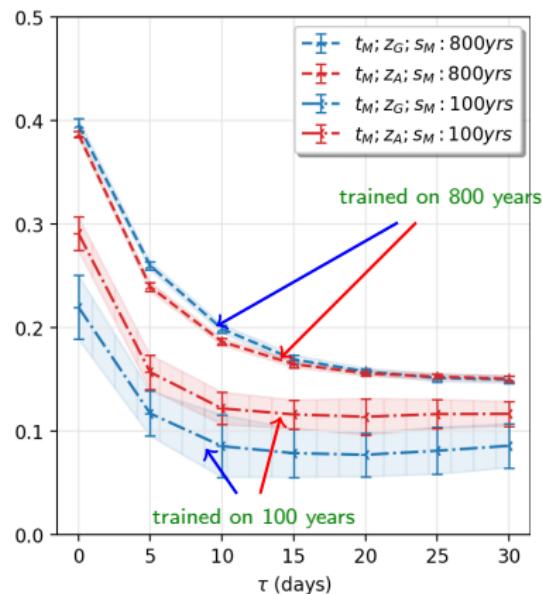
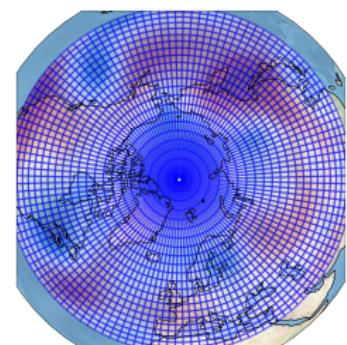
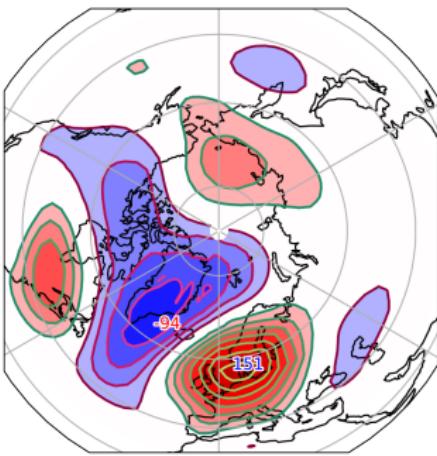
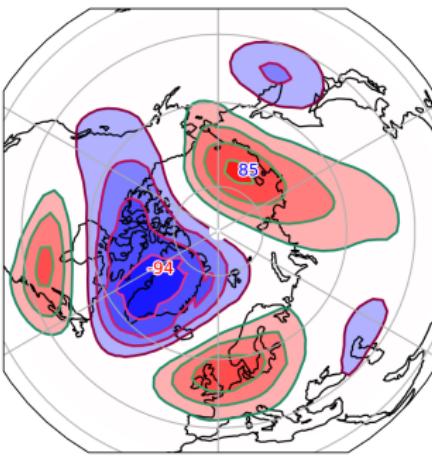
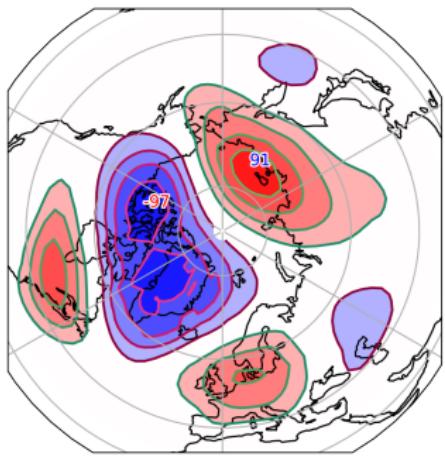
Figure: z_A 

Figure: NSS data reduction

Figure: z_G

Committor composite maps

- We plot composite maps conditioned to 99.9 percentile of $q = q(\tau)$
- The composite map reveals tripole **teleconnection pattern**
- We vary τ and observe that the teleconnection pattern slightly shifts
- Investigating saliency maps is the subject of current work

Figure: $\tau = 0$ Figure: $\tau = -5$ Figure: $\tau = -10$

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Work in progress: Rare event algorithm

- The optimal **score function** for [16] is related to $P(Y|X)$ committor

$$G_k(z_k) = \sqrt{\frac{g_k(z_k)}{g_{k-1}(z_{k-1})}}, \quad \text{where (10)}$$

$$g_k(z_k) := \int \mathbb{E} [h(Z_n) | Z_{k+1} = z']^2 P(Z_{k+1} = z' | Z_k = z_k) dz' \quad (11)$$

