# Impacts of Climate Change and Urbanization on Future Building Performance

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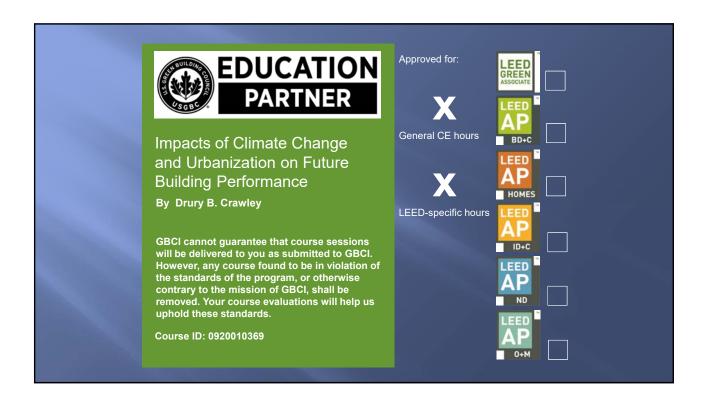


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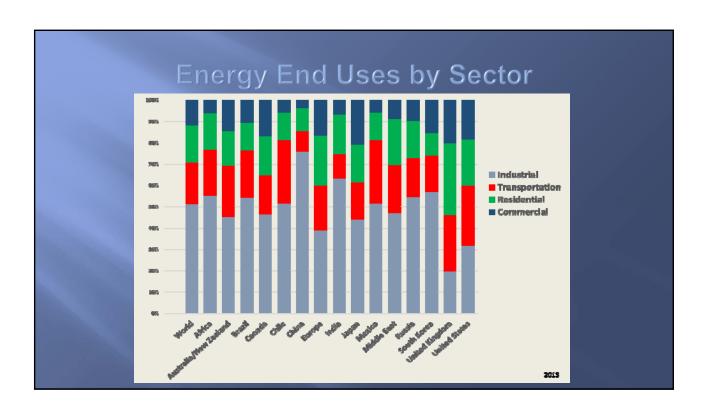


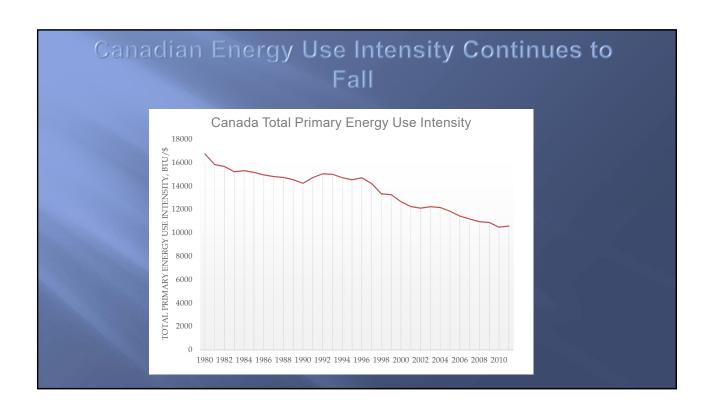
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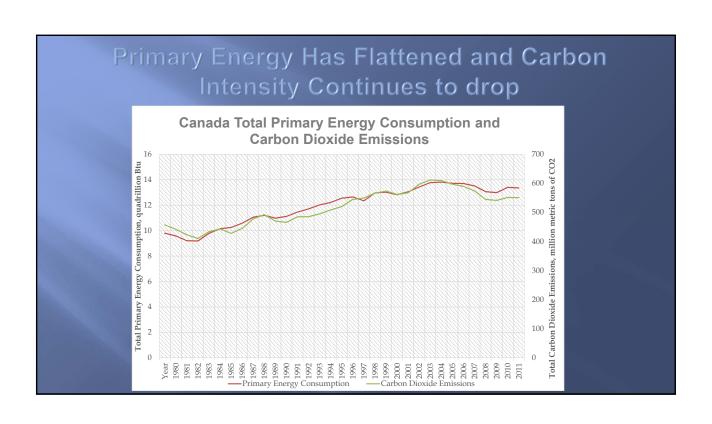
- Explain difference between weather and climate
- Recognize climate change scenarios
- Explain impacts of urban heat islands on diurnal temperature
- Explain impact of climate change on energy performance in different climate zones

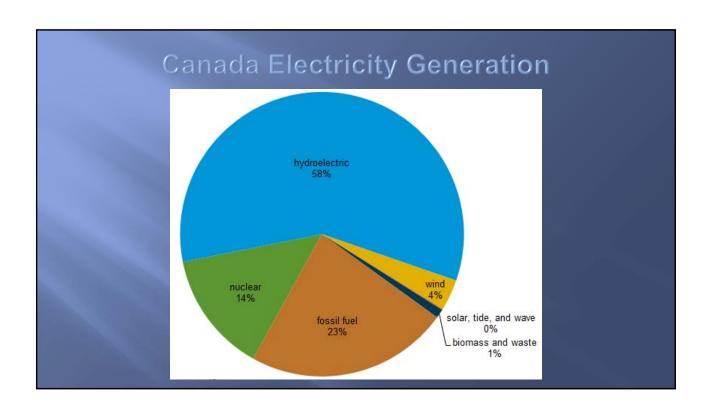
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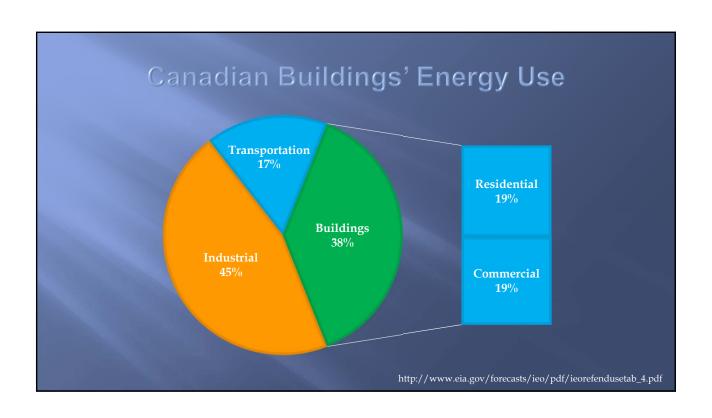
With the increasing interest in climate change driven by human activity, recent research has focused on the impact of climate change or urban heat island on building operation and performance across the world. But this work usually aggregates the energy and peak demand impacts across a broad sector. In a recent study, impacts on the operating performance of an office building were estimated based on climate change and heat island scenarios in 25 locations (20 climate regions). This presentation presents the variation and differences among the 20 regions when climate change is introduced. The focus is on changes in comfort conditions, building equipment operation as well as daily patterns of energy performance using prototypical buildings that represent typical, good, and low-energy practices around the world. Other issues such as fuel swapping as heating and cooling ratios change, impacts on environmental emissions, and how low-energy building design incorporating renewables can significantly mitigate any potential climate variation are also presented.

