



# April Webinar: *Spring* into Climate Data

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# Outline

- 101 - Introduction to Climate Data
- 102 - The Future
- 201 - Phius and Climate Data



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# April Webinar: Climate and Weather Data

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# 101 - Introduction to Climate Data

# Climate or Weather?

## **Weather**

Weather is what you experience when you step outside on any given day. In other words, it is the state of the atmosphere at a particular location over the short-term.

## **Climate**

Climate is the average of the weather patterns in a location over a longer period of time, usually 30 years or more.

<https://www.noaa.gov/explainers/what-s-difference-between-climate-and-weather>

# Paleoclimatology

## **Ice**

Study the contents:

- Air
- Layering
- Pollen
- Volcanic ash
- Chemistry

## **Dendroclimatology (Trees)**

- Depth of rings

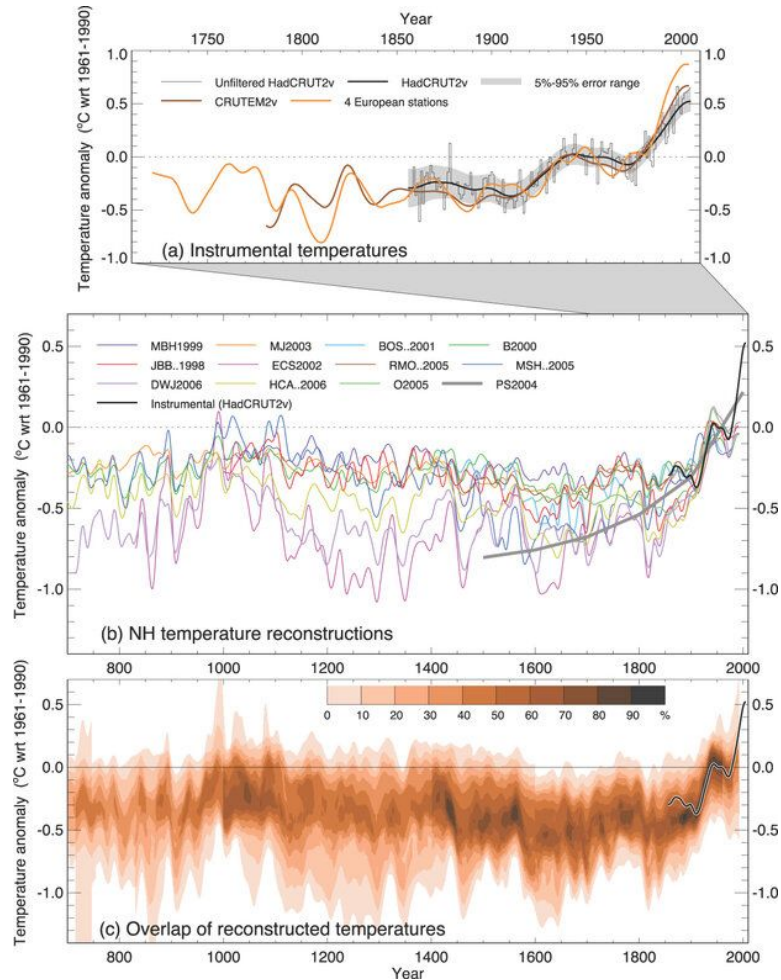
## **Corals and Sediment**

- Layering of sediment
- Placement of rocks (glaciers)
- Chemistry

# Paleoclimatology



# Climate or Weather?



## Climate

- Certain models can reproduce past event, synthesize data from paleoclimatology
- Measured data begins in limited area in 1600's - Medici Network
- Modern data, since 1970s, vast, accurate and global

IPCC AR4 WG 1 figure 6.10.

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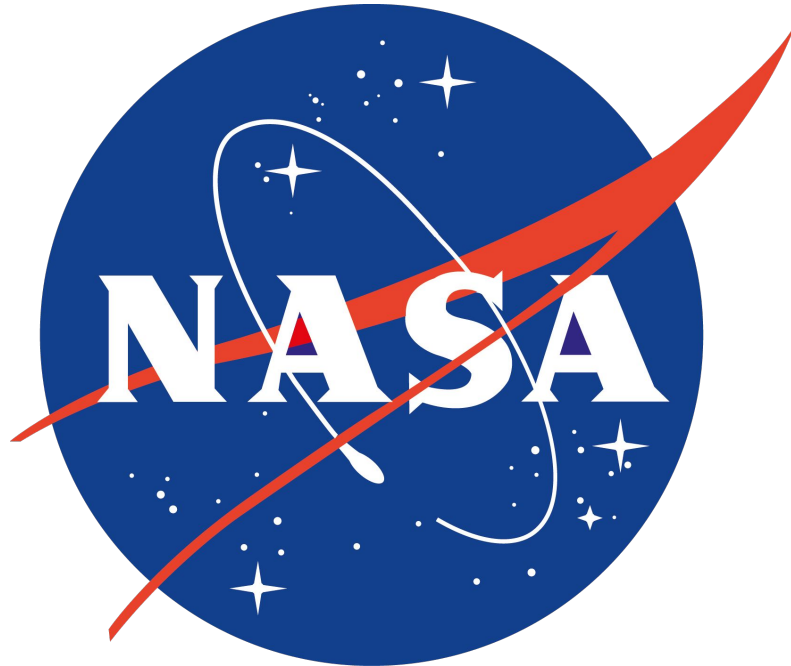


## Global Hourly - Integrated Surface Database (ISD)

- Hourly, sequential weather data
- 100 original data sources
  - Manually entered from 1950-1970
- Temperature, wind, humidity, cloud cover, pressure, visibility

<https://www.ncei.noaa.gov/products/land-based-station/integrated-surface-database>

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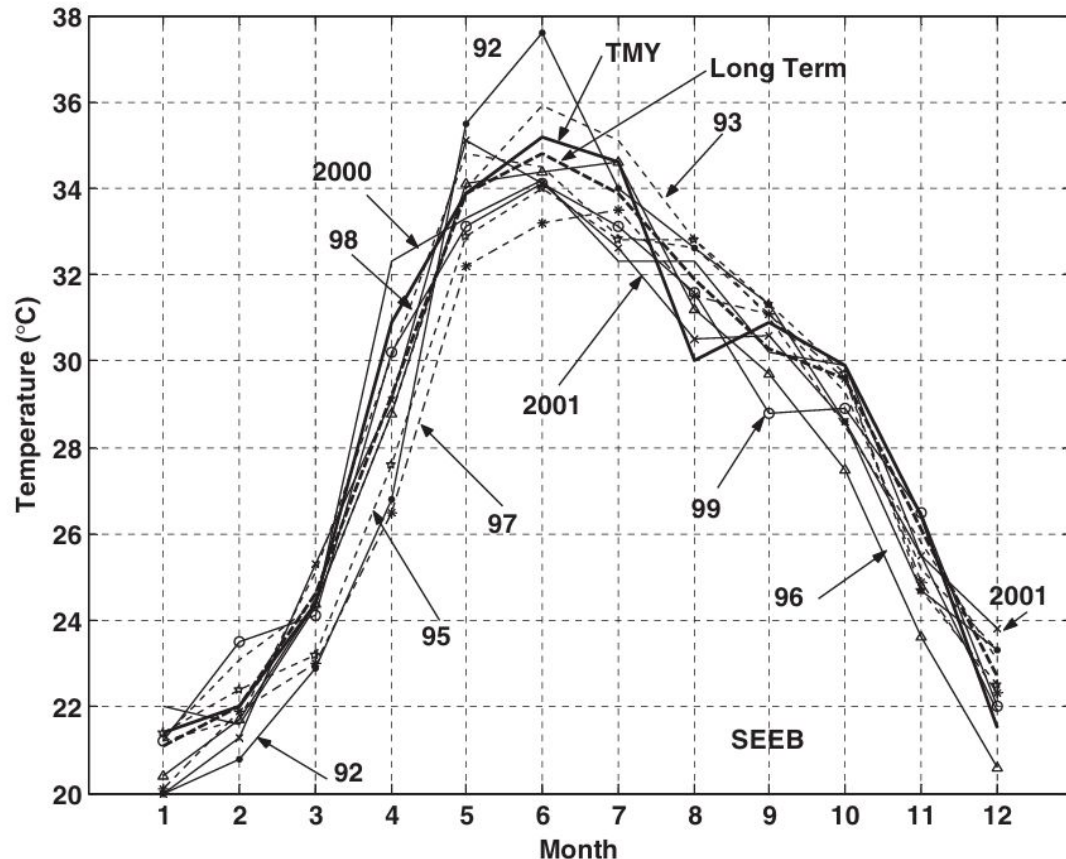


## Global Hourly - NASA POWER DAV

- Easy access to different formats of historic climate data
- Satellite data and assimilation models
- Good for remote locations