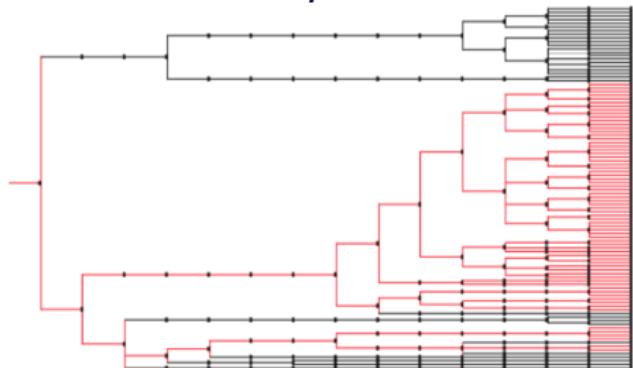


Figure: Genealogical rare event algorithm

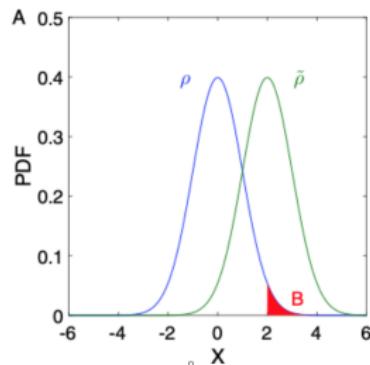


Figure: Importance sapling

Smoothness of the committor & transfer learning

- $q = q(\tau)$ is expected to be a smoothly increase closer to the heat wave
- This property is expected to play a role in **rare event algorithm** [17]
- We achieve this by transfer learning applied to successive τ



Figure: Training pipeline

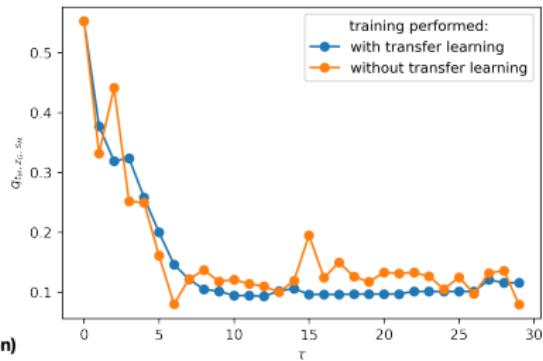


Figure: q_{t_M, z_G, s_M} vs transfer learning

Work in progress: The analogue Markov chain

$$X_{n\star} = \operatorname{argmin}_{\{X_n\}} \{d(x, X_n)\}$$

- Promising [18] in Cherney-DeVore system
- **Problem:** curse of high dimensionality (z_G)
- Possible solution:
Dimensionality reduction
- Issues: Reconstruction of localized heat waves
- Possible solution: Add committor to the autoencoder loss

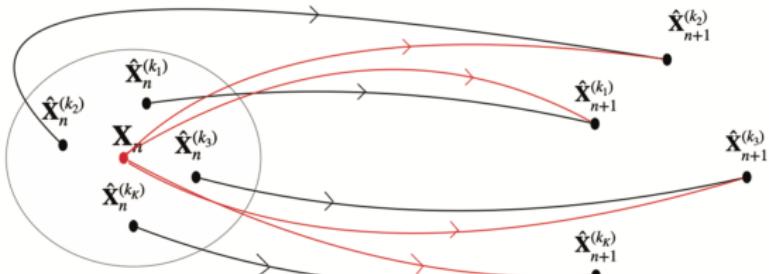


Figure: Analogue method: nearest neighbors

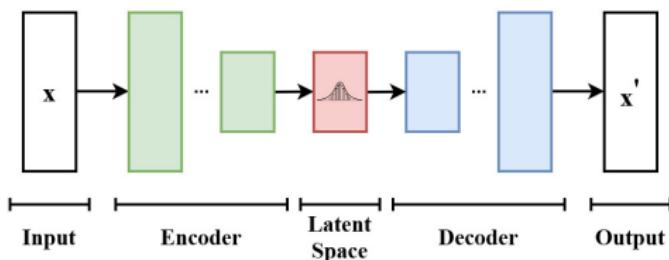


Figure: Schematics of a (variational) autoencoder

[18] D. Lucente et al., arXiv preprint arXiv:2110.05050 (2021)

Summary

- Conclusions:

- We have discussed how ML can be used to predict HWs
- This consisted of CNN trained on 8000 years of Plasim
- To get appreciable skill a lot of data necessary
- Most of the information is in soil moisture and geopotential
- Transfer learning helps achieve smoothness of the predictions

- In progress:

- **Rare event algorithm**: use learned probability for importance sampling
- **Analogue method: dimensionality reduction**, an alternative to CNN
- **Transfer learning**: Plasim → CESM → ERA5

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Future work: CESM/ERA5 transfer learning

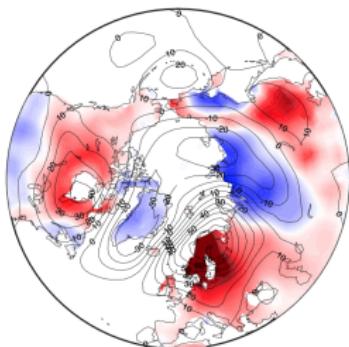


Figure: Plasim rare event^[19]

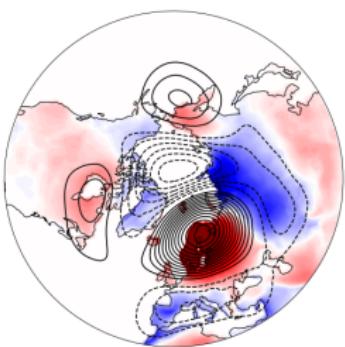


Figure: CESM composite^[20]

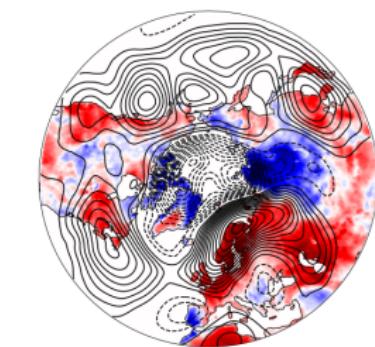


Figure: ERA5 July 2018

- The goal of the project: committor function for reanalysis
 - Pretrain the CNN on 8000 years long Plasim run
 - Transfer Learning to CESM (modern model consistent with IPCC)
 - Transfer Learning to ERA5 reanalysis set (perhaps fine-tuning?)

[19] F. Ragone et al., Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences (2018)

[20] G. Miloshevich et al., “Drivers of midlatitude extreme heat waves revealed by analogues and machine learning”, in Egu general assembly conference abstracts, EGU General Assembly Conference Abstracts (Apr. 2021), EGU21-15642

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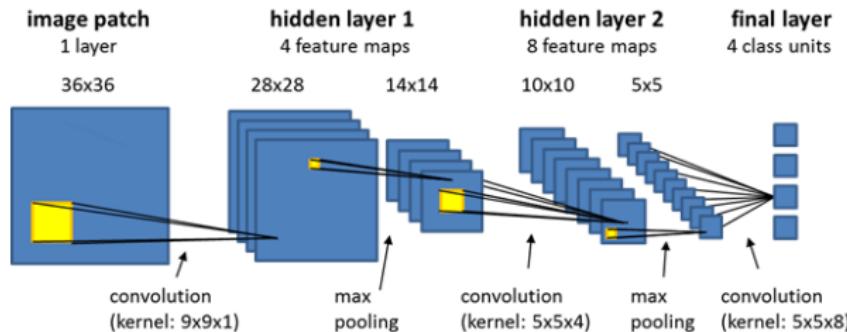
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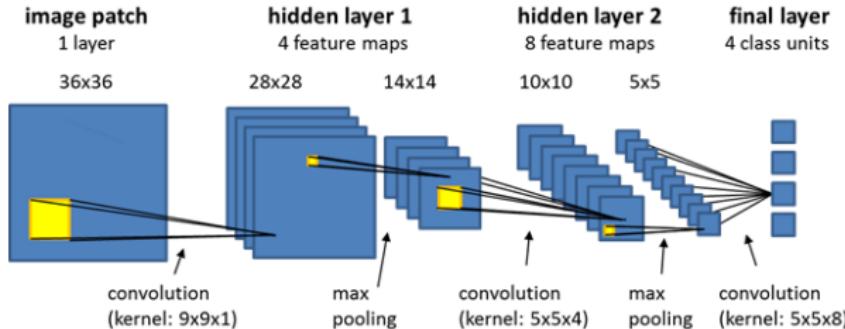
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- CNNs achieve state-of-the-art results on many benchmark datasets^[21]



[21] A. Krizhevsky et al., Advances in neural information processing systems (2012).