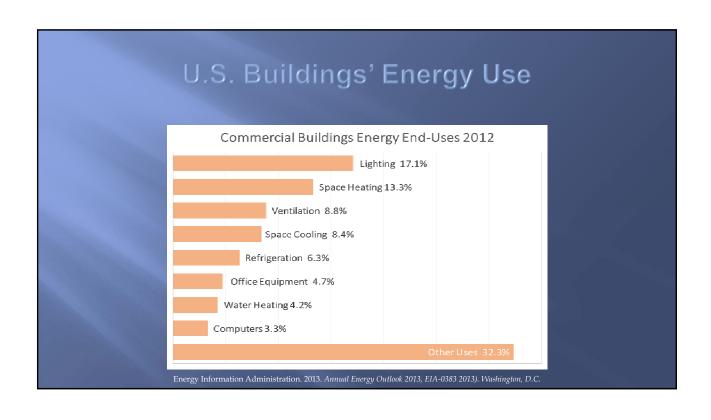




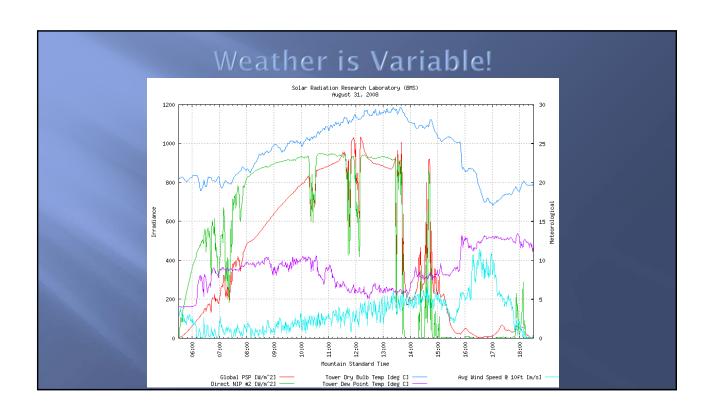


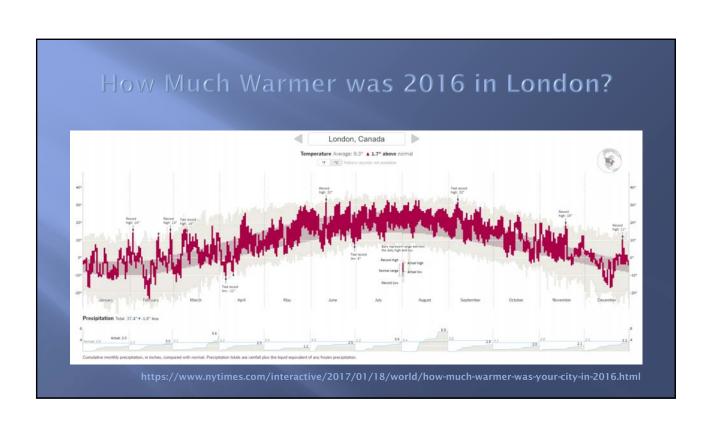


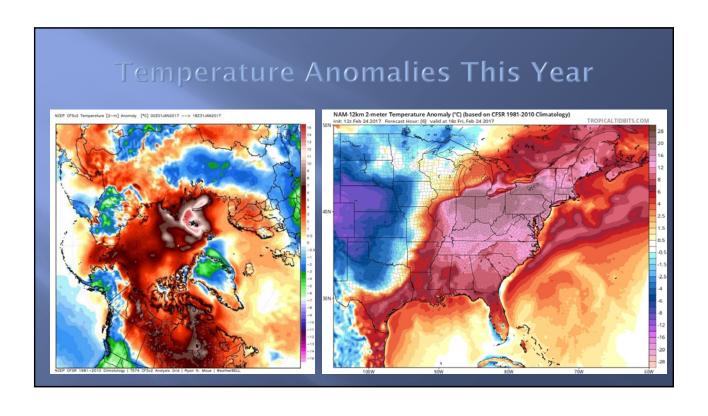


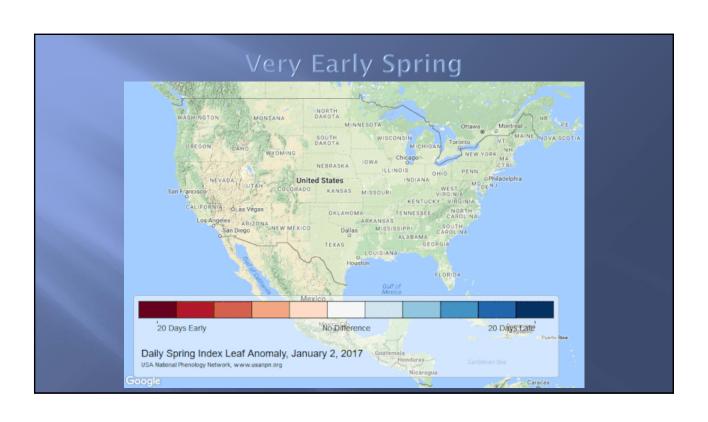


# Weather: the state of the atmosphere with respect to wind, temperature, cloudiness, moisture, pressure, etc. Climate: the composite or generally prevailing weather conditions of a region, as temperature, air pressure, humidity, precipitation, sunshine, cloudiness, and winds, throughout the year, averaged over a series of years.









