Understanding the Impacts of Climate Change on Atmospheric Perils

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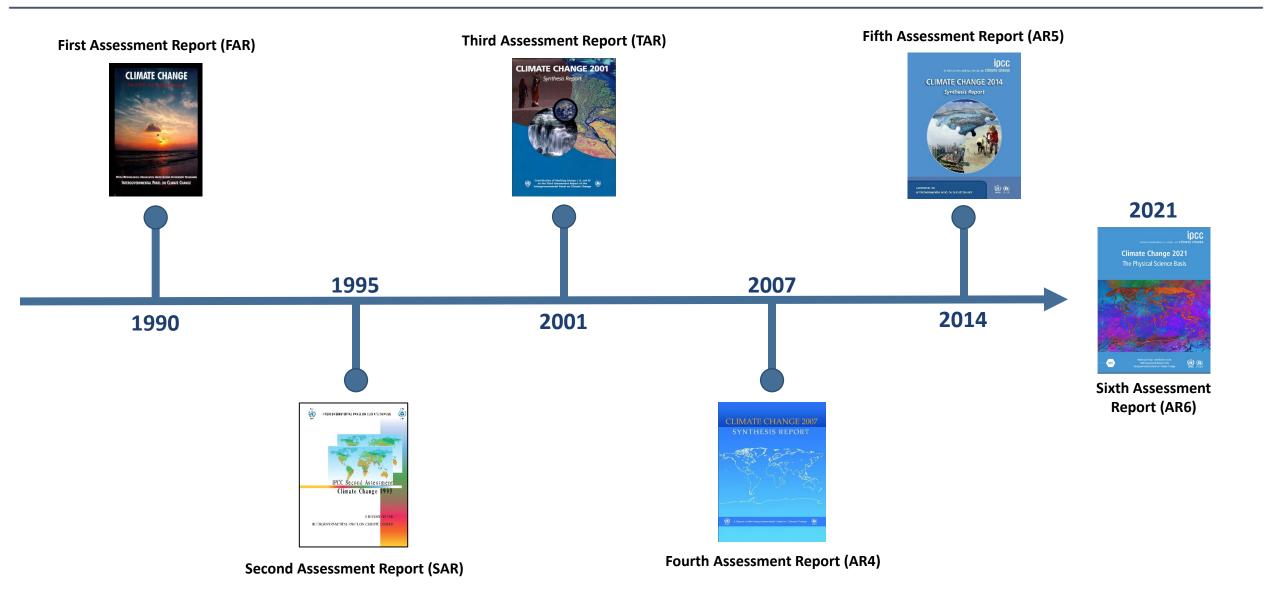
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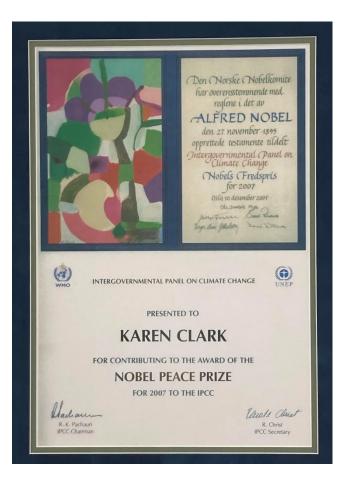


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# Scientific Understanding of Climate Change Summarized by the IPCC







#### **IPCC Assessment Report 5 (AR5)**

#### Introduction

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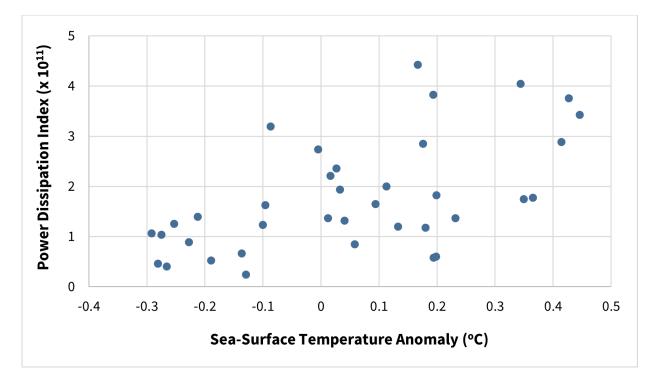


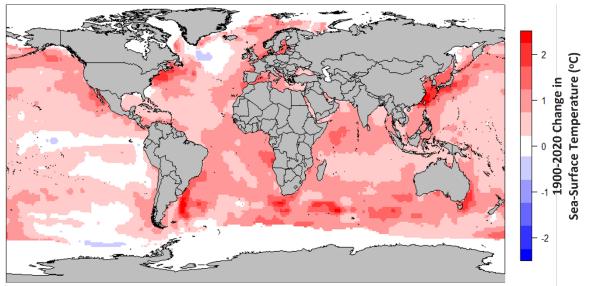
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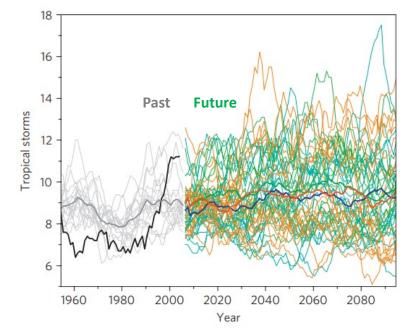
## How Does Warming Influence Hurricanes?