<https://power.larc.nasa.gov/data-access-viewer/>

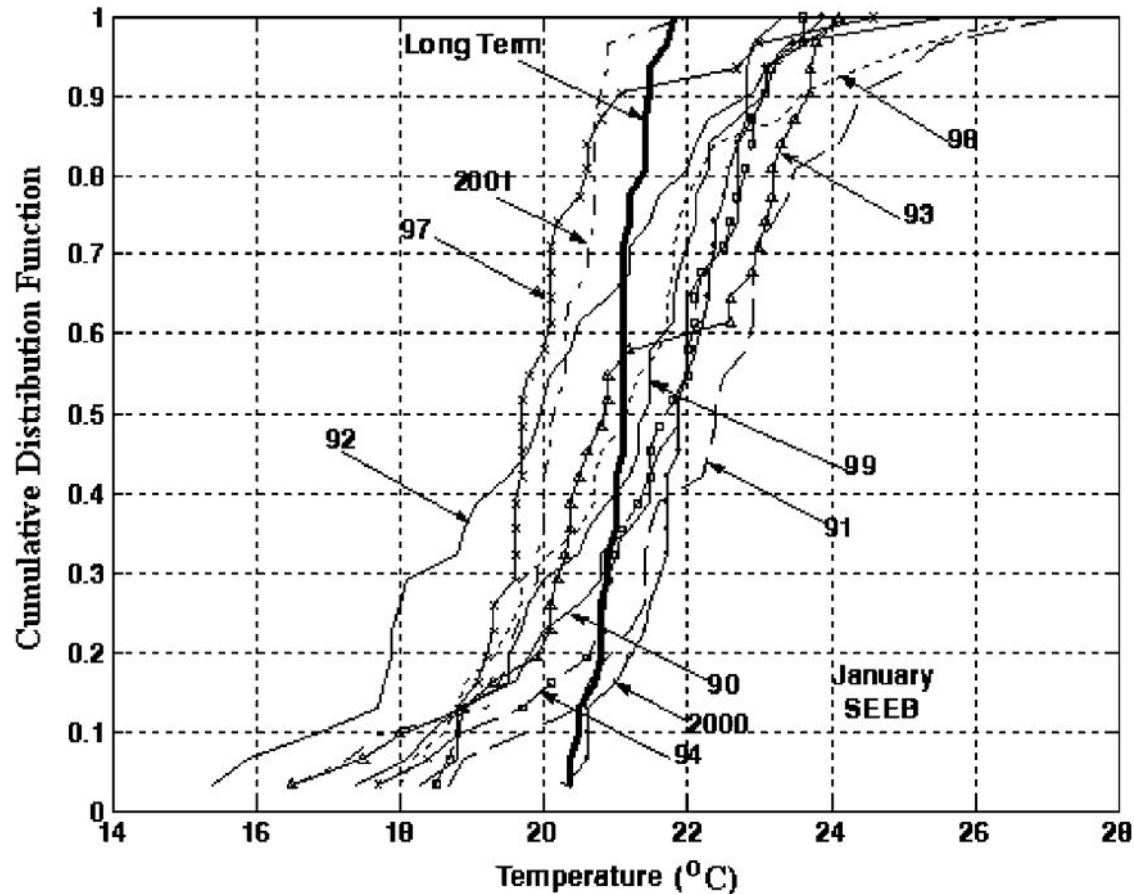
# Sandia Method



## Generation of a typical meteorological year

- 1978 - Sandia National Laboratory
- Statistical method for building “typical” weather year
- Month by month
- Typically ~15 years of data
  - Recommended 12 or 24 years due to sun cycle

# Sandia Method



## Generation of a typical meteorological year

- Find the “most average” month
  - Calculate cumulative distribution functions (CDF) for daily average conditions for each year and *long term* (full dataset)
  - Find month with closest days to long term average



# Typical Meteorological Year

## TMY

- Ubiquitous, most common weather data type
- Temperature, humidity, wind, radiation, pressure
- Hourly format
- Used in statistical analysis for design temperatures, etc

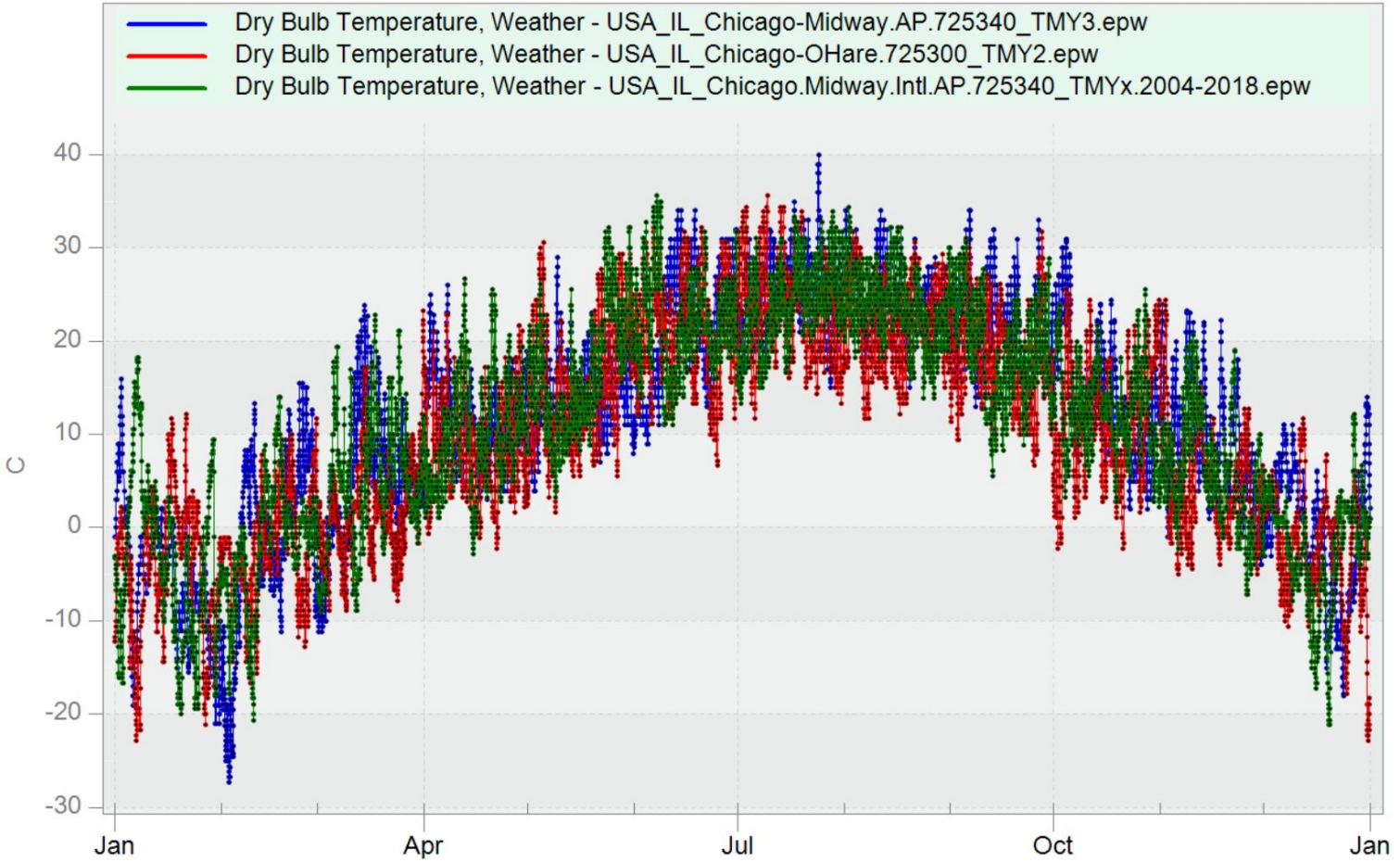
## Modifiers

- TMY - 248 locations for 1952-1975
- TMY2 - 1961-1990
- TMY3 - 1976-2005
- TMYx - rolling 2011-2025 current
- fTMY - Future, next chapter