# **Building Uses for Climatic Data**

Building design and performance modeling require weather data to represent climatic conditions of the building location, including:

- Peak heating and cooling design conditions for load calculations (temperature, humidity, solar, and wind conditions for design calculations)
- Building Performance Simulation
  - Typical hourly weather data
  - Actual hourly weather data for calibration to utility bills
  - Future hourly weather data

# Simulation Applications and Climatic Data Requirements

| Simulation Application  | Type of weather data required   |  |
|---|---|--|
| Energy design and compliance analysis of fully-conditioned buildings                              | Typical (full year) hourly data   |  |
| Performance of un- or semi- conditioned buildings   | Typical data not adequate -require application specific data (e.g., warm summer, multi-year data)   |  |
| Equipment sizing  | Design-day or short period calculations using near-extreme conditions   |  |
| Model calibration, building trouble shooting, control optimization, and actual savings estimation | Weather data observed during the study period at or near the building site  |  |
| Engineering studies (e.g., hours when economizer is feasible)                                     | Simple weather information (e.g., bin temperature data)   |  |
| Natural ventilation design  | Local wind conditions highly variable – airport data often unreliable for other sites. Locally measured wind data.  |  |
| Daylighting studies   | Hourly illuminance data usually sufficient for sensor-control lighting systems but sub-hourly data often required for visual comfort or control dynamics.   |  |
| Renewable energy systems  | Solar-electric systems require short-term data and spectral variation of incident solar radiation. Wind turbine systems require sub-hourly wind velocity data. (Standard hourly data may produce unreliable results for systems with non-linear characteristics.) |  |

# Weather Data Elements for Building Simulation

| Element   | Model use(s)  | Availability and issues   |
|---|---|---|
| Dry-bulb air temperature  | Exterior surface convection     Infiltration/ventilation sensible heat transfer     Equipment (e.g. air-cooled condenser) | Universally observed     Significant local effects (e.g. heat island)   |
| Humidity<br>(relative humidity, wet-bulb<br>temperature, or dew-point<br>temperature) | Inflitration/ventilation latent heat transfer     Equipment (e.g. cooling tower)  | Commonly observed   |
| Solar irradiance (direct and diffuse)   | Fenestration heat gain     Exterior surface heat balance     Solar thermal and photovoltaic     systems                   | Sparsely measured     If observed, often global only     Model sources widely used     Remote sensing opportunities                 |
| Solar illuminance (direct and diffuse)  | Daylight modeling   | Rarely measured (modeled from irradiance)   |
| Sky temperature   | Exterior surface heat balance   | Rarely measured (modeled from<br>temperature, humidity, and cloud cover)  |
| Cloud cover / sky condition   | Sky models (e.g. for daylighting)   | Generally observed     Multiple data representation conventions     Evolution of automated instrumentation introduces uncertainties |
| Wind (velocity and direction)   | Exterior surface convection     Inflitration     Natural ventilation  | Generally observed     Local effects very significant for both velocity and direction     Low velocity observations unreliable      |
| Ground temperature  | Below-grade heat transfer   | Measured for agricultural purposes, limited<br>exploitation of observed values for building<br>simulation                           |
| Ground surface albedo   | Reflected irradiance / illuminance  | Inferable from presence of snow   |
| Weather conditions (e.g. rain)  | Exterior surface wetting  | Generally measured; inconsistent reporting formats  |

# Climatic Data Availability

- In the past, usually only available from ground observing stations

  - Rarely includes solar dataTemperature/humidity data generally robust.
  - Wind data is problematic extremely variable due to terrain and site obstructions.
  - Other data can be limited or incomplete.
- Now, more sources incorporate remote sensing (satellite) data. Accuracy is quite good. Advantage comprehensive global data, relatively decent grid. Not dependant on ground stations.
- In general master data sets such as those from NOAA/NCEI are near-real-time. Data is posted within a few days to weeks.
- But design conditions and data for simulation often require summary and further calculations before it can be used
  - Design conditions based on historical period of record
  - Ground observing stations (near real-time data) do not record solar radiation.

# **Design Conditions**

- Used for design sizing of heating, ventilating, air-conditioning, and dehumidification equipment, as well as or other energy-related processes in residential, agricultural, commercial, and industrial applications.
- Includes as a minimum dry-bulb, wet-bulb, and dew-point temperature, and wind speed with direction at various frequencies of occurrence.
- Typical annual percentiles\* used:
   99.6% heating dry-bulb temperature and
   1% cooling dry-bulb temperature with coincident wet-bulb.
- Depending on the application, use other percentiles (99, 0.4, 2, 5) or variables (wind speed, dewpoint, wetbulb, etc.). Monthly cooling percentiles also available (0.4, 2, 5, 10).

\*Percentiles represent number of hours that the design condition can be expected to be exceeded in a typical year, based on 15-30 years of data. 99.6%  $\approx$  35 annual hours (8760 – (99.6\* \*8760)). 1%  $\approx$  88 annual hours (8760 – (1\* \*8760)).