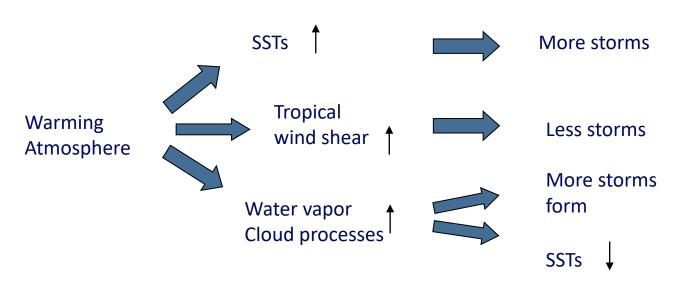


#### Global climate models disagree

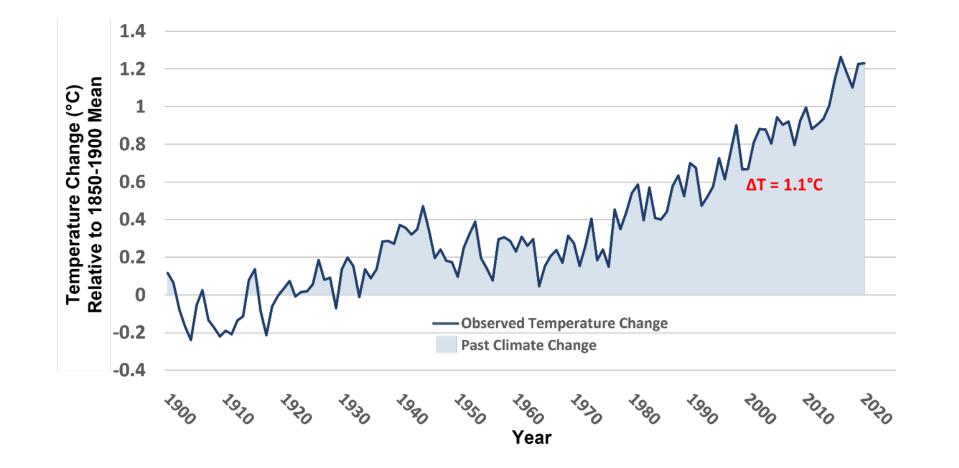


#### North Atlantic Tropical Cyclone Frequency Projections

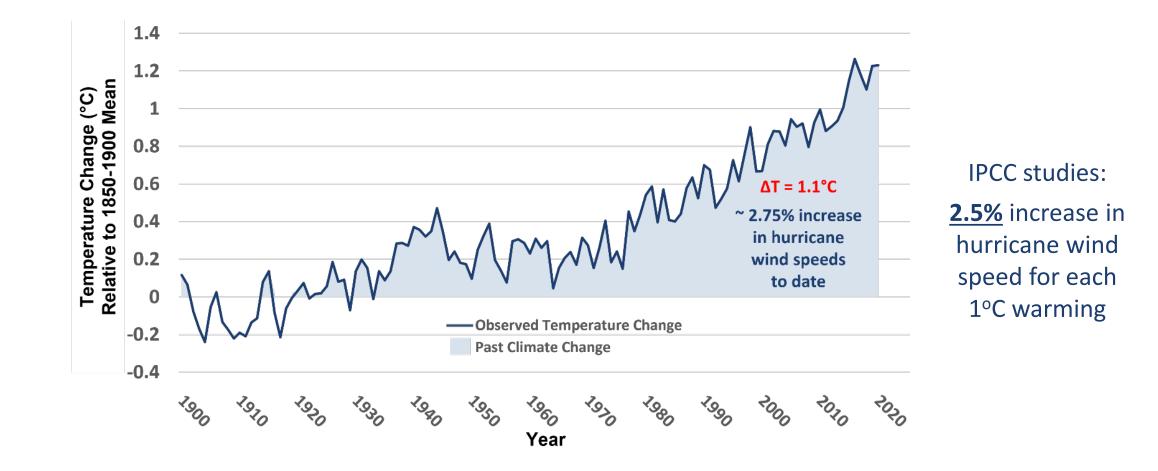
#### Complex feedback mechanisms in atmosphere