# Chicago TMY Comparison

## Chicago MDW TMY Comparison

1 January, Year 1 [1:00 AM] - 1 January, Year 2 [12:00 AM]



# Climate Zones

**TABLE C301.3 THERMAL CLIMATE ZONE DEFINITIONS**

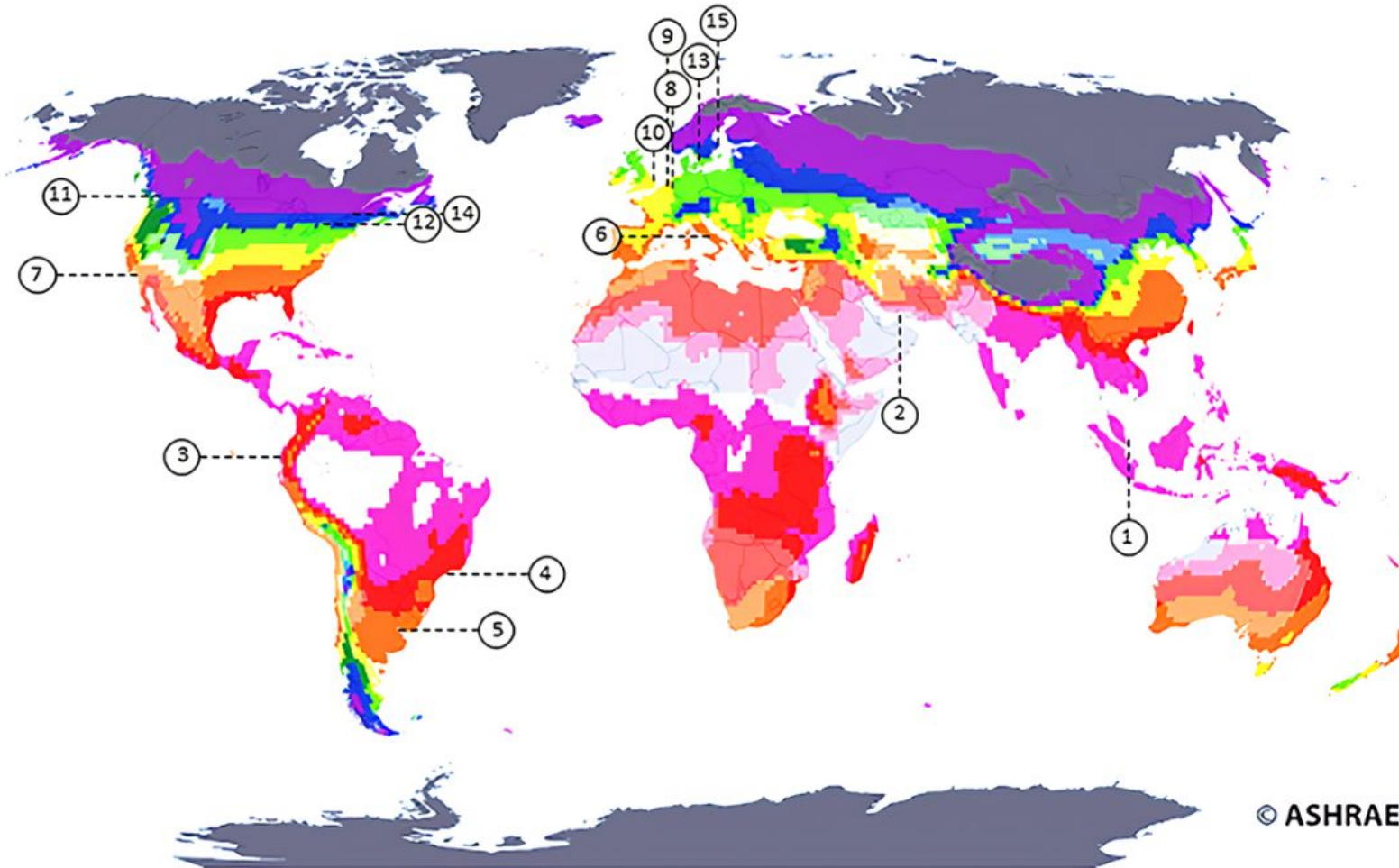


ZONE NUMBER	THERMAL CRITERIA	
	IP Units	SI Units
0	$10,800 < \text{CDD}50^{\circ}\text{F}$	$6000 < \text{CDD}10^{\circ}\text{C}$
1	$9,000 < \text{CDD}50^{\circ}\text{F} < 10,800$	$5000 < \text{CDD}10^{\circ}\text{C} < 6000$
2	$6,300 < \text{CDD}50^{\circ}\text{F} \leq 9,000$	$3500 < \text{CDD}10^{\circ}\text{C} \leq 5000$
3	$\text{CDD}50^{\circ}\text{F} \leq 6,300$ and $\text{HDD}65^{\circ}\text{F} \leq 3,600$	$\text{CDD}10^{\circ}\text{C} < 3500$ and $\text{HDD}18^{\circ}\text{C} \leq 2000$
4	$\text{CDD}50^{\circ}\text{F} \leq 6,300$ and $3600 < \text{HDD}65^{\circ}\text{F} \leq 5,400$	$\text{CDD}10^{\circ}\text{C} < 3500$ and $2000 < \text{HDD}18^{\circ}\text{C} \leq 3000$
5	$\text{CDD}50^{\circ}\text{F} < 6,300$ and $5,400 < \text{HDD}65^{\circ}\text{F} \leq 7,200$	$\text{CDD}10^{\circ}\text{C} < 3500$ and $3000 < \text{HDD}18^{\circ}\text{C} \leq 4000$
6	$7,200 < \text{HDD}65^{\circ}\text{F} \leq 9,000$	$4000 < \text{HDD}18^{\circ}\text{C} \leq 5000$
7	$9,000 < \text{HDD}65^{\circ}\text{F} \leq 12,600$	$5000 < \text{HDD}18^{\circ}\text{C} \leq 7000$
8	$12,600 < \text{HDD}65^{\circ}\text{F}$	$7000 < \text{HDD}18^{\circ}\text{C}$

For SI:  $^{\circ}\text{C} = [(^{\circ}\text{F}) - 32]/1.8$ .

# Climate Zones

CZ	Description
0A	Extremely Hot Humid
0B	Extremely Hot Dry
1A	Very Hot Humid
1B	Very Hot Dry
2A	Hot Humid
2B	Hot Dry
3A	Warm Humid
3B	Warm Dry
3C	Warm Marine
4A	Mixed Humid
4B	Mixed Dry
4C	Mixed Marine
5A	Cool Humid
5B	Cool Dry
5C	Cool Marine
6A	Cold Humid
6B	Cold Dry
7	Very Cold
8	Subarctic / Arctic



- 1 Singapore .....
- 2 Abu Dhabi .....
- 3 Guayaquil .....
- 4 São Paulo .....
- 5 Buenos Aires .....
- 6 Rome .....
- 7 Los Angeles .....
- 8 Brussels .....
- 9 Ghent .....
- 10 London .....
- 11 Vancouver .....
- 12 Toronto .....
- 13 Copenhagen .....
- 14 Montreal .....
- 15 Stockholm .....

# Climate Zones are Not Equal

## Chicago MDW

- 99.6%: 1.0°F
- 99.0%: 6.3°F
- 1.0%: 89.5°F
- 0.4%: 91.8°F
- HDD65: 5694
- CDD50: 3585

## Boston Logan

- 99.6%: 8.4°F
- 99.0%: 13.6°F
- 1.0%: 87.9°F
- 0.4%: 91.1°F
- HDD65: 5398
- CDD50: 3142

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# Weather and Climate Data Sources



**Climate.OneBuilding.Org**

ASHRAE CLIMATIC DESIGN CONDITIONS 2009/2013/2017/2021/2025

2009 2013 2017 2021 2025

MAP STATIONS STANDARDS PSYCHROMETRIC CALCULATOR ALLDAY HVAC CALC SMALL NOTES SI IP Show all station

[Lat&lon (xx.xxxxx) or WMO]

- DEKALB, IL, USA distance 23 miles
- CHICAGO LEWIS, IL, USA distance 31 miles
- SHABBONA 5 NNE, IL, USA distance 31 miles
- CHICAGO MIDWAY, IL, USA distance 32 miles
- WAUKEGAN HARBOR, IL, USA distance 34 miles

You clicked here: CHICAGO MIDWAY, IL, USA

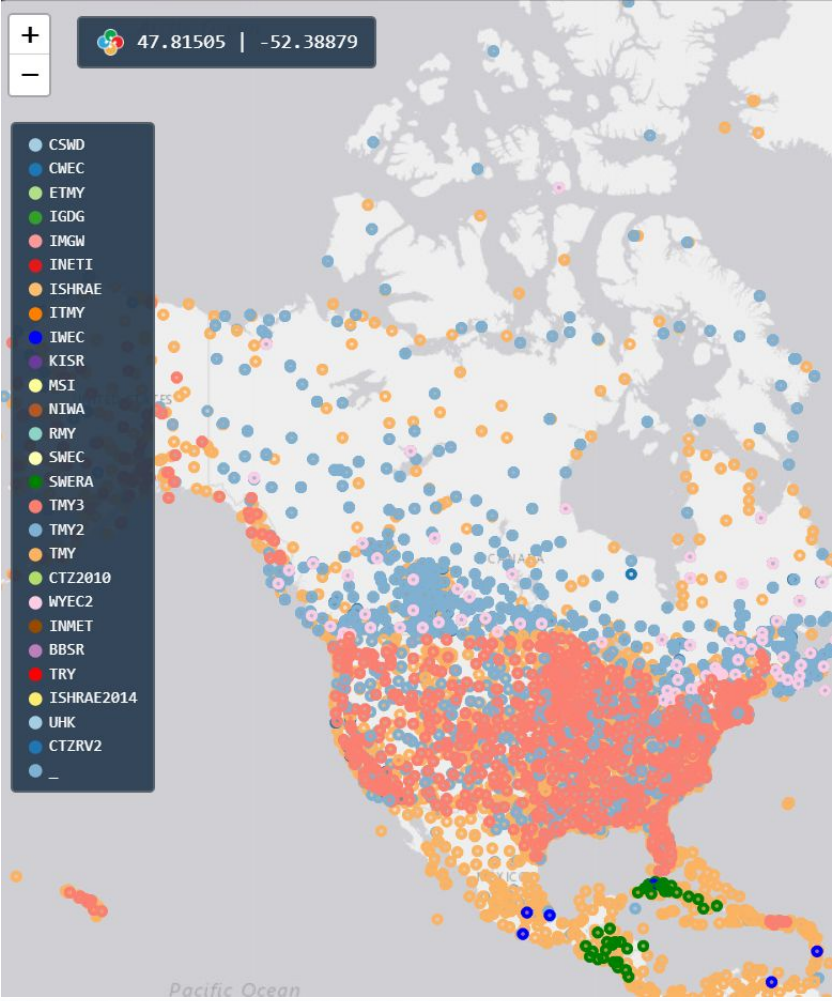
2025 ASHRAE Handbook - Fundamentals (IP)

CHICAGO MIDWAY, IL, USA (WMO: 725340)

Lat: 41.784N Lon: 87.755W Elev: 610 StIP: 14.38 Time zone: -6.00 (NAC) Period: 1999-2023 Grade: A WBAN: 14819

