

High resolution thermal imaging of urban heat islands and heat waves

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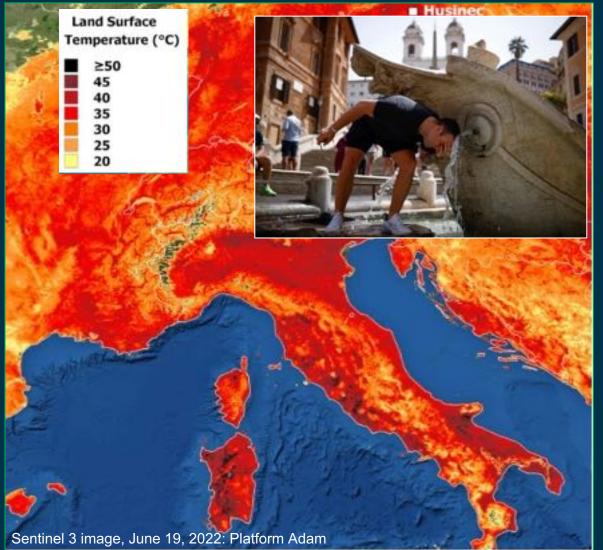
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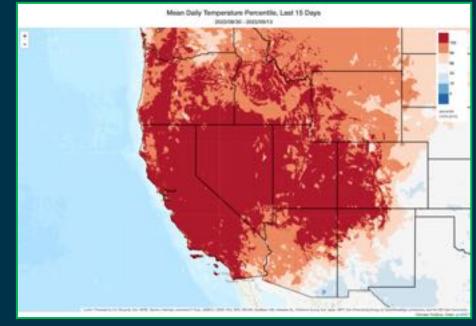
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Urban extreme heat

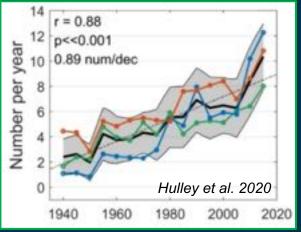
Rome reached its warmest temperature on record at 40.8°C in June, 2022



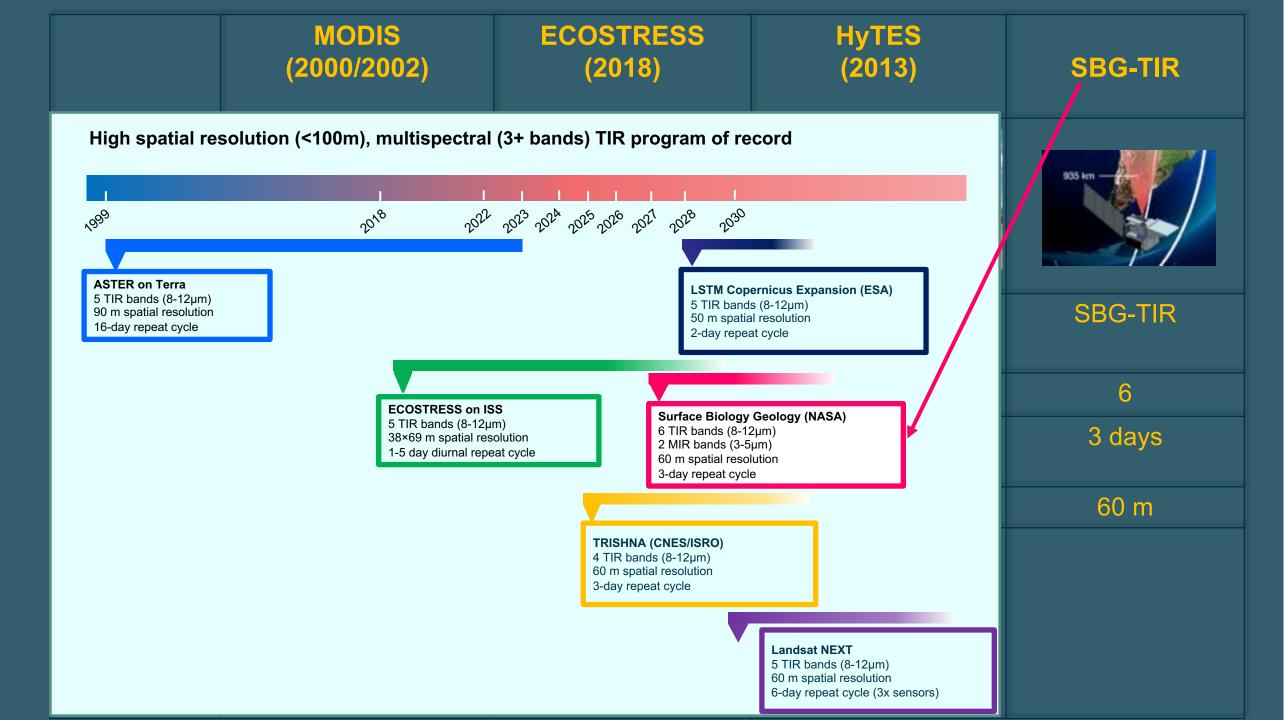
September 2022 heatwave was the hottest ever on record across the Western U.S