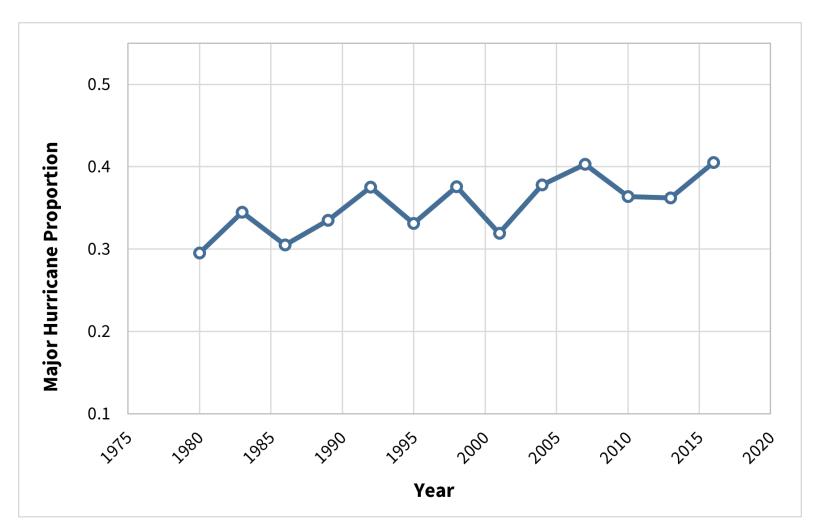






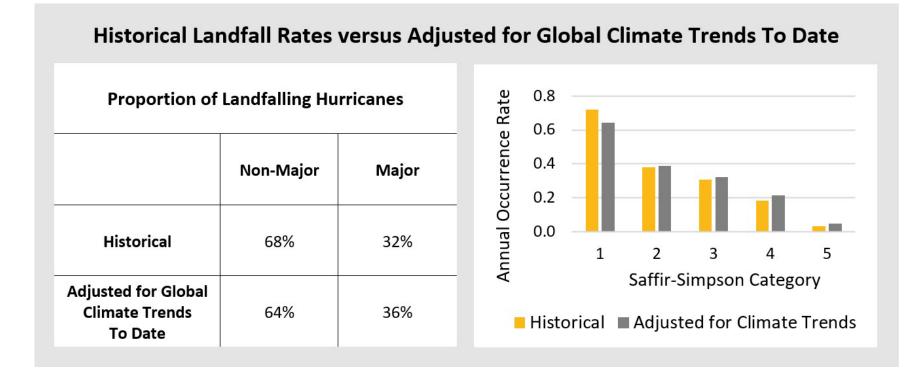


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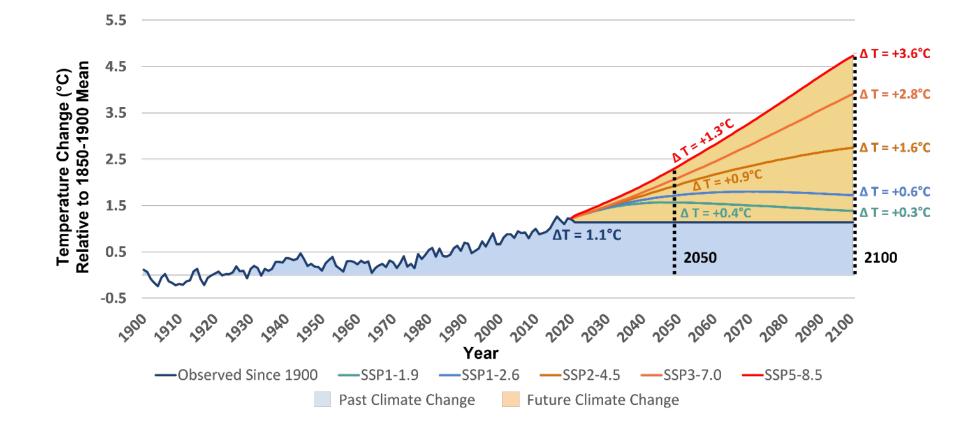
#### Major Hurricane: Category 3-5 on Saffir-Simpson Wind Scale





- Maximum sustained winds adjusted to present-day climate
- Directly informs KCC US Hurricane Reference Model Version 3.0
- 11% increase in insured loss relative to model based purely on historical data





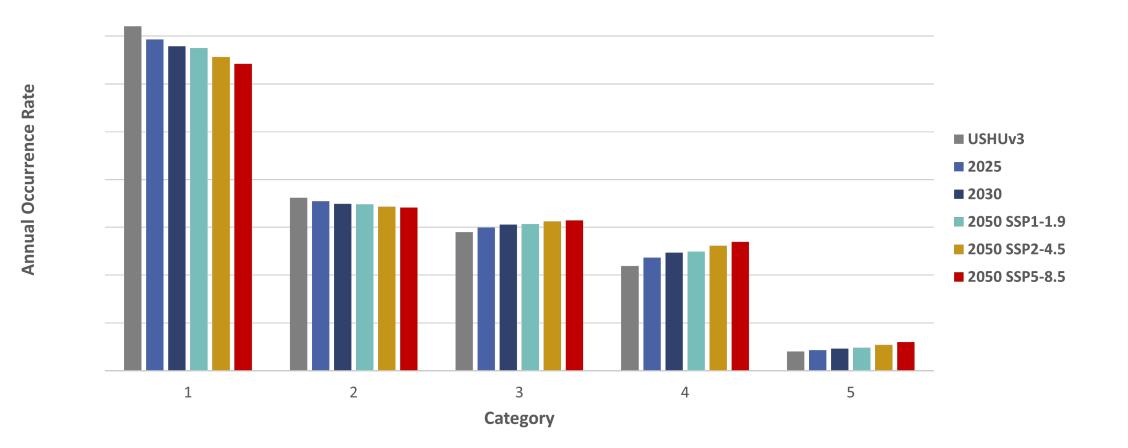


- Modeled increases in wind speed intensities using seasonal Power Dissipation Index projections
- PDI increases with warming temperatures and represents a shift from weak to strong wind speed intensities