Heating, Humidification, and Ventilation Design Conditions

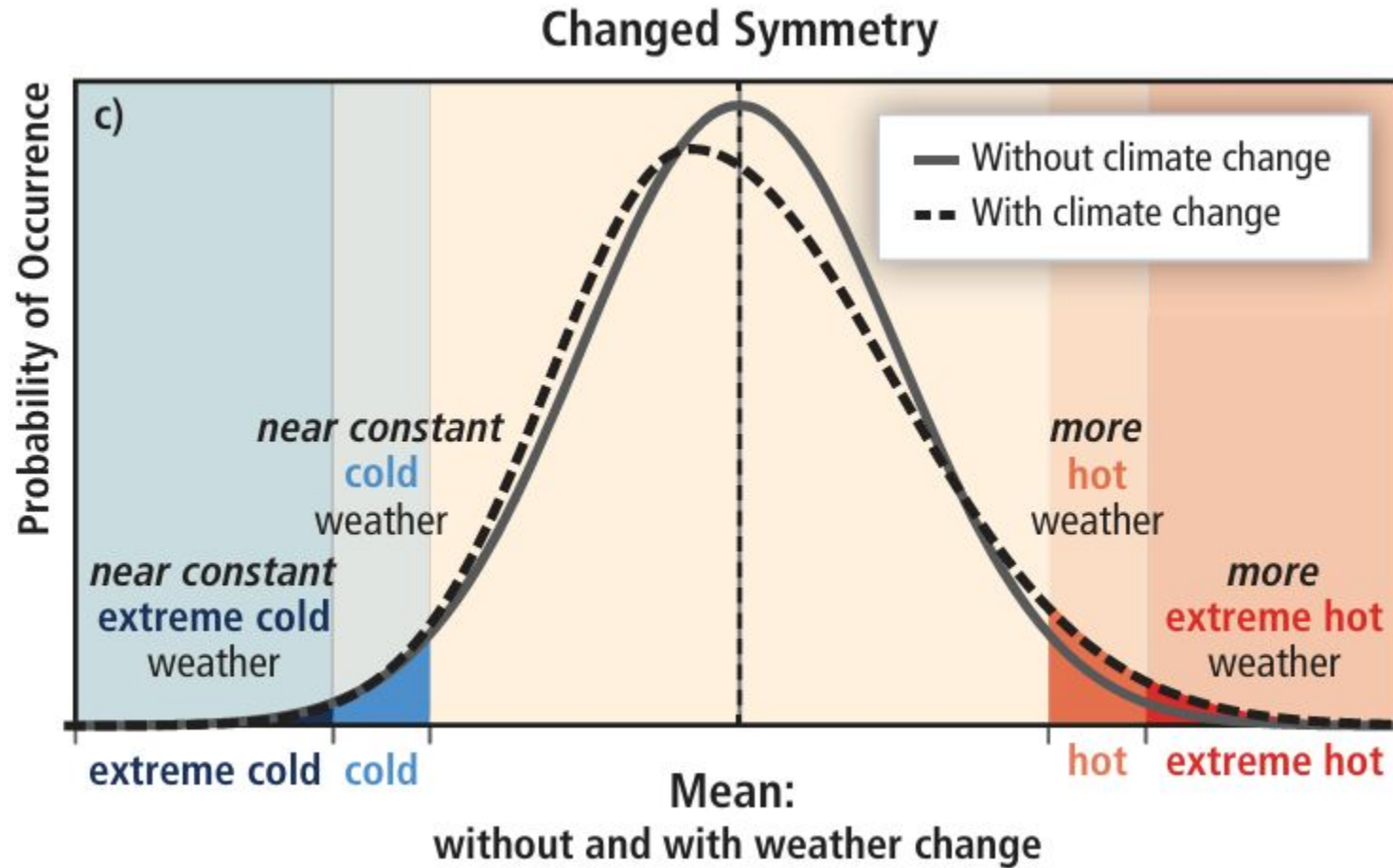
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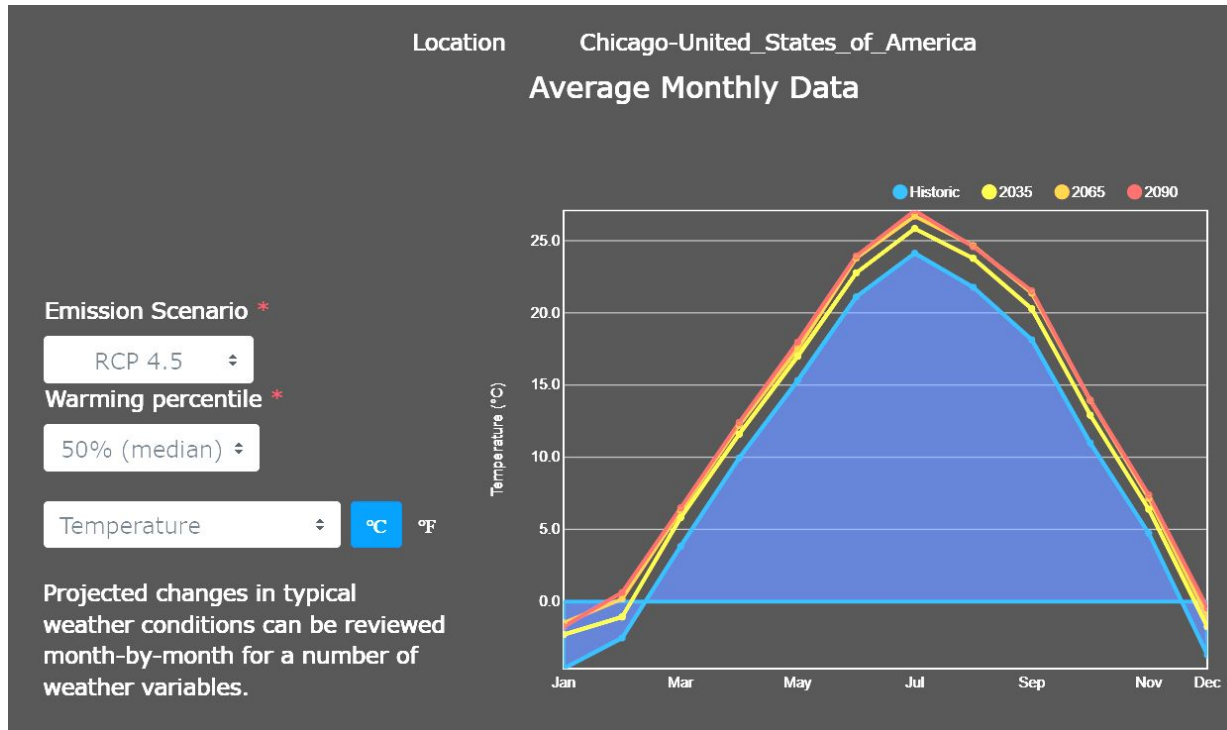


# 102 - The Future

# Future Climate is Changing



# History of Future Weather



## So far...

- Ignore future climate
- Oversize systems based to reduce risk
- Use a different climate file: different city or climate zone
- Morph climate data based on IPCC projections

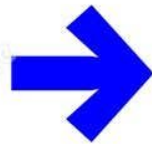
# History of Future Weather

# GIGO

Emission Scenario
RCP 4.5
Warming percentage
50% (median)
Temperature
Projected change in weather conditions month-by-month weather variability