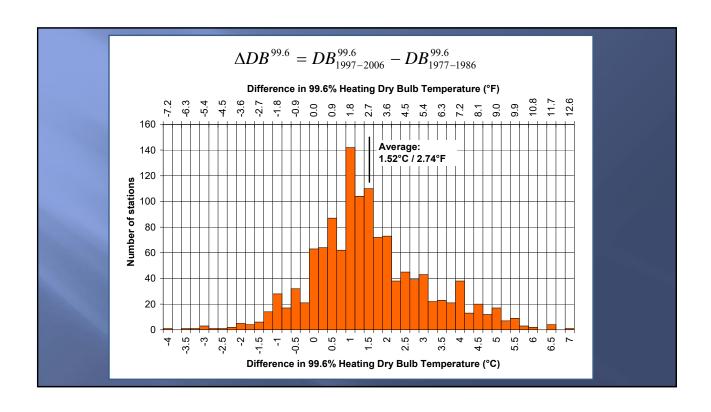
# Design Conditions (cont'd)

- Best source for design conditions: Chapter 14 Climatic Design Information, ASHRAE Handbook-Fundamentals:
  - 6,443 locations through the world
  - Integrated Surface Dataset (ISD) data for stations from around the world provided by NCDC for the period 1982 to 2010
  - Updated every four years
- Climate changing!

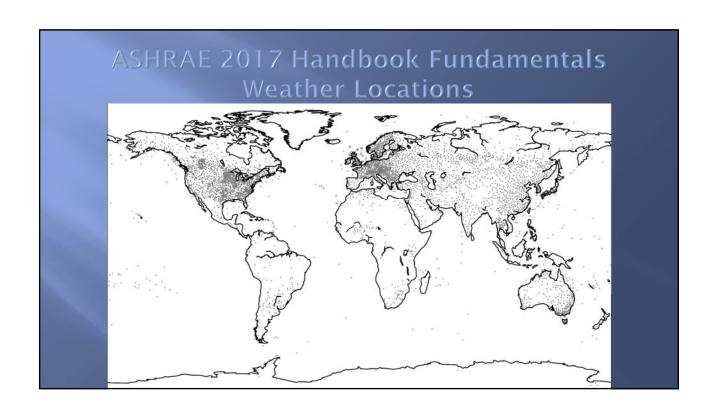
Comparing design conditions for 1274 locations between 1977-1986 and 1997-2006:

- 99.6% annual dry-bulb temperature increased 1.52°C
- 0.4% annual dry-bulb increased 0.79°C
- annual dew point increased by 0.55°C
- HDD base 18.3°C) decreased 237°C-days,
- CDD base 10°C increased 136°C-days.

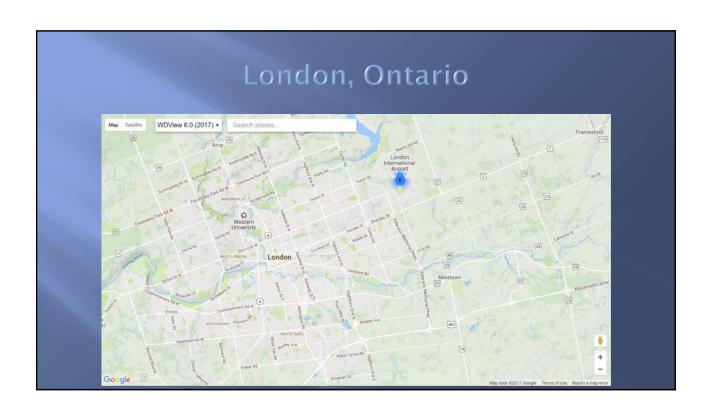




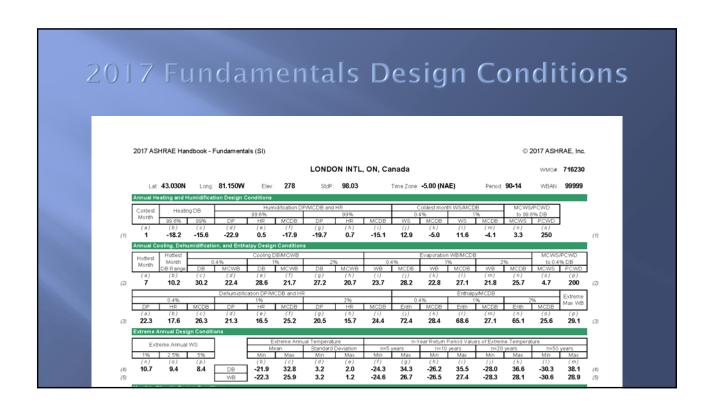
| Average Decadal Changes<br>Last '30 Years' |              |              |  |
|--|--------------|--------------|--|
| 99.6% heating dry bulb temperature         | + 0.76 °C    | + 1.37 °F    |  |
| 0.4% cooling dry bulb temperature          | + 0.38 °C    | + 0.68 °F    |  |
| 0.4% dehum. dew point temperature          | + 0.28 °C    | + 0.50 °F    |  |
| Dry bulb temperature range                 | ~ 0 °C       | ~ 0 °F       |  |
| Average temperature                        | + 0.41 °C    | + 0.73 °F    |  |
| Heating degree-days base 18.3°C / 65°F     | - 118 °C-day | - 212 °F-day |  |
| Cooling degree-days base 10°C / 50°F       | + 68 °C-day  | + 122 °F-day |  |
|  |              | 28           |  |

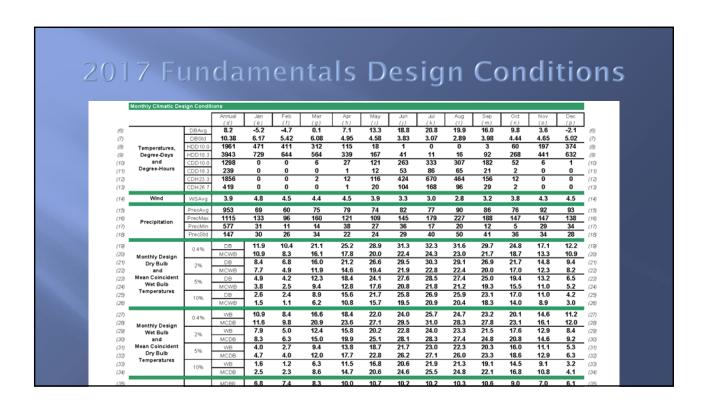






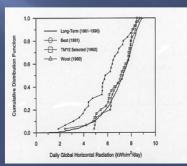






## Climatic Data in Building Performance Simulation

- Climatic data needed for simulating representative performance from a single year analysis.
- TMY (Typical Meteorological Year) approach is most widely used- a composite of months (not all from same year), each representative for the period of record.
- Months selected using statistical indices (daily min, mean, max) dry-bulb temperature, dew-point temperature, wind speed, and total global and direct solar radiation. Each method varies weightings of the indices based their importance.