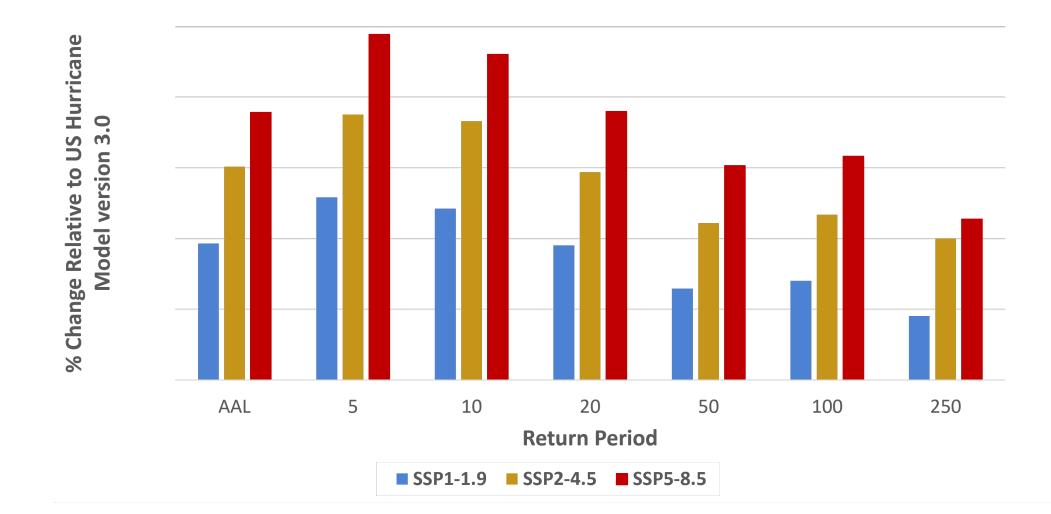
	Power Dissipation Index			
	Relative to 2020 (10 <sup>11</sup> m <sup>3</sup> s <sup>-2</sup> )			
	2025	2030	2050	
SSP1-1.9	0.32	0.65	0.80	
SSP2-4.5			1.60	
SSP5-8.5			2.30	

$$v_{m,new} = v_{m,0} * \left(\frac{PDI_{new}}{PDI_0}\right)^{-3}$$

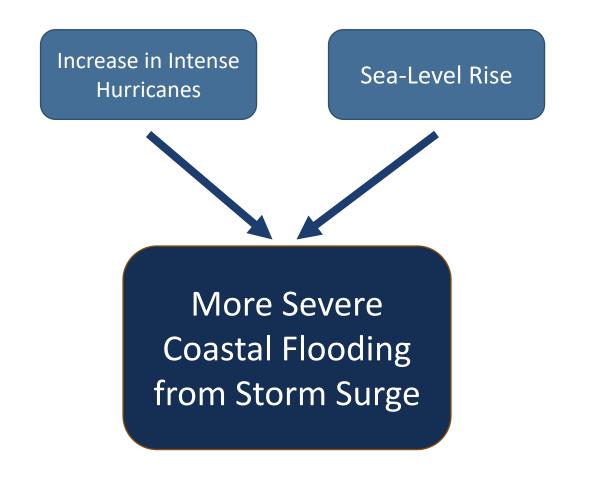


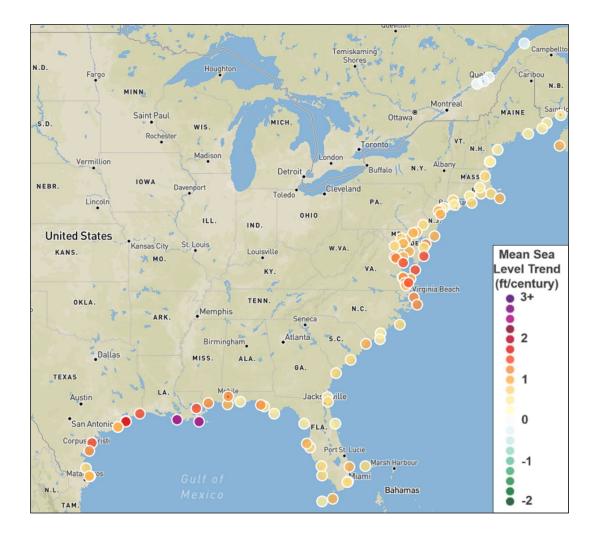












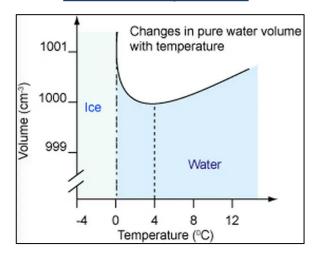


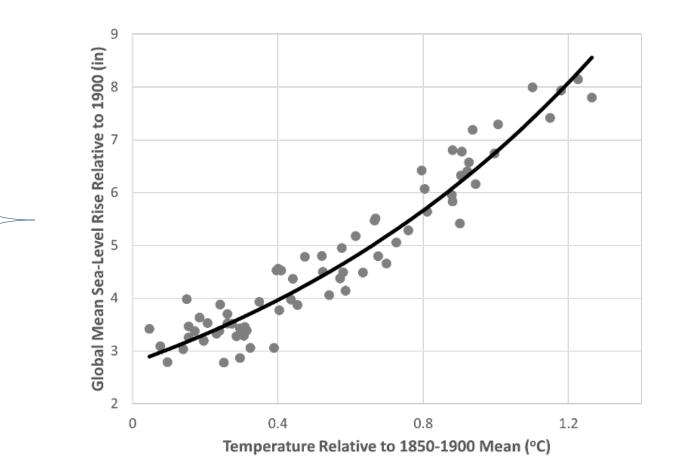
## Current Rate of Sea Level Rise Projected to Accelerate