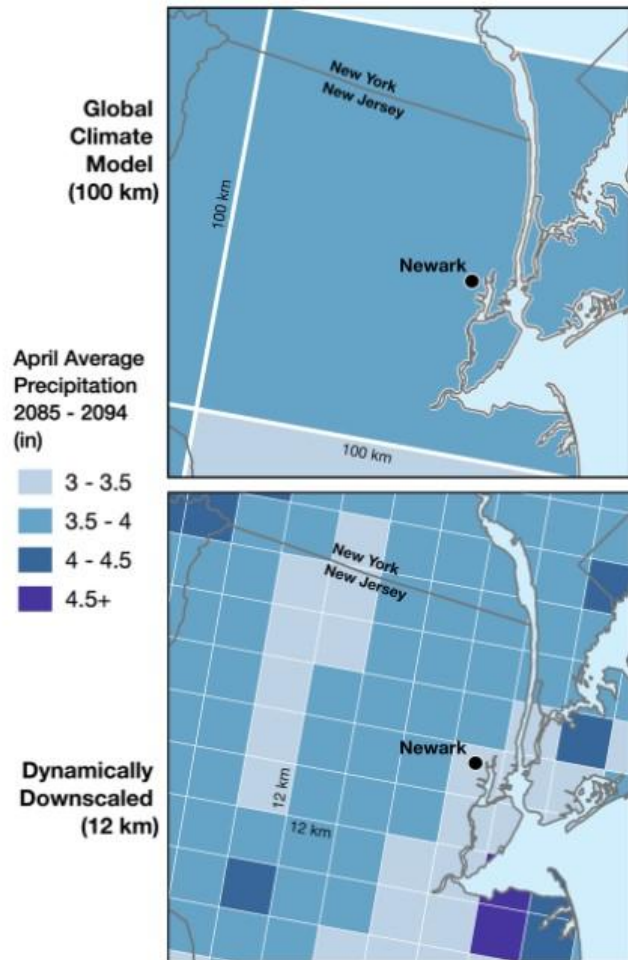


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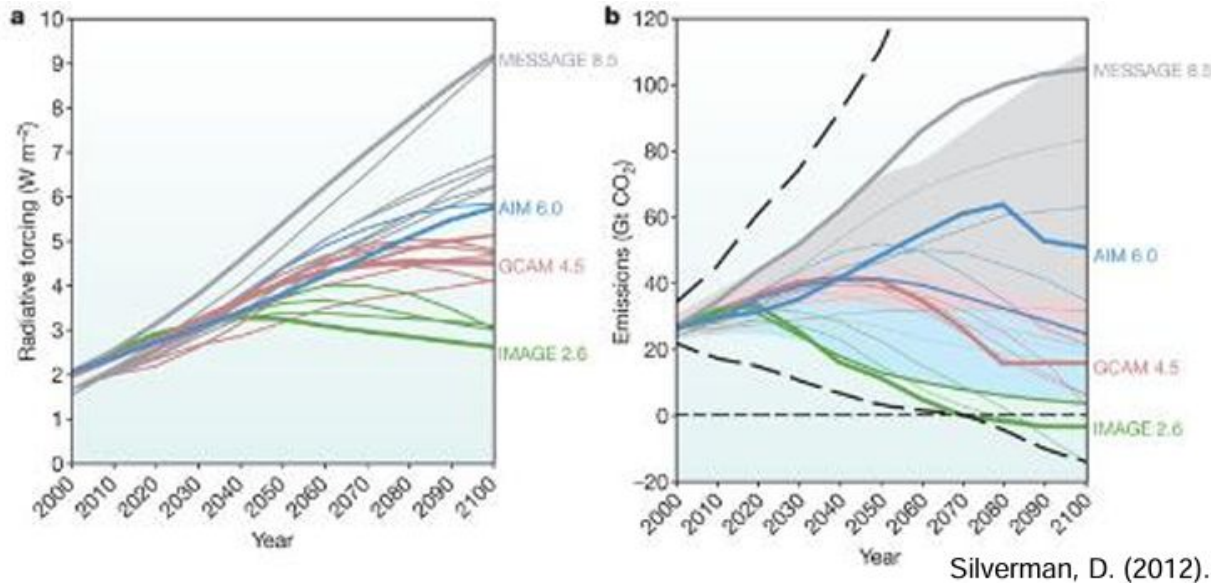
# Argonne National Lab



## Dynamically Downscaled Future Data

- Physics based climate model of North America
- RCP 4.5 & 8.5
- Time synchronized
- 20 years 2045-2055 & 2085-2095
- Downscaled to a 12 km grid

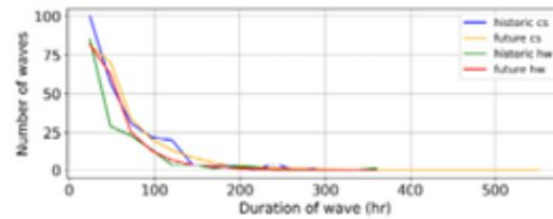
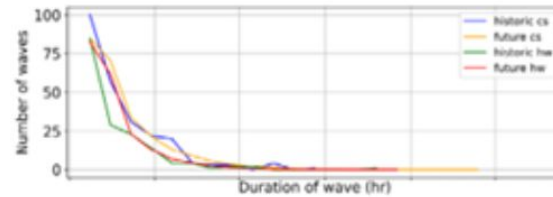
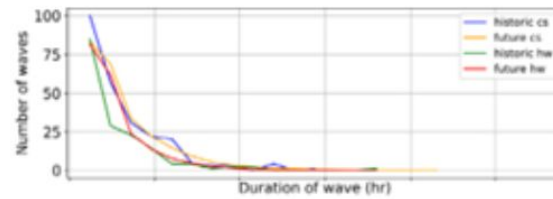
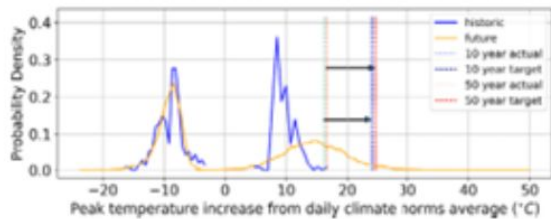
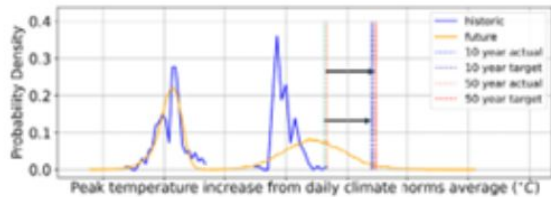
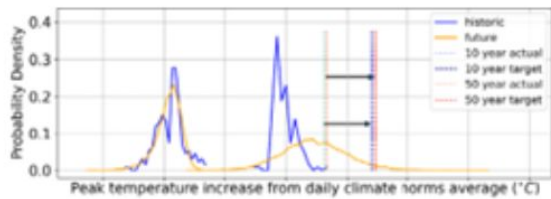
# Oak Ridge National Laboratory



## fTMY

- Scaled down IPCC models
- Sandia Method!
- 144 climate locations, 18 in US
- SSP 5, RCP 8.5
- 4 files for 20 year periods
- 2020-2040
- 2040-2060
- 2060-2080
- 2080-2100

# Sandia National Laboratory



## MEWS

- Stochastic heat wave and cold snap generator
- Maintains extremes
- Can be used to modify existing weather files
- Uses IPCC data about projected extreme events

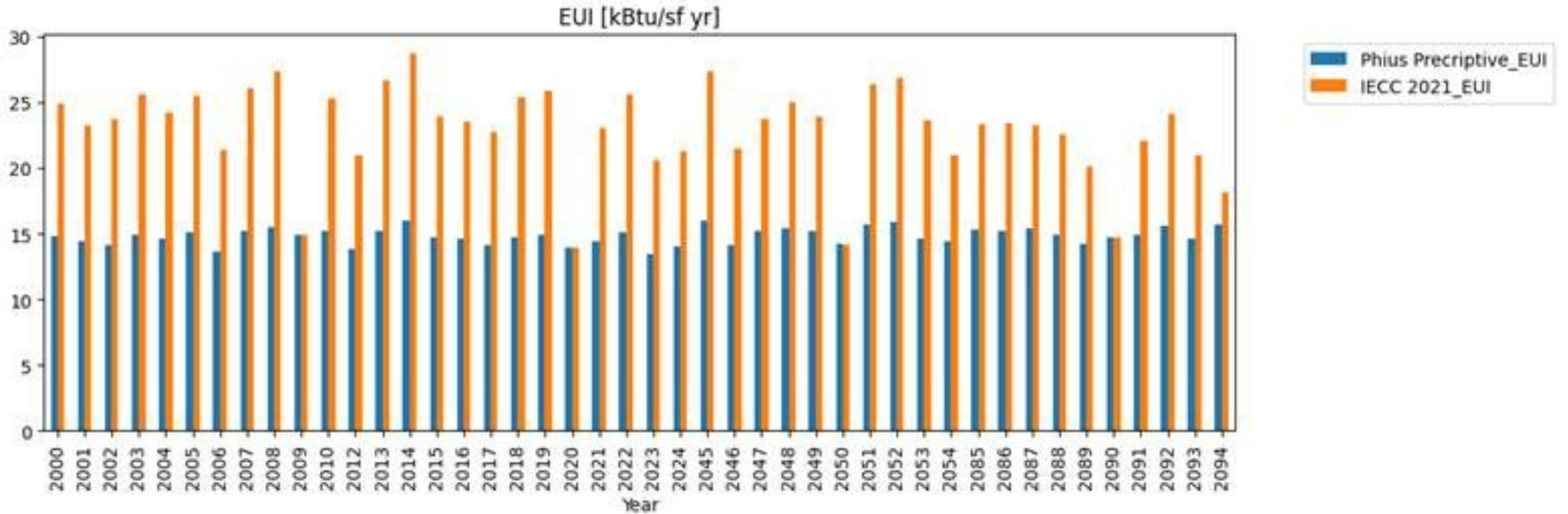
# Future Applications to Passive Building



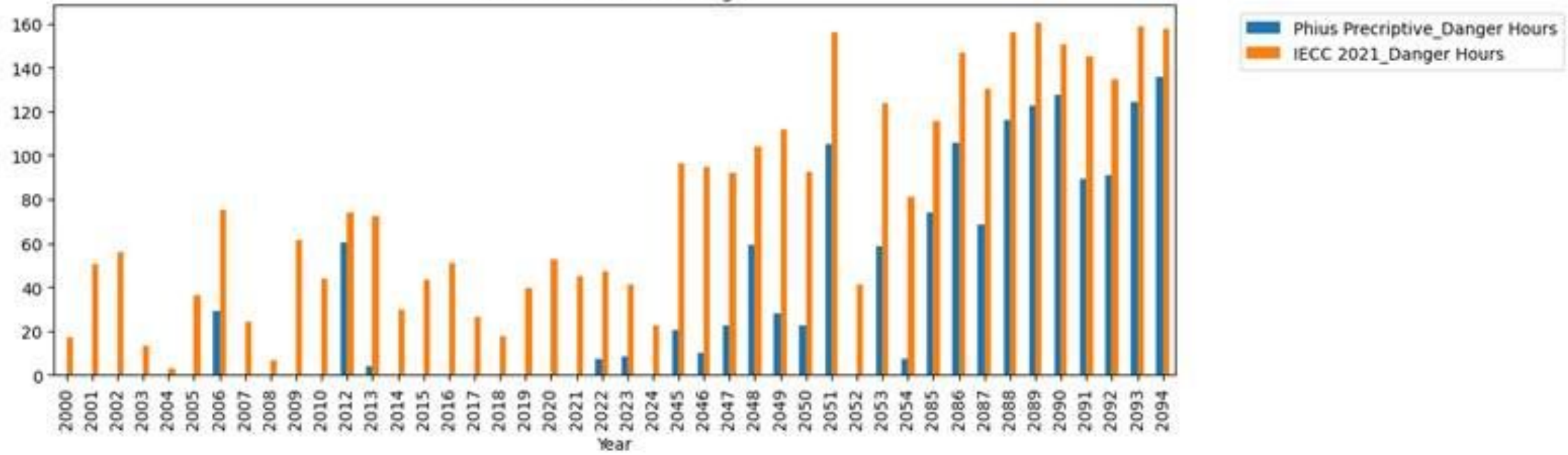
## Passive Buildings Decouple Environments

