

# Stochastic weather generator and deep learning approach for predicting and sampling extreme European heatwaves

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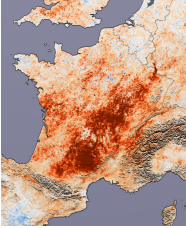
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# Forecasting heatwaves and validating with Normalized Log Score

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


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

$T = 14$  days

Area  $D$  - "France" / "Scandinavia"

- The **goal**: find  $P(A(t) > a | X(t - \tau), \tau)$  with lead time  $\tau$
- NNs trained to optimize MSE do not reconstruct extremes
- Logarithmic score (cross-entropy) suitable for rare events<sup>[1]</sup>
- Threshold  $a \rightarrow Y_1 = 1$  above **95 percentile**, 3 yrs return time

$$S[\hat{p}_Y(X)] = - \sum_{k=0 \dots K} Y_k \log[\hat{p}_k(x)], \quad K = 2 \text{ for binary} \quad (2)$$

European heatwave 2003  
Unprecedented event

**Normalized Log Score (NLS):** subtract climatological prediction

$$\text{NLS} = \frac{-\sum_i \bar{p}_i \log \bar{p}_i - \mathbb{E}\{S[\hat{p}_Y(X)]\}}{-\sum_i \bar{p}_i \log \bar{p}_i} \quad (3)$$

[1] R. Benedetti, Monthly Weather Review **138**, 203–211 (2010)

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# Data-driven methods trained on long Plasim climate model run

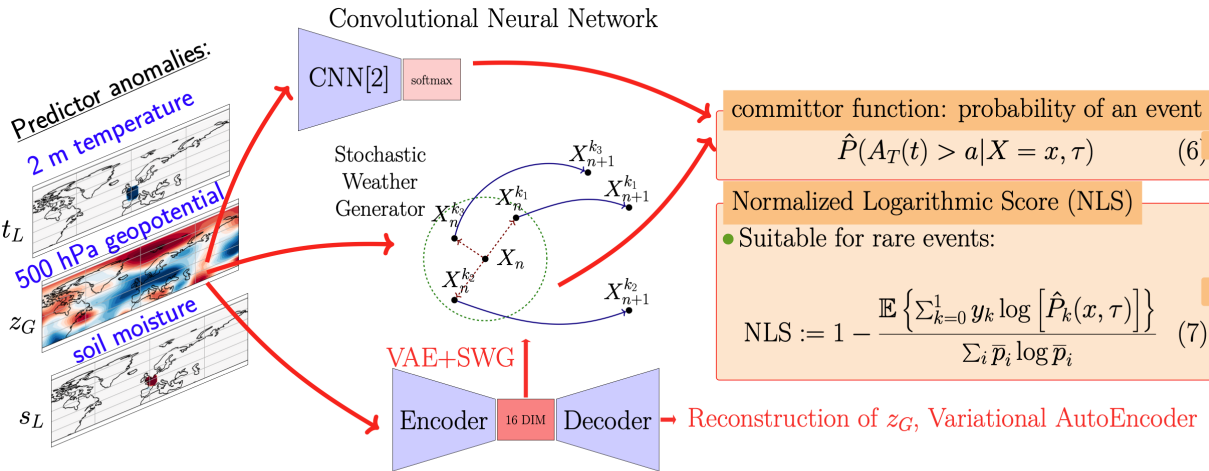


Figure: Possible field inputs  $X = \{t_M, z_G, s_M\}$  in **stacked architecture** which works better for CNN

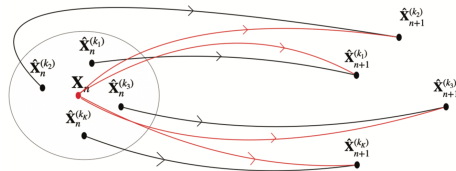
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[3] G. Miloshevich et al., Phys. Rev. Fluids (Apr. 2023)

# Stochastic Weather Generator: Markov chain of analogs

Analog method

$$X_{n\star} = \underset{\{X_n\}}{\operatorname{argmin}} \{d(x, X_n)\} \quad (4)$$



Analog method

## Stochastic Weather Generator

- **Markov chain** → surrogate trajectory

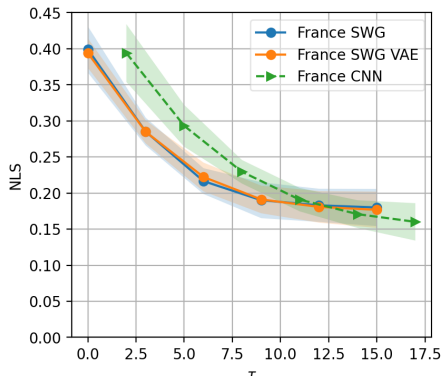
$$P(X(t + \delta t) | X(s)) \propto \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } X(t) \sim X(s) \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

- **Problem (1)**: how to combine different vars in Euclidean  $d$ ? **Global** (G) vs **Local** (L)
- **Problem (2)**: in big models: curse of high dimensionality ( $z_G$ )