Ice Melt



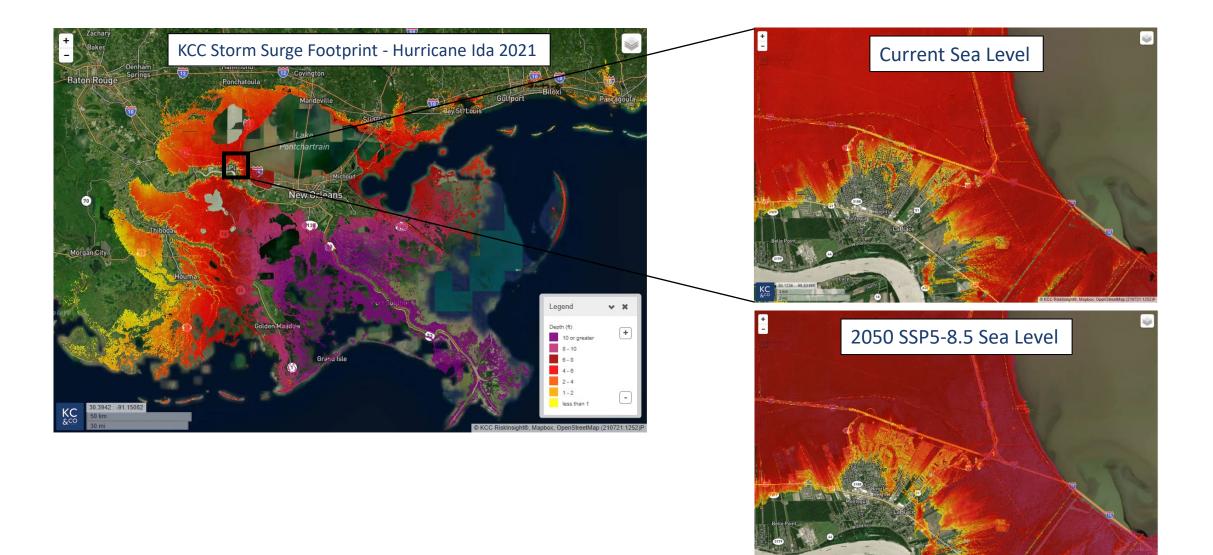
#### **Thermal Expansion**



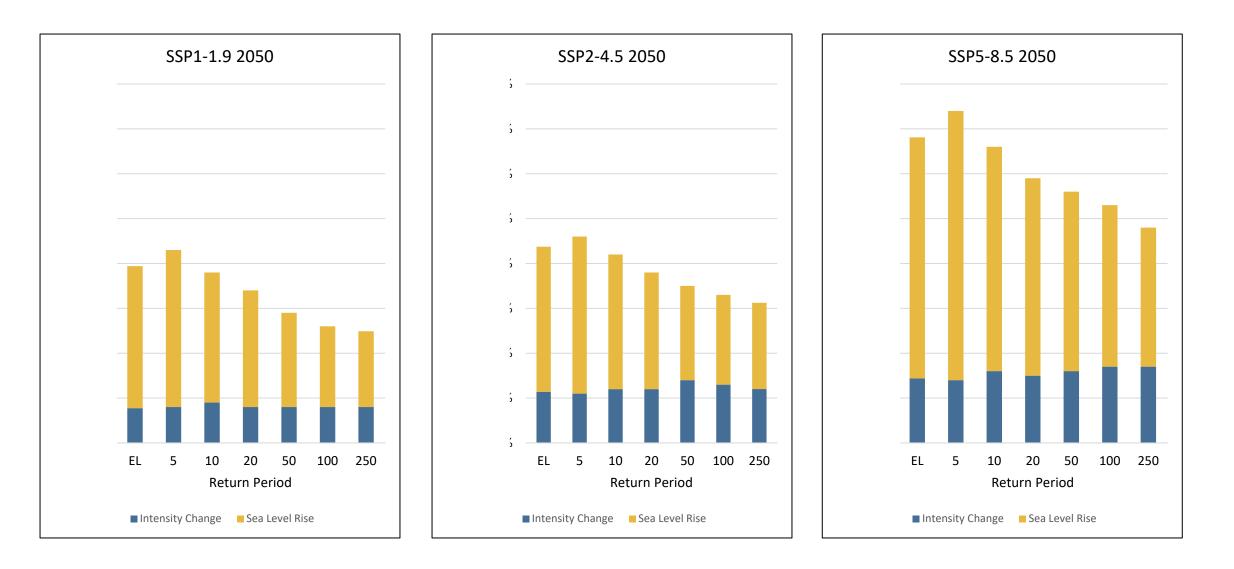




#### Impact of Sea-Level Rise on Storm Surge Events

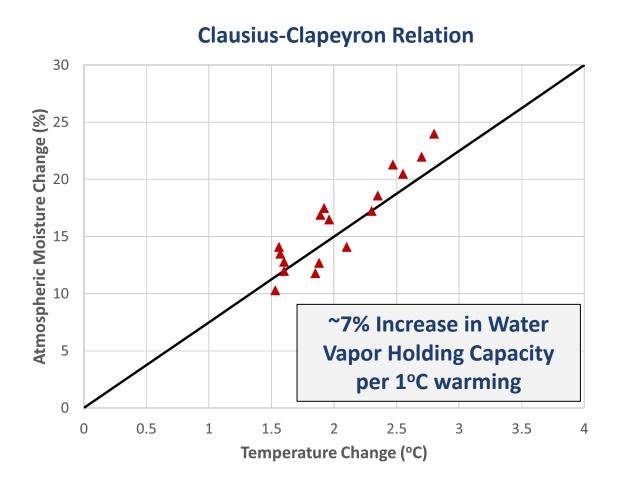


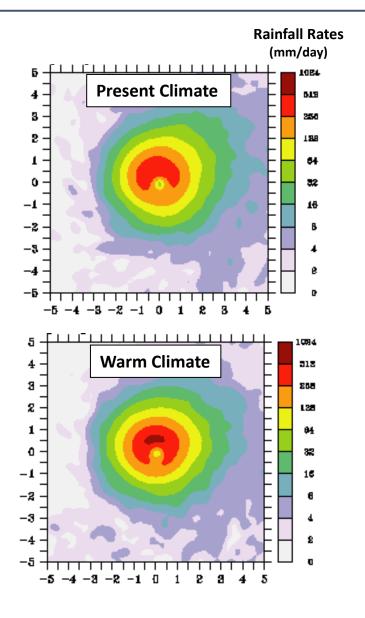




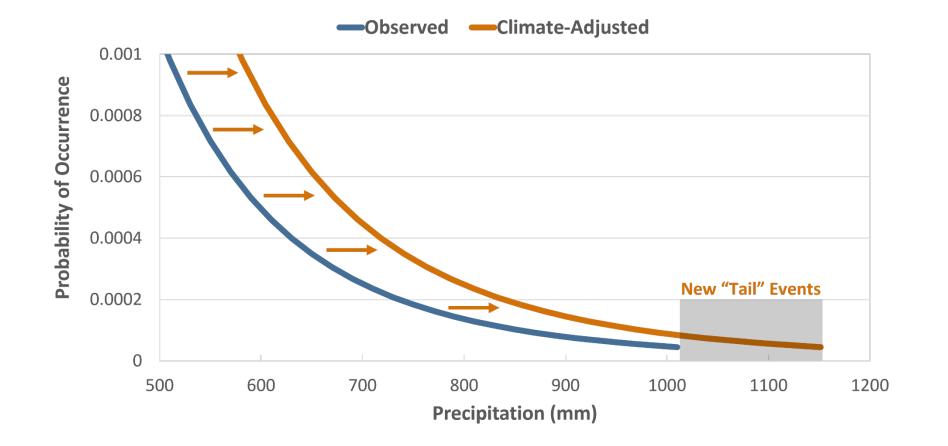


#### Warming Increases Potential for Flooding from Tropical Cyclones











enange in recipitation Amount Due to Warning						
	Temperature Increase			Precipitation Change		