- Building envelope lasts longer than systems
- Well air sealed and insulated envelopes decouple buildings from the exterior environment
- EUI 35.3% lower than IECC 2021
  - SD 0.627 vs 3.46

# Impact on Energy



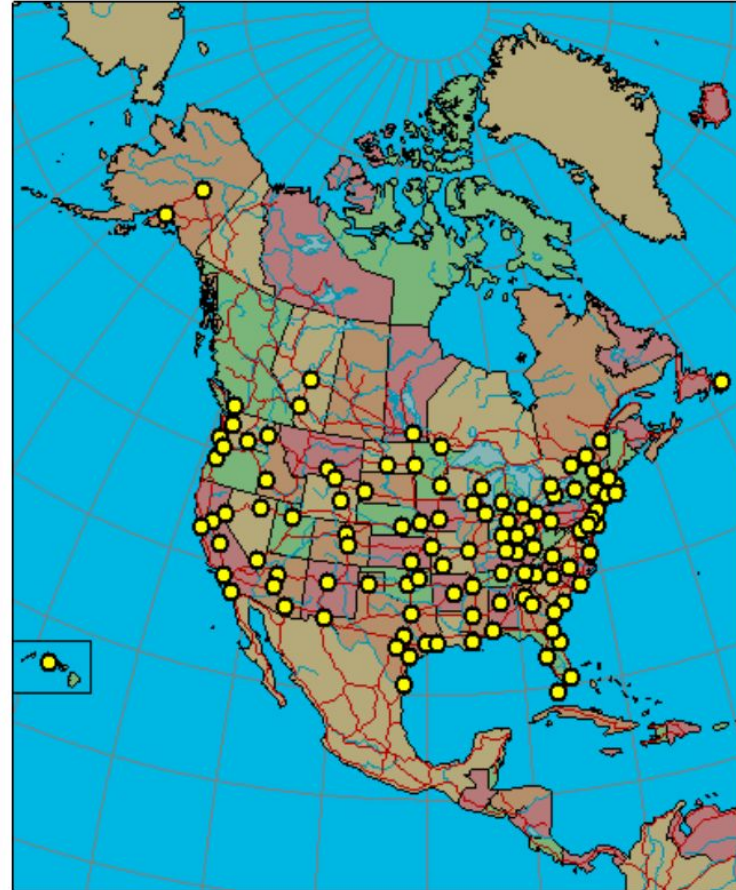
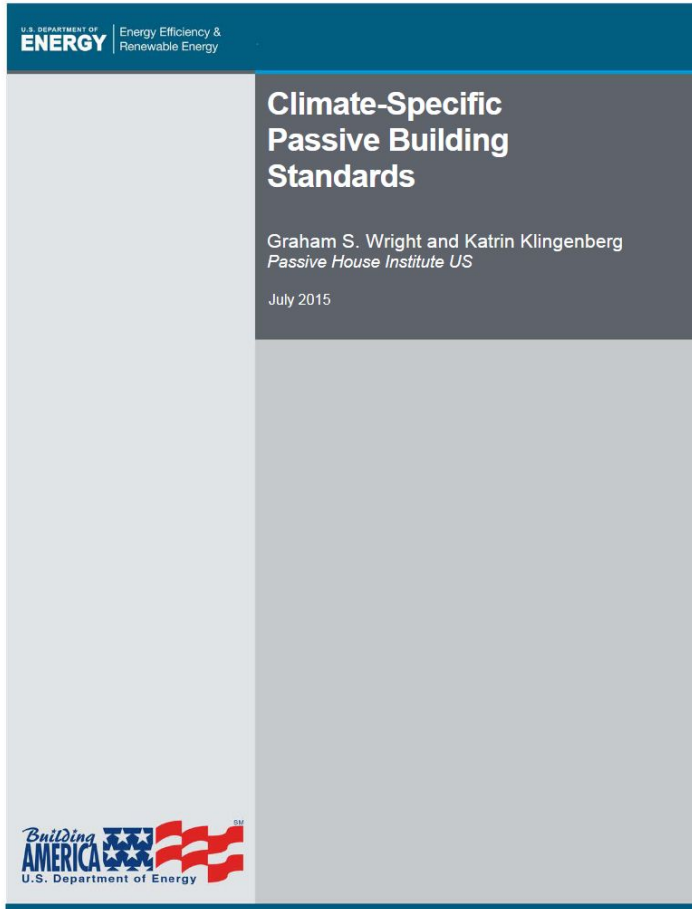
Heat Index Hours in Danger





# 201 - Phius and Climate Data

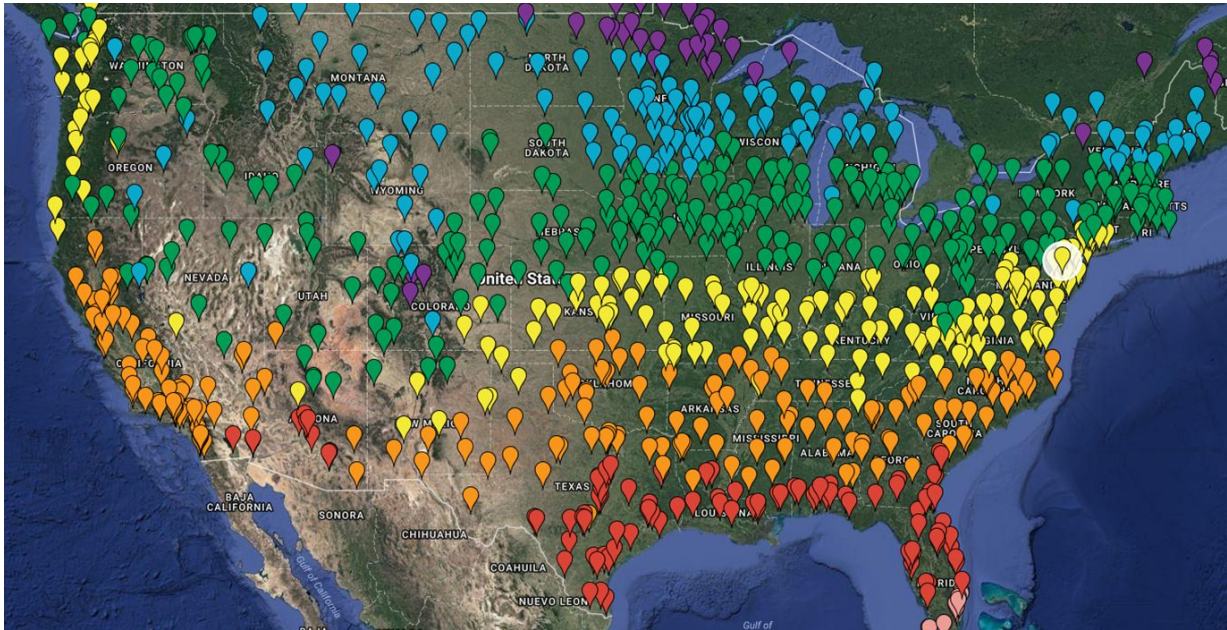
# Does Climate Influence Work at Phius?



**YES!**

- Phius has been a climate specific standard since PHIUS+2015
- Targets were “just beyond the knee of efficiency” for cost for 111 climate locations

# Beyond PHIUS+2015



## Phius Prescriptive Climate Map

- Phius prescriptive climate map shows all locations with existing weather data ~1200
- Underlying study is ~340 optimization models
- Database includes US and Canada

# Meteonorm



## Phius uses Meteonorm for all climate data

- Generates custom climate data
- Interpolate between weather station
- Produce extreme and future weather data
- Convert from TMY formatted to WUFI Passive