Urban heatwave frequency, duration, and intensity are increasing at record rates



Sensor	MODIS/VIIRS (2000/2002/2011)	ECOSTRESS (2018)	HyTES (2013)	Surface Biology Geology (SBG) (2027)
				935 km
Platform	Aqua/Terra/S-NPP	International Space Station	Twin Otter/ER2	SBG-TIR
TIR bands	3	5	256	6 (+2 MIR)
Temporal	Twice Daily (1:30am/pm)	3-5 days	Campaigns	3 days
Spatial	1000 m	70 m (30m sharpened)	1 - 10 m	60 m
Example Imagery		Golf course Cemetery	Roofs	



Land Surface Temperature (LST) for monitoring extreme heat

35°0

2m Air Temperature – ERA5

Where and Who Experienced **Extreme Temperature** in April 2022

Estimated population who experienced more than ≥ 44°C 13 crore 9.4% of India's population 2 42°C 53 crore 38% ≥ 40°C 90 crore 65%

population experienced temperatures >40 °C in

Compact low-rise

concrete settlements

5 km

ECOSTRESS Land Surface Temperature,

Delhi, India, 13 March, 2022, 8:03pm local

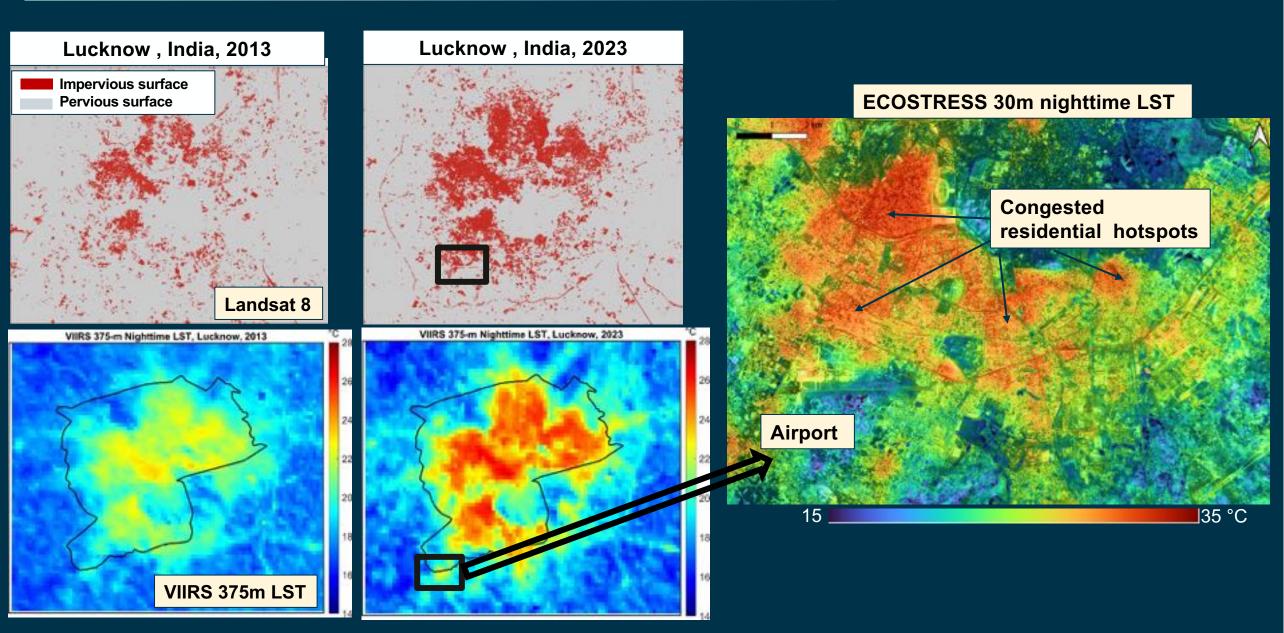
65% of India's April 2022

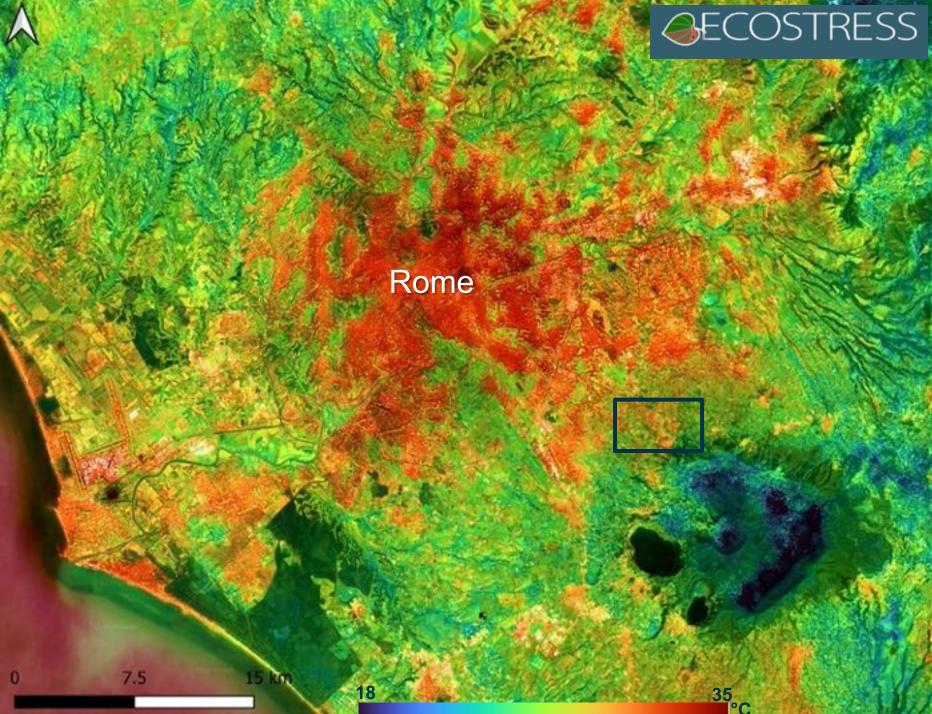
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Max temperature on any day of April

Identifying and quantifying urban heat island growth





ECOSTRESS sharpened land surface temperature (30m) image overlaid on Google Earth

Rome, Italy 25 July, 2022, 09:23 pm

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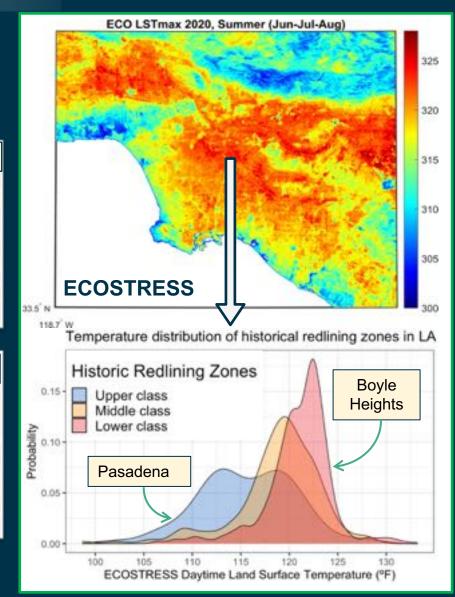
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Revealing inequities in extreme heat impacts

POORER NEIGHBORHOODS ARE UP TO 15°C WARMER



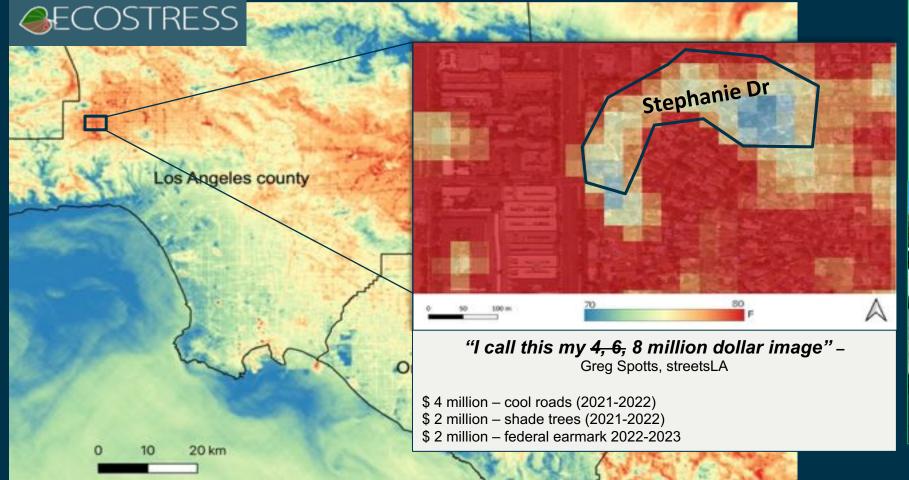
Redlining = discriminatory practice of segregating communities into areas less desireable to live in



Shreevastava, et al., 2023 (in prep.)