# Typical Meteorological Year Hourly Data Sets

### Best for:

- Comparison of alternatives during design
- Compliance with building standards/codes and green building rating system points

### ■ Limitations:

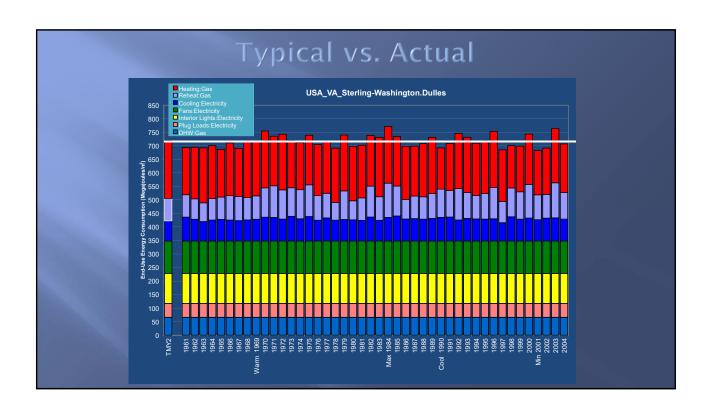
- No explicit effort to represent extreme conditions
- Files not intended to represent design conditions (can be mild)

# Typical Meteorological Year Weather Data Sets Available

| Weather Data Sets |  | Number of | Geographic Coverage   |  |
|-------------------|--|-----------|---|--|
| Acronym           | Name   | Locations | Geographic Coverage   |  |
| CTZ2              | California Climate Zones 2   | 16        | California  |  |
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| TMY3              | Typical Meteorological Year 3  | 1020      | USA, Guam, Puerto Rico, US Virgin Islands   |  |

## Actual Weather Data

- Actual hourly weather data required to calibrate to utility bills in existing buildings and subsequent evaluation of retrofit alternatives.
- Many sources some providing near-real time data and/or prediction:
  - NOAA/NCEI/WMO Data Center
  - EnergyPlus Real-Time Weather Data
  - Weather Bank
  - Weather Source
- Biggest issue how complete are the data does it include temperature, humidity, wind, solar radiation?

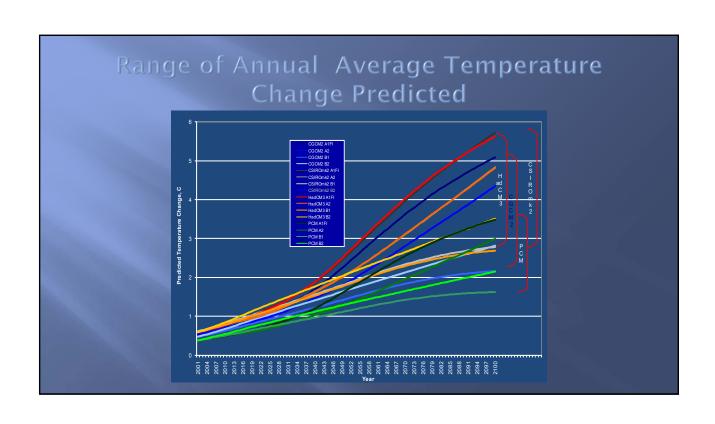


# Future Climatic Data Sets CIBSE UK only, 14 locations Derived from reanalysis (downscale of lat/long grid) from IPCC (UKCP09) 2020, 2050, 2080 Low, medium, high cases See CIBSE TM48 CCWorldWeatherGen Utility converts an EPW into a IPCC A1FI scenario morphed file.

# IPCC Climate Change Scenarios

- Four major storylines developed to represent different demographic, social, economic, technological, and environmental developments.
- Four emissions scenarios from the storylines A1FI, A2, B1, B2 represent the range of potential climate impact
- Four major Global Climate Models (GCMs): HadCM3, CSIRO2, CGCM2, PCM)

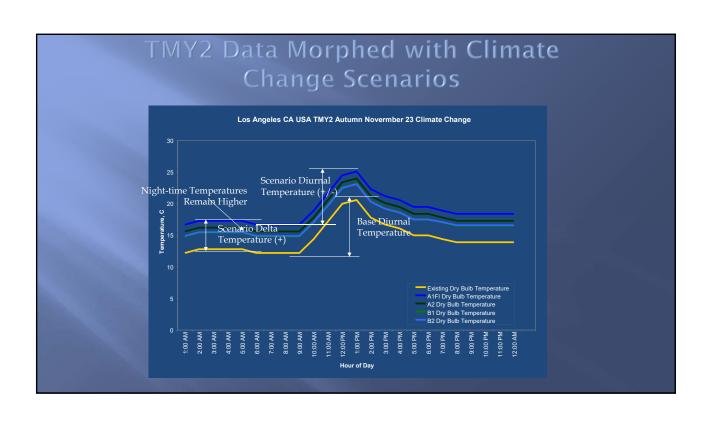
Result: 16 scenario and climate prediction combinations