# Climate Impact on Targets

## A-1.1 Annual Heating Demand [kBtu/ft<sup>2</sup>.yr]

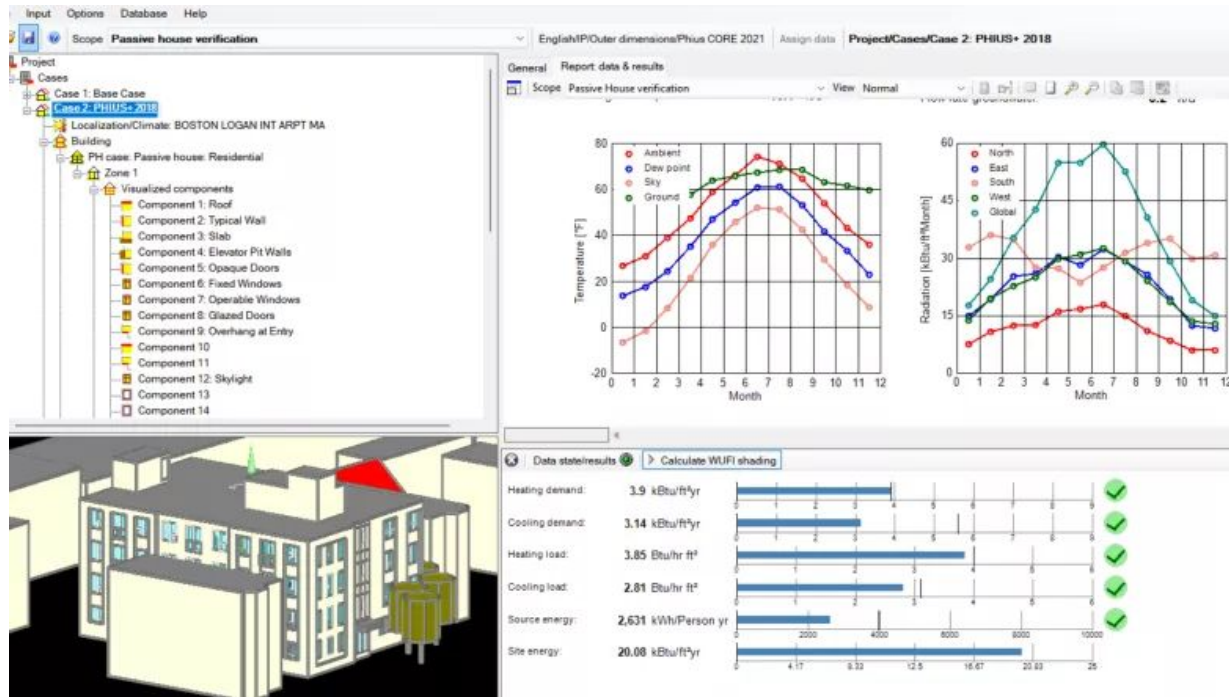
### A-1.1.1 Buildings (>1,000 sf iCFA)

$$\begin{aligned} & 2.5457921063 \\ & + 0.0006964273 \cdot \text{HDD65} \\ & + -0.001754102 \cdot \text{IGA} \\ & + -12.84284075 \cdot \text{\$elec} \\ & + 2.0656632454 \cdot \text{EnvFlr} \\ & + 1566.1974476 \cdot \text{UnitDens} \\ & + (\text{HDD65} - 5674.3866667) \cdot ((\text{HDD65} - 5674.3866667) \cdot -8.222261\text{e-}8) \\ & + (\text{HDD65} - 5674.3866667) \cdot ((\text{IGA} - 451.0633333) \cdot -3.521982\text{e-}7) \\ & + (\text{HDD65} - 5674.3866667) \cdot ((\text{\$elec} - 0.2029193333) \cdot -0.002089994) \\ & + (\text{HDD65} - 5674.3866667) \cdot ((\text{EnvFlr} - 1.7740848024) \cdot 0.0003487784) \\ & + (\text{\$elec} - 0.2029193333) \cdot ((\text{EnvFlr} - 1.7740848024) \cdot -3.472274709) \end{aligned}$$

## Guidebook Appendix A

- Detailed equations behind Phius targets are published in App A
- Climate data from database is used in calculations

# Climate Data and WUFI Passive



## WUFI Passive

- Steady state monthly climate data
  - All data is average for the month
- Import or manually enter into WUFI
- Data is plotted in Localization/Climate tab

# Phius Excel Climate Format

## Passive House Planning OFFICIAL CLIMATE DATA SET

### METRIC:

Month	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Heating Load		Cooling Load	
	Days	31	28	31	30	31	30	31	30	31	30	31	Weather 1	Weather 2	Radiation	
<b>CHICAGO MIDWAY AP IL</b>	Latitude:	41.8	Longitude ° East:	-87.8	Altitude (m):	186.0	0	Daily temperature variation summer (K)			8.7	Radiation Data:	kWh/(m²*month)	Radiation: W/m²		W/m²
Ambient Temp (°C)	-5.7	-1.8	4.9	11.2	13.9	21.4	25.2	24.2	21.2	13.5	8.6	-0.8	-20.5	-7.6	28.7	
North	24.0	27.0	33.0	38.0	55.0	60.0	64.0	48.0	35.0	26.0	20.0	19.0	47.0	29.0	76.0	
East	53.0	61.0	80.0	93.0	109.0	115.0	135.0	118.0	101.0	75.0	67.0	52.0	128.0	52.0	152.0	
South	89.0	90.0	89.0	75.0	82.0	75.0	85.0	95.0	109.0	98.0	117.0	101.0	232.0	62.0	99.0	
West	35.0	41.0	48.0	61.0	86.0	88.0	89.0	82.0	69.0	45.0	35.0	31.0	85.0	34.0	101.0	
Global	51.0	62.0	91.0	120.0	169.0	179.0	190.0	165.0	133.0	87.0	69.0	50.0	120.0	51.0	210.0	
Dewpoint	-10.8	-6.8	-1.2	5.9	6.9	13.9	16.0	17.0	14.8	6.6	0.9	-6.0				
Sky temperature	-28.9	-18.8	-13.1	-5.4	-2.3	3.9	8.3	9.3	4.9	-3.9	-9.9	-23.3				

### US CUSTOMARY:

Month	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Heating Load		Cooling Load	
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East	16.8	19.3	25.4	29.5	34.6	36.5	42.8	37.4	32.0	23.8	21.2	16.5	40.6	16.5	48.2	
South	28.2	28.5	28.2	23.8	26.0	23.8	26.9	30.1	34.6	31.1	37.1	32.0	73.5	19.7	31.4	
West	11.1	13.0	15.2	19.3	27.3	27.9	28.2	26.0	21.9	14.3	11.1	9.8	26.9	10.8	32.0	
Global	16.2	19.7	28.8	38.0	53.6	56.7	60.2	52.3	42.2	27.6	21.9	15.8	38.0	16.2	66.6	
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South	89.0	90.0	89.0	75.0	82.0	75.0	85.0	95.0	109.0	98.0	117.0	101.0	232.0	62.0	99.0	
West	35.0	41.0	48.0	61.0	86.0	88.0	89.0	82.0	69.0	45.0	35.0	31.0	85.0	34.0	101.0	
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East	16.8	19.3	25.4	29.5	34.6	36.5	42.8	37.4	32.0	23.8	21.2	16.5	40.6	16.5	48.2
South	28.2	28.5	28.2	23.8	26.0	23.8	26.9	30.1	34.6	31.1	37.1	32.0	73.5	19.7	31.4
West	11.1	13.0	15.2	19.3	27.3	27.9	28.2	26.0	21.9	14.3	11.1	9.8	26.9	10.8	32.0
Global	16.2	19.7	28.8	38.0	53.6	56.7	60.2	52.3	42.2	27.6	21.9	15.8	38.0	16.2	66.6
Dewpoint	12.6	19.8	29.8	42.6	44.4	57.0	60.8	62.6	58.6	43.9	33.6	21.2			
Sky temperature	-20.0	-1.8	8.4	22.3	27.9	39.0	46.9	48.7	40.8	25.0	14.2	-9.9			

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## Temperature and Dewpoint

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### METRIC:

Month	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Heating Load		Cooling Load
Days	31	28	31	30	31	30	31	31	30	31	30	31	Weather 1	Weather 2	Radiation
<b>CHICAGO MIDWAY AP IL</b>	Latitude:	41.8	Longitude ° East:	-87.8	Altitude (m):	186.0	0	Daily temperature variation summer (K)	8.7	Radiation Data:	kWh/(m²*month)	Radiation: W/m²		W/m²	
Ambient Temp (°C)	-5.7	-1.8	4.9	11.2	13.9	21.4	25.2	24.2	21.2	13.5	8.6	-0.8	-20.5	-7.6	28.7
North	24.0	27.0	33.0	38.0	39.0	36.0	34.0	36.0	35.0	26.0	20.0	19.0	47.0	29.0	76.0
East	53.0	61.0	80.0	93.0	109.0	115.0	135.0	118.0	101.0	75.0	67.0	52.0	128.0	52.0	152.0
South	89.0	90.0	89.0	75.0	82.0	75.0	85.0	95.0	109.0	98.0	117.0	101.0	232.0	62.0	99.0
West	35.0	41.0	48.0	61.0	86.0	88.0	89.0	82.0	69.0	45.0	35.0	31.0	85.0	34.0	101.0
Sky Temp	51.0	50.0	51.0	48.0	46.0	48.0	48.0	48.0	48.0	48.0	48.0	48.0	120.0	51.0	210.0
Dewpoint	-10.8	-6.8	-1.2	5.9	6.9	13.9	16.0	17.0	14.8	6.6	0.9	-6.0			
Sky temperature	-28.9	-18.8	-13.1	-5.4	-2.3	3.9	8.3	9.3	4.9	-3.9	-9.9	-23.3			

### US CUSTOMARY:

Month	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Heating Load		Cooling Load
Days	31	28	31	30	31	30	31	31	30	31	30	31	Weather 1	Weather 2	Radiation
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Ambient Temp (°F)	21.7	28.8	40.8	52.2	57.0	70.5	77.4	75.6	70.2	56.3	47.5	30.6	-4.9	18.3	83.7
North	75.2	80.6	89.4	98.4	98.2	90.8	89.3	90.8	89.0	79.2	68.5	65.9	14.9	9.2	24.1
East	16.8	19.3	25.4	29.5	34.6	36.5	42.8	37.4	32.0	23.8	21.2	16.5	40.6	16.5	48.2
South	28.2	28.5	28.2	23.8	26.0	23.8	26.9	30.1	34.6	31.1	37.1	32.0	73.5	19.7	31.4
West	11.1	13.0	15.2	19.3	27.3	27.9	28.2	26.0	21.9	14.3	11.1	9.8	26.9	10.8	32.0
Sky Temp	51.0	50.0	51.0	48.0	46.0	48.0	48.0	48.0	48.0	48.0	48.0	48.0	38.0	16.2	66.6
Dewpoint	12.6	19.8	29.8	42.6	44.4	57.0	60.8	62.6	58.6	43.9	33.6	21.2			
Sky temperature	-20.0	-1.8	8.4	22.3	27.9	39.0	46.9	48.7	40.8	25.0	14.2	-9.9			