	Relative to 2020 (°C)			Relat	ive to 202	20 (%)
	2025	2030	2050	2025	2030	2050
SSP1-1.9	0.1	0.3	0.4	0.7	2.1	2.8
SSP2-4.5	0.1	0.3	0.9	0.7	2.1	6.3
SSP5-8.5	0.2	0.5	1.3	1.4	3.5	9.1

## **Change in Precipitation Amount Due to Warming**

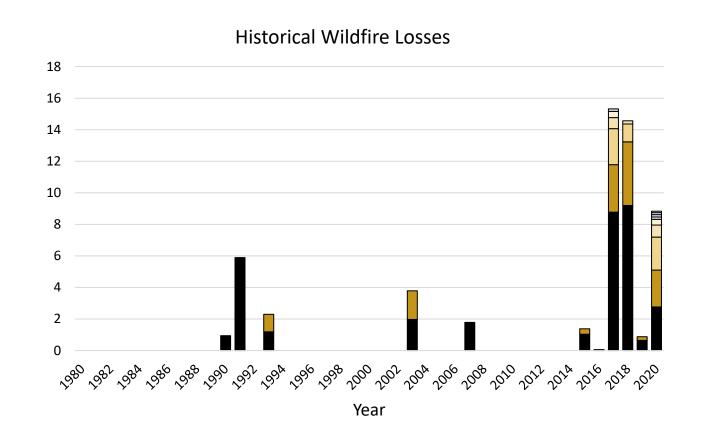
## **Change in Annual Rate of Hurricane-related Inland Floods**

2050	2050	2050
SSP1-1.9	SSP2-4.5	SSP5-8.5
+8%	+20%	+30%



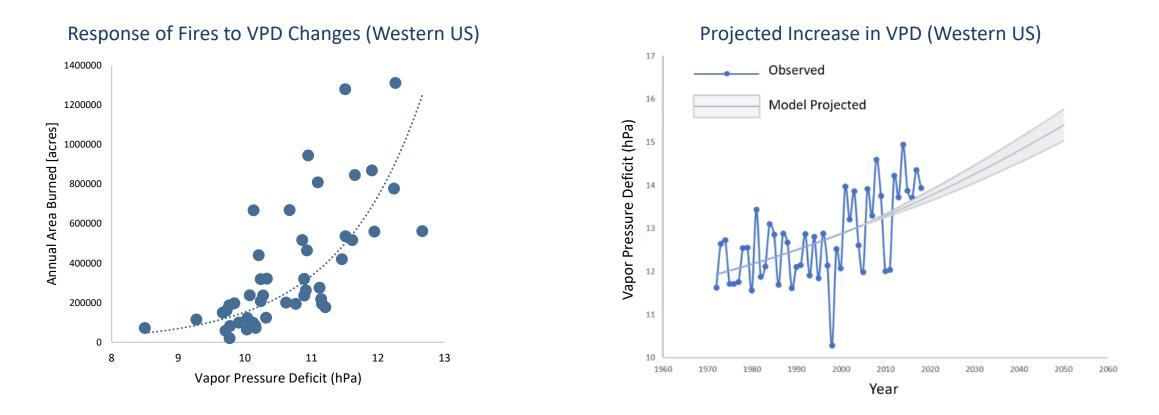
# What's Happening with Wildfires—Trend or Short-Term Aberration?