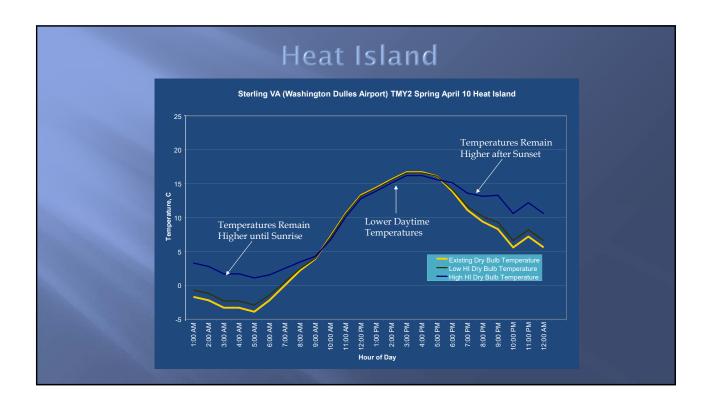


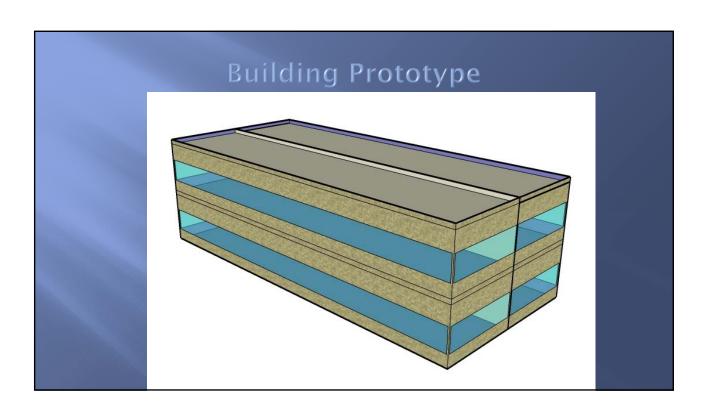
# Creating Future Climatic Data

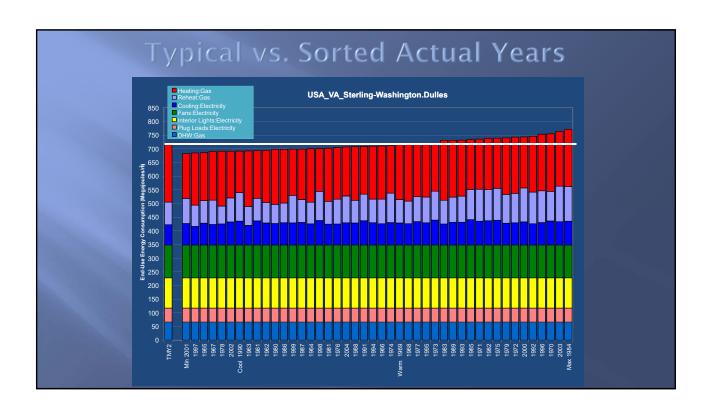
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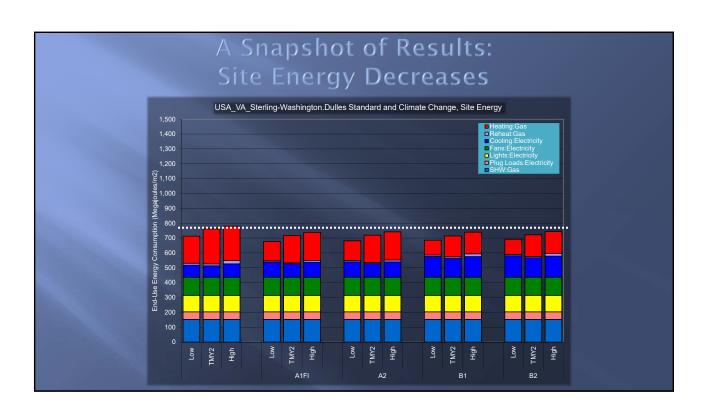
- Dynamic downscaling
  - Physics-based model used to downscale global climate model results
- Analogue scenarios
  - Find existing locations with comparable data to the predicted climate change scenario results
- Time series adjustment (morphing)
  - Shift and stretch the existing data to match the predicted monthly change
- Statistical models
  - Stochastic model trained on observed data adjusts data based on altered frequency distributions of weather variables