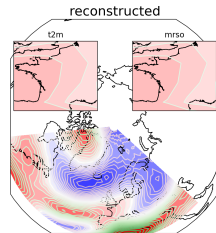
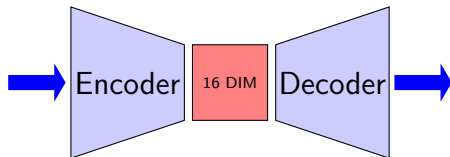
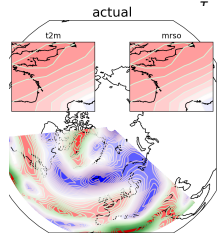
$$d(X_1, X_2) = \left[ \frac{\alpha}{\sigma_Z^2 \dim(Z_G)} \sum_{i=1}^{\dim(Z)_G} (\Delta Z_G^I)^2 + \frac{1}{\sigma_T^2} (\Delta T_L^I)^2 + \frac{1}{\sigma_S^2} (\Delta S_L^I)^2 \right]^{\frac{1}{2}} \quad (5)$$

[3] P. Yiou et al., <https://hal.archives-ouvertes.fr/hal-03921111> (Jan. 2023)

# Predicting heatwaves with MC sampling of SWG vs CNN



- 400 years to train and 100 to validate
- k-fold cross-validation for uncertainty estimation
- For SWG 10000 trajectories per validation day are launched (numba parallelism)
- Real space SWG (dim  $z \approx 1000 + 2$ ),
- VAE+SWG (dim  $z = 16 + 2$ ),
- Convolutional Neural Network from [4]



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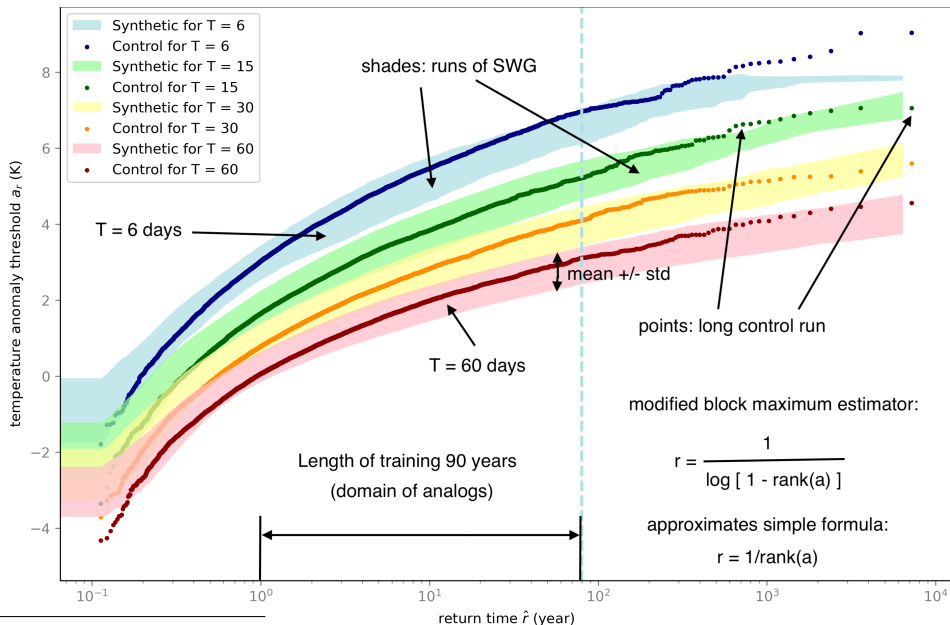
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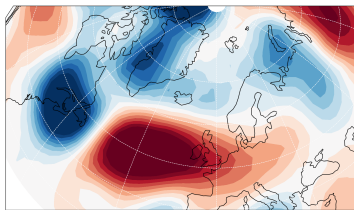
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# Return times of long series generated by SWG vs control run

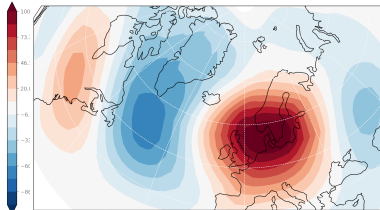


[5] <https://github.com/georgemilosh/Climate-Learning>, a public repo of our project

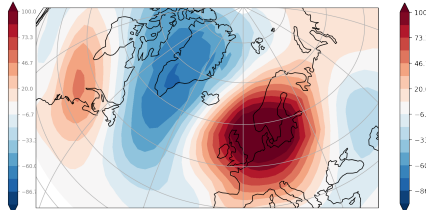
# Synthetic teleconnections vs long control run and conclusions



most extreme ( $A(\tau = 0) = 4.5K$ )  
from 80 years "training" dataset



composites of ( $A(\tau = 0) \geq 4.5K$ )  
from **synthetic SWG** series



composites of ( $A(\tau = 0) \geq 4.5K$ )  
from **control run** with 7200 years

- Probabilistic prediction occurs in the regime of **lack of data** requiring long datasets [6]
- **SWG** is a **simple to implement** and can be used to sample and predict **unobserved extremes**.
- Such data-driven algorithms have a potential to sample **rare events**:  $\Rightarrow \Rightarrow \Rightarrow \Rightarrow \Rightarrow \Rightarrow \Rightarrow \Rightarrow \Rightarrow \Rightarrow \Rightarrow \Rightarrow \Rightarrow \Rightarrow \Rightarrow \Rightarrow$



scan for: [Climate-Learning@GitHub](mailto:Climate-Learning@GitHub)

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