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## Radiation

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#### METRIC:

Month	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Heating Load		Cooling Load
Days	31	28	31	30	31	30	31	31	30	31	30	31	Weather 1	Weather 2	Radiation
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Ambient Temp (°C)	-5.7	-1.8	4.9	11.2	13.9	21.4	25.2	24.2	21.2	13.5	8.6	-0.8	-20.5	-7.6	28.7
North	24.0	27.0	33.0	38.0	55.0	60.0	64.0	48.0	35.0	26.0	20.0	19.0	47.0	29.0	76.0
East	53.0	61.0	80.0	93.0	109.0	115.0	135.0	118.0	101.0	75.0	67.0	52.0	128.0	52.0	152.0
South	89.0	90.0	89.0	75.0	82.0	75.0	85.0	95.0	109.0	98.0	117.0	101.0	232.0	62.0	99.0
West	35.0	41.0	48.0	61.0	86.0	88.0	89.0	82.0	69.0	45.0	35.0	31.0	85.0	34.0	101.0
Global	51.0	62.0	91.0	120.0	169.0	179.0	190.0	165.0	133.0	87.0	69.0	50.0	120.0	51.0	210.0
Dewpoint	-10.8	-6.8	-1.2	5.9	6.9	13.9	16.0	17.0	14.8	6.6	0.9	-6.0			
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North	7.6	8.6	10.5	12.0	17.4	19.0	20.3	15.2	11.1	8.2	6.3	6.0	14.9	9.2	24.1
East	16.8	19.3	25.4	29.5	34.6	36.5	42.8	37.4	32.0	23.8	21.2	16.5	40.6	16.5	48.2
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## Sizing Data

### Passive House Planning OFFICIAL CLIMATE DATA SET

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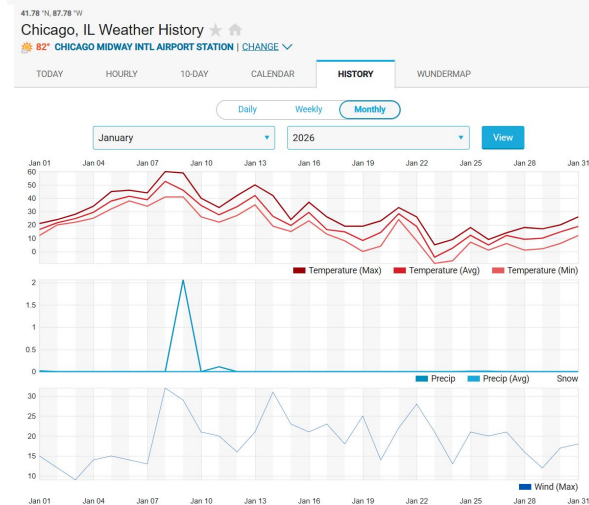
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# Actual Data For Calibration

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Popular Cities: San Francisco, CA (60°F Partly Cloudy) | Manhattan, NY (83°F Fair) | Schiller Park, IL (60176) (81°F Mostly Cloudy) | Boston, MA (78°F Partly Cloudy/Wind) | Houston, TX (83°F Mostly Cloudy) | Charing (57°F Cl)



## Summary

Temperature (°F)	Max	Average	Min
Max Temperature	60	29.39	5
Avg Temperature	52.67	22.68	-4.3
Min Temperature	41	16.39	-9

Dew Point (°F)	Max	Average	Min
Dew Point	57	12.23	-27

Data: MA - BEVERLY MUNI (Monthly)

Setting	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Heating W. 1	Heating W. 2	Cooling W. 1	Cooling W. 2
<b>Temperature [°F]</b>																
Ambient	17.96	24.08	41	45.86	54.86	63.68	68.54	72.32	62.78	48.92	45.5	32.54	5.54	15.44	80.06	
Dew point	4.64	5.54	29.12	35.78	45.5	55.22	58.28	62.24	50.36	39.56	33.62	24.26				
Sky*	-16.6	-15.7	14.72	23.72	34.34	46.76	49.46	53.78	40.28	27.5	21.2	8.78				
Ground*																
<b>Solar radiation [kBTU/ft²Month]</b>													<b>Solar radiation [BTU/hr ft²]</b>			
North	8.2419	9.8269	15.215	13.313	15.532	16.166	16.800	14.581	10.460	7.6079	5.7059	5.7059	12.6799	10.1439	20.2878	9
East	15.215	18.068	29.163	24.408	27.578	24.408	28.846	29.797	23.457	15.532	12.362	10.143	25.3598	15.2159	46.5987	5
South	38.356	33.601	40.575	26.944	23.457	21.238	23.457	32.967	32.967	27.261	25.676	24.091	71.3246	33.2848	51.0367	3
West	17.751	18.702	27.578	23.457	25.993	26.944	28.212	32.967	23.774	15.849	10.460	9.8269	29.4808	16.4839	51.9877	2
Global	19.019	21.872	36.771	38.673	46.598	47.232	50.719	56.108	39.307	24.408	16.166	12.679	31.3828	19.9708	86.8575	1

\* Optional input. Sky/Ground; if not defined, temperatures will be estimated)

# Sizing Data Comparison

Parameter	Heating				Cooling		
	ASHRAE		Phius		ASHRAE		Phius
	99.6%	99.0%	Weather 1	Weather 2	0.4%	1.0%	Cooling Load
Drybulb Temperature °F	1.04	6.26	-4.9	18.3	91.76	89.6	83.7
Wetbulb Temperature °F	1.04	6.26	?	?	73.94	72.68	?
Global Radiation Btu/hr ft2	0?	0?	38	16.2	?	?	66.6
Wind Speed MPH	10.5	10.5	9?	9?	23.5	12.3	9?

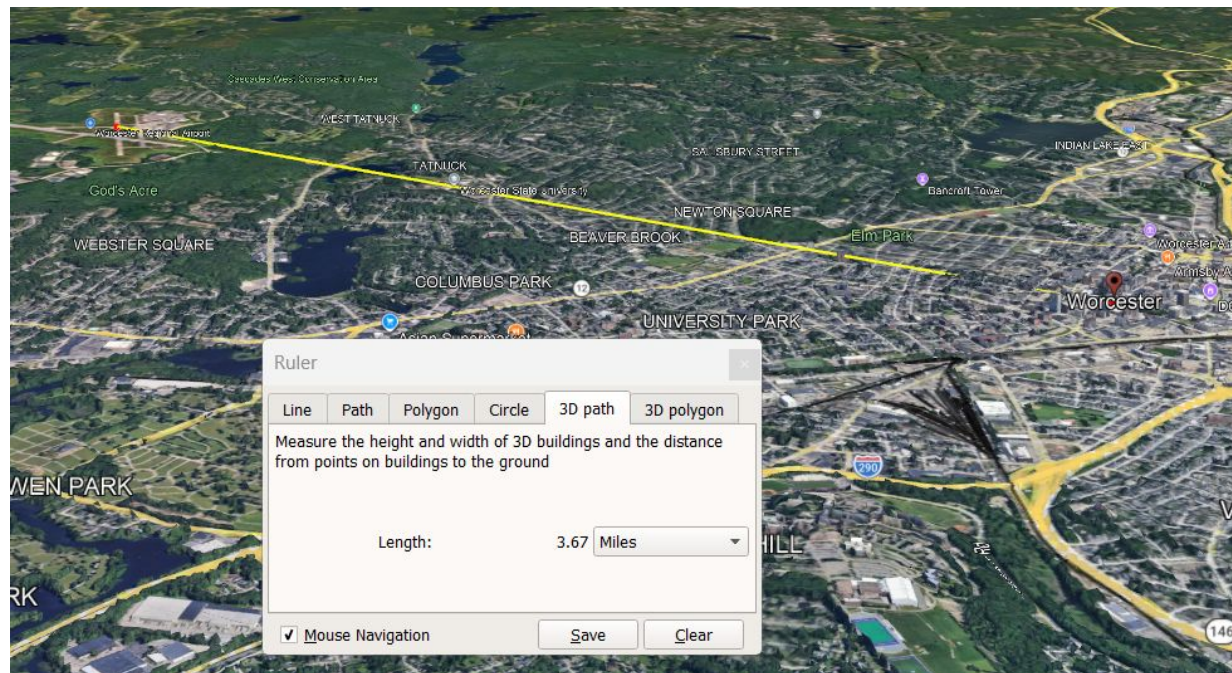
# Custom Climate Data

## When is it required

- > 50 linear miles away
  - and / or
- > 400 ft of elevation difference

## Lapse Rate:

3.56°F / 1000 ft



# Summary

- Designers have the biggest impact on how the building interacts with climate
  - Opaque Envelope
  - Glazing
  - Heat exchange with outside (heat pumps, ventilation)
- Many sources for historic, contemporary, and future data
  - What research question are you considering?
  - What format do you need it in?
  - Is this source produced by the best scientific knowledge available?
  - Consider running multiple sources and years
- Phius monthly data is good for hand calculations
- Use actual data for model calibration

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### Resilience Weather Generator Latest

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Standalone executable to generate AMY data, compute rolling averages, and splice Hybrid EPW files based on Winter/Summer return temperatures.

# Questions?



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