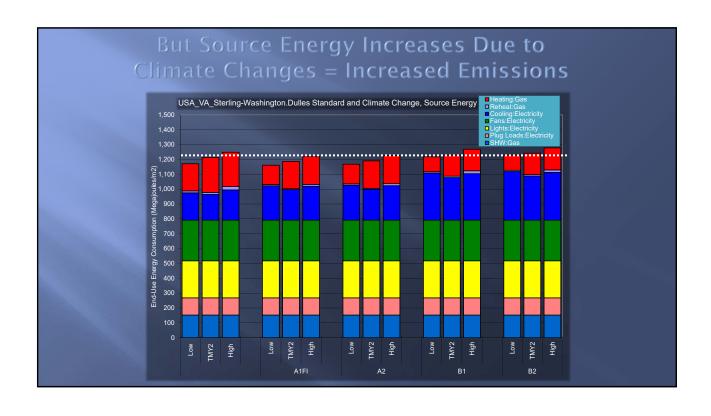


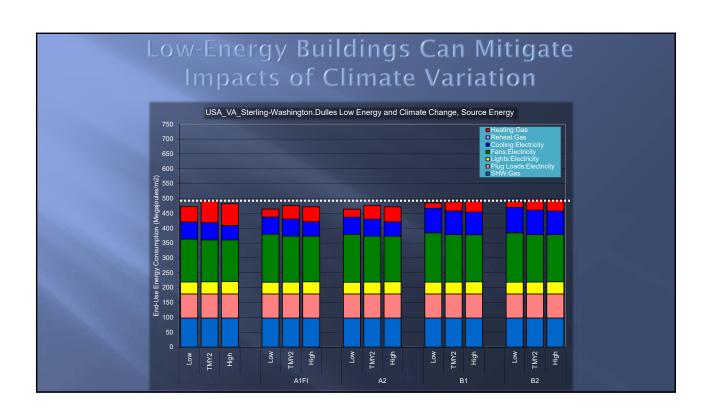


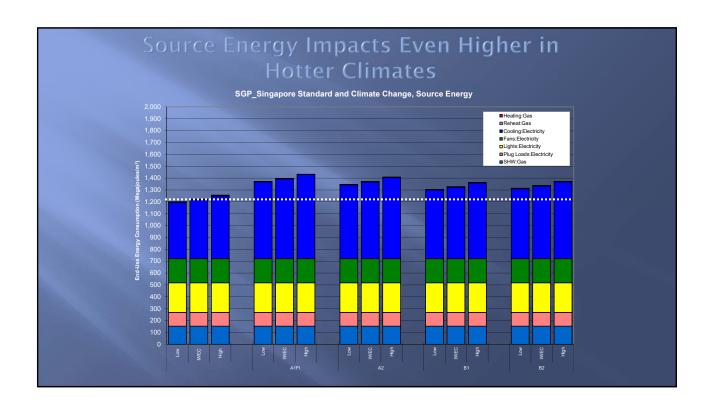


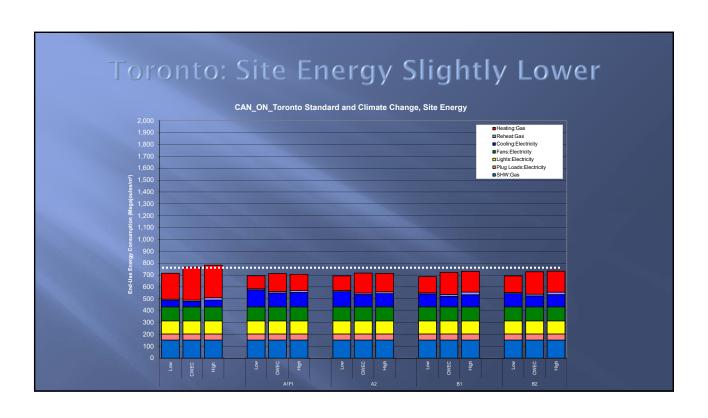


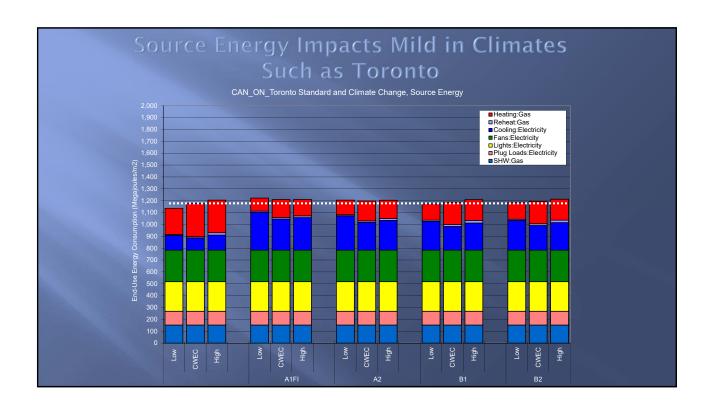


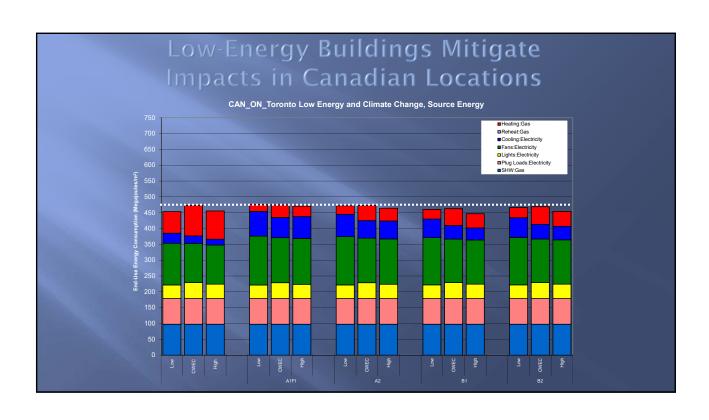


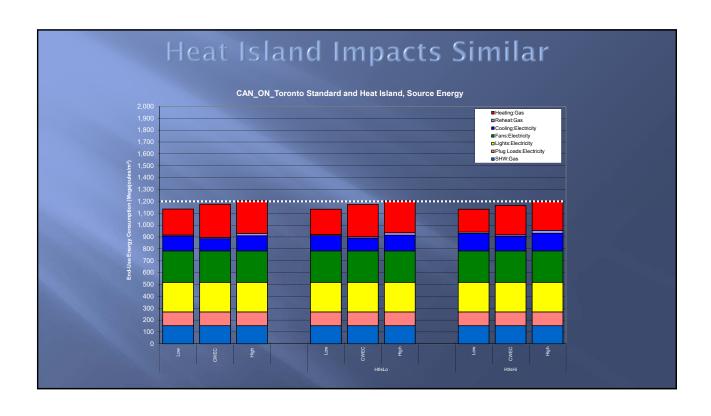


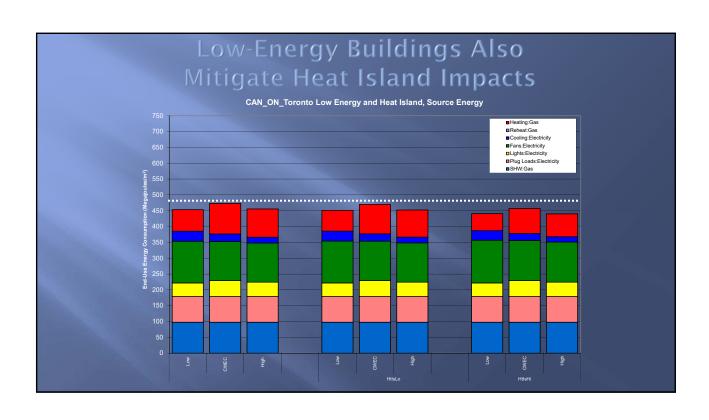


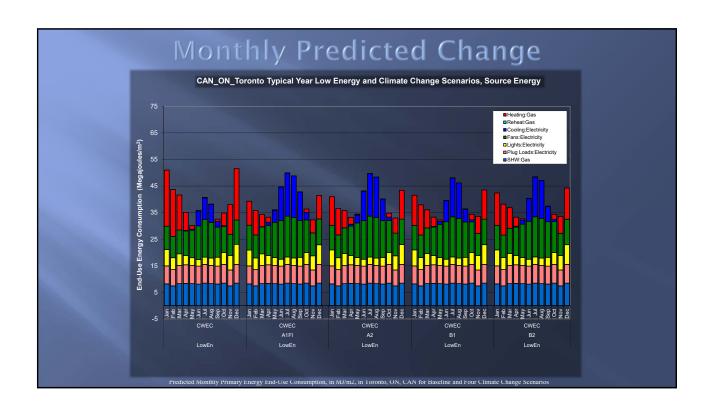


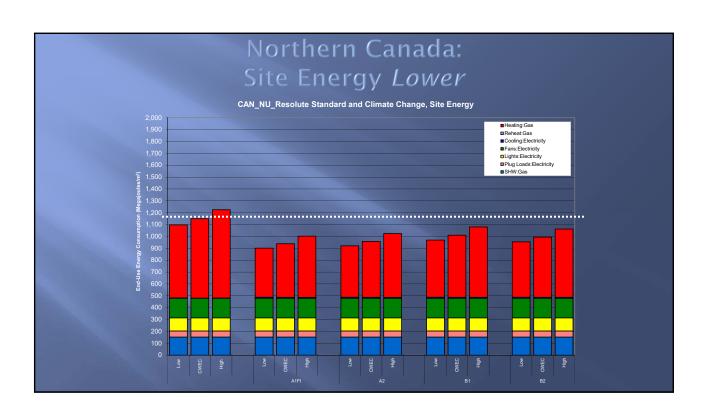


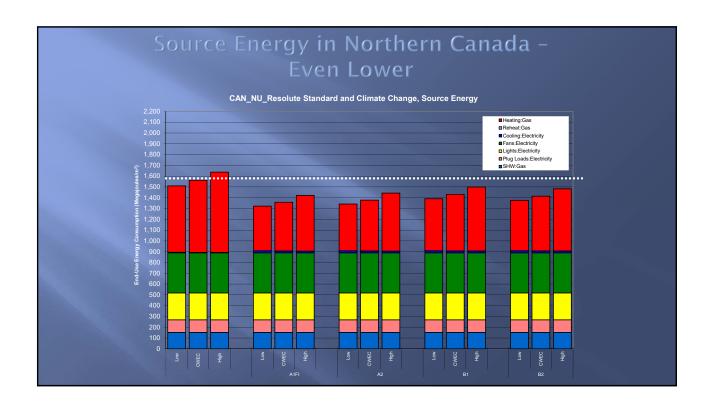


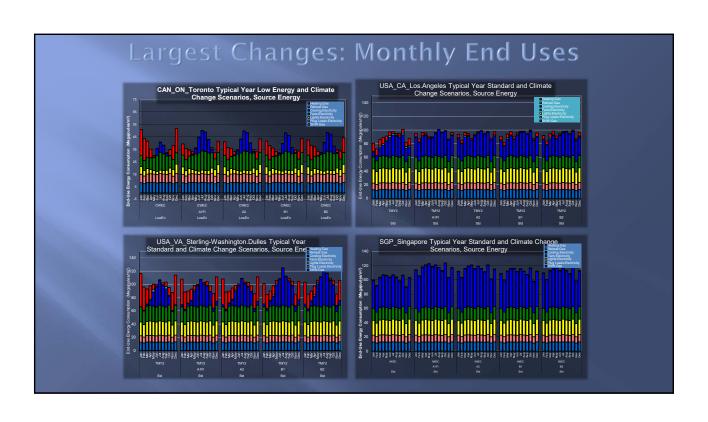












# Summary

- © Climatic design data is critical for building design (equipment and systems sizing)
- For building performance simulation, typical (TMY), actual, and future weather can all support building evaluation
  - Some question of whether single TMY is enough (research on XMYs underway)
  - Rich resources of data now available both ground observing stations and satellite data.
- ☐ Climate change scenarios can be represented today by modifying existing hourly weather files
  - Buildings in higher latitude climates (north and south) will likely see decreases (heating decreases more than cooling increases)
  - Buildings in tropical and semi-tropical locations will see increases but lower than changes in higher latitudes – primarily due to increased cooling
  - Energy-efficient buildings mitigate most impacts of both climate change and heat islands.

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# Resources/URLs

- Building Performance Simulation for Design and Operation www.routledge.com/books/details/9780415474146/
- ASHRAE Handbook Fundamentals 2013 www.ashrae.org
- NOAA/NCEI Integrated Surface Data