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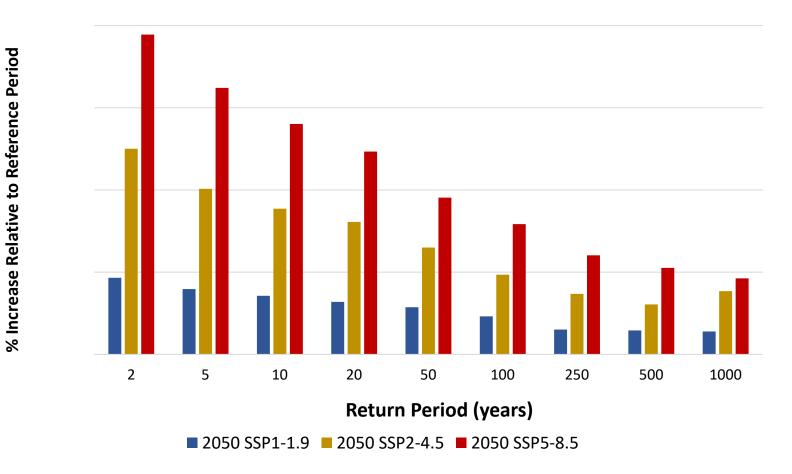
Vapor Pressure Deficit (VPD): Capacity of an airmass to hold moisture beyond what is available in the atmospheric environment

Increases directly with warming air temperature

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	VPD Change Relative to 2020 (%)		
	2025	2030	2050
SSP1-1.9			5.2
SSP2-4.5	3.2	4.5	11.8
SSP5-8.5			17.5

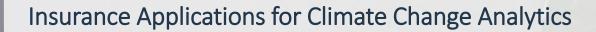




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#### Task-Force on Climate-related Financial Disclosures

- Purpose: TCFD was established in 2015 by the Financial Stability Board (FSB) to improve and increase reporting of climate-related financial information
- Recommendations
  - TCFD developed a framework to help companies disclose climate-related risks and opportunities
- Four Categories
  - Governance
  - Strategy
  - Risk Management
  - Metrics and Targets
- Two Risk Types
  - Transitional

Physical



For more information on the Task-Force on Climate-related Financial Disclosures www.fsb-tcfd.org