Data: ols.nndc.noaa.gov/plolstore/plsql/olstore.prodspecific?prodnum=C00532-TAP-A0001

- Typical Meteorological Year Data Sets (Climate OneBuilding free weather data in EPW, ESP-r and Radiance formats)
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- Meteonorm <u>www.meteonorm.cor</u>
- Weather Underground <u>www.weatherunderground.com</u>
- National Centers for Environmental Information <u>lwf.ncdc.noaa.gov/oa/climate/climatedata.html.</u>
- CIBSE Technical Manual 48 (TM48), Use of climate change scenarios for building simulation: the CIBSE future weather years
   www.cibse.org/index.cfm?go=publications.view&item=449
- Climate Change World Weather Generator (CCWorldWeatherGen)
- Dyiew (tool for displaying and comparing weather data (and CSV data) boot metago./download

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# Other Notable Sources for Typical Meteorological Year Data

- Allows users to create a TMY-type file for any location in the world.
  Interpolates from observing stations and statistics.
  Does include TRY (European TMY-type files) for a number of locations
  Useful where no other data exists

- IWEC2 with 3012 locations worldwide (outside US/Canada) available from ASHRAE since early 2012.
   EU Energy Performance Directive requiring simulation, new data sets for Estonia, Finland, Ireland, Slovenia
   California Climate Zones update...
- Australia RMY update...ISHRAE update...Others.

- BOTTOM LINE: Know what you're using the provenance, source, representativeness before depending on it. Better to test against another file you've used with similar climatic conditions.