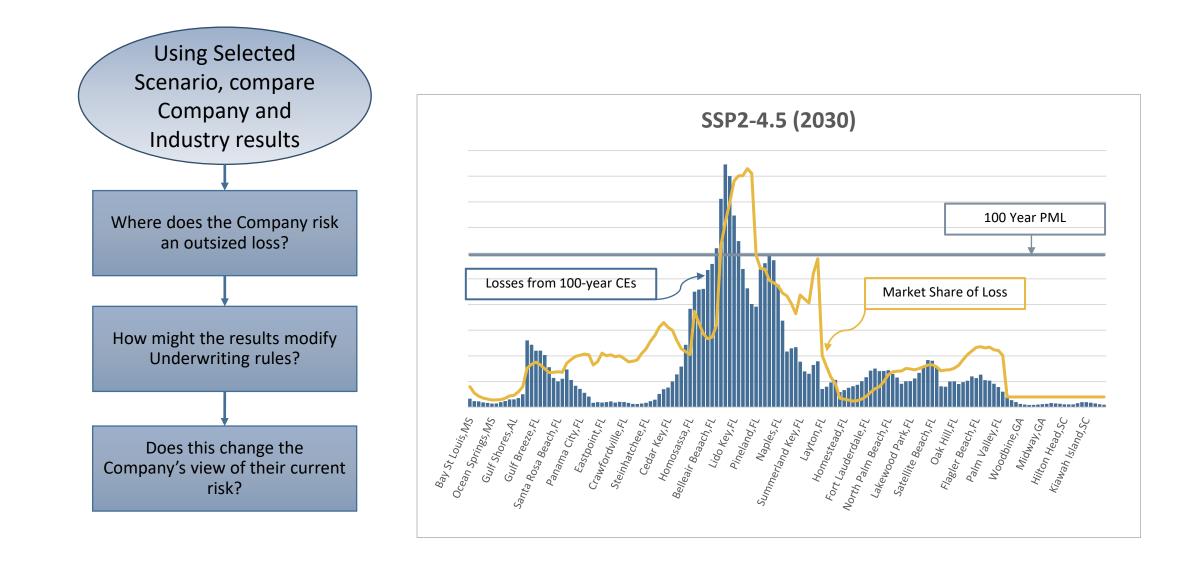


#### Use Cases

- Risk Mitigation
- Pricing
- Reporting
- Other Actuarial Activities

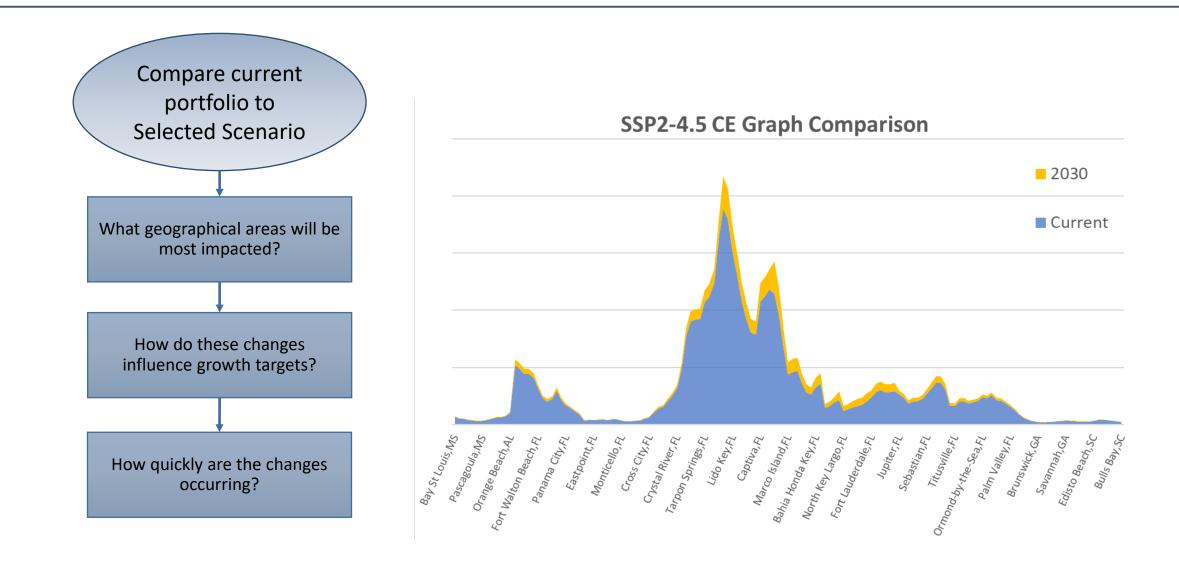


Integrating Climate Projections Into Insurance Use Cases – Risk Mitigation

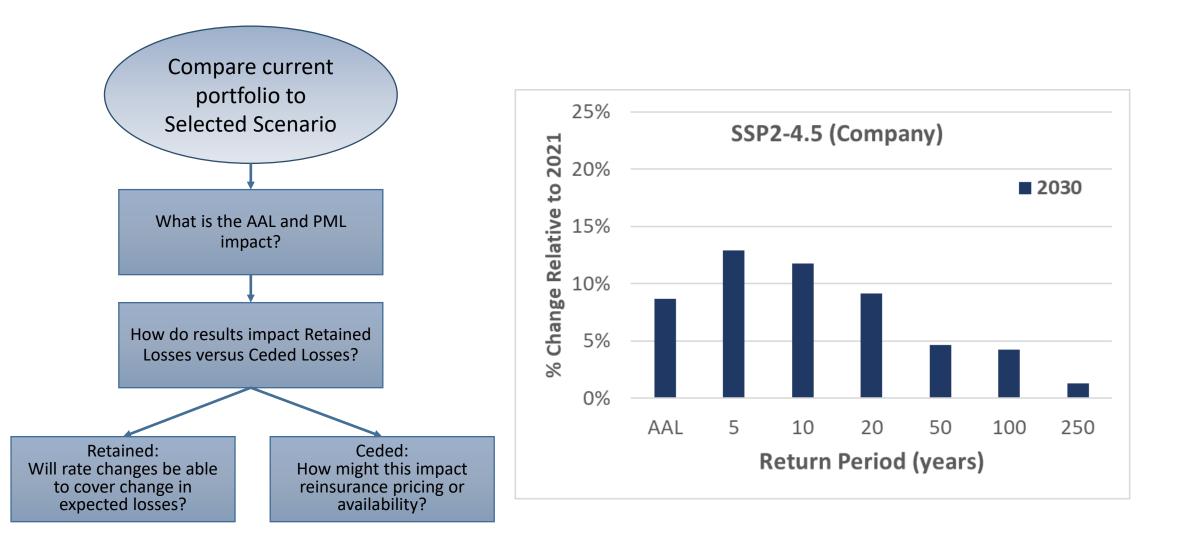




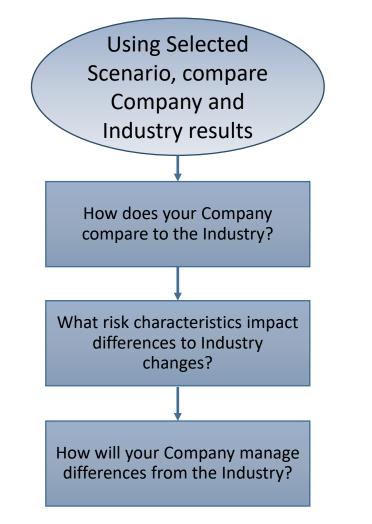
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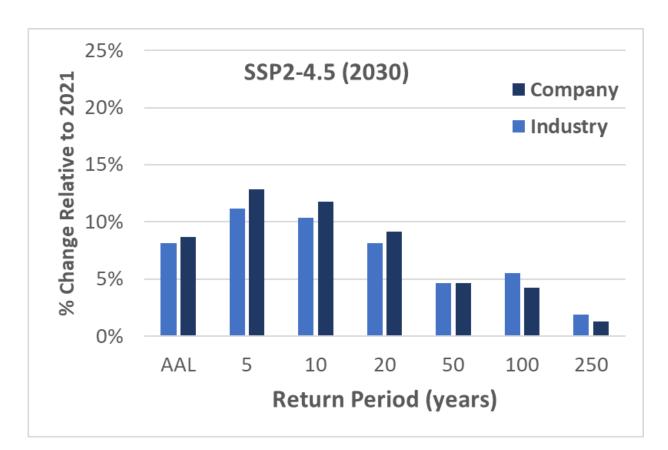














#### Replicate these for additional scenario tests such as:

- Best-case vs. worst-case (SSP1-1.9 vs. SSP5-8.5)
  - Where are areas that are consistent in the predicted change; where is the most uncertainty?
- Current portfolio shown on a time-line (SSP2-4.5 @ current, 2025, 2030, 2050)
  - Can rate changes keep pace with expected changes going forward?
- Is your Company currently changing its portfolio?
  - Current portfolio vs. Projected portfolio
- Conduct other High-Level Confidence scenario tests such as:
  - Wildfire
  - Flood
- Conduct stress tests for Catastrophes with uncertain changes
  - Severe Convective Storm
  - Winter Storm



# Thank You

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