Reducing heat and improving quality of life

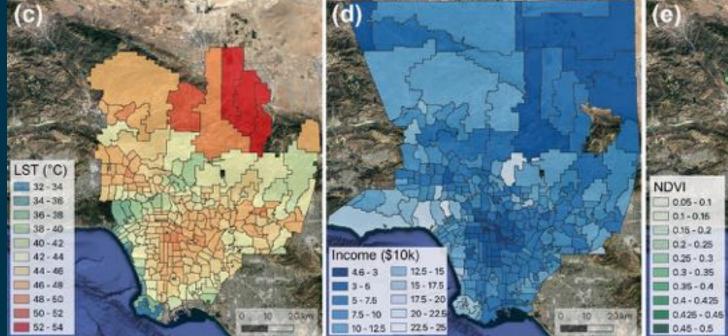
REFLECTIVE COATING ON STREETS results in 2-3 °C cooling

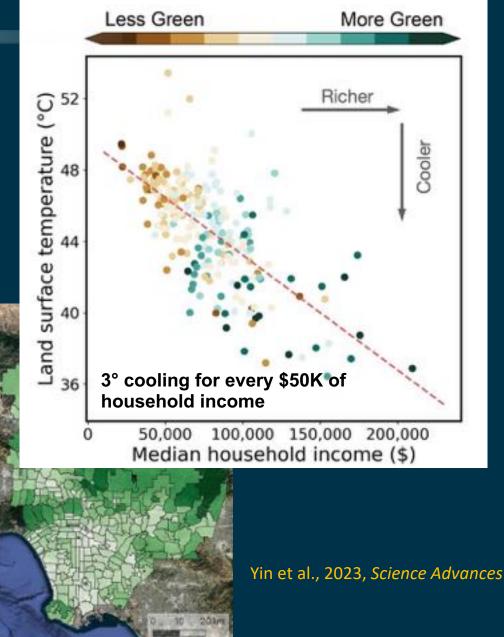




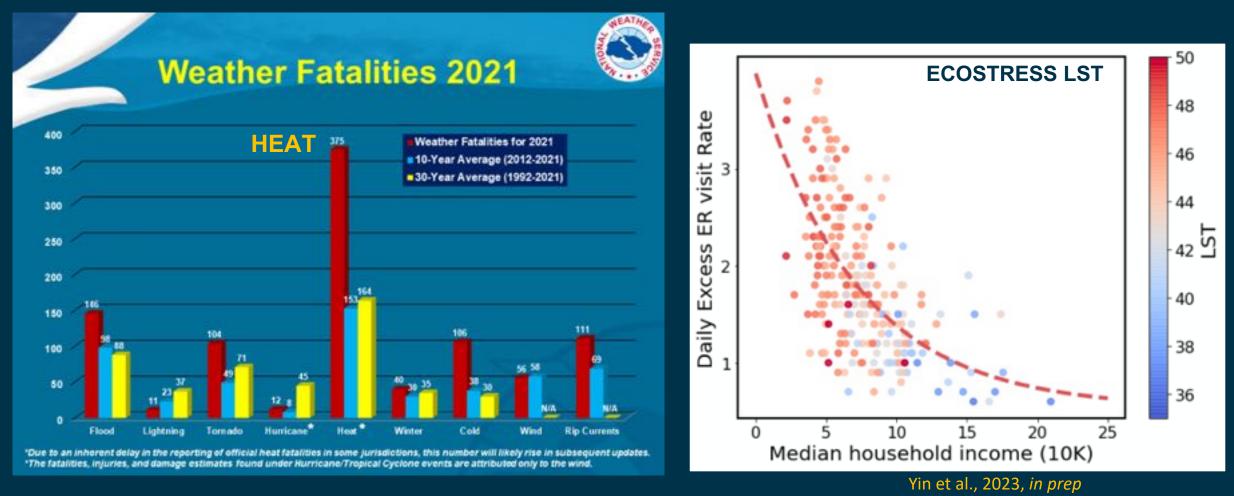
Inequality in heat exposure

Negative correlation between median household income and ECOSTRESS land surface temperature





Increased ER visits during extreme heat events



- Heat cramps, and heatstroke (hyperthermia) most common ER visits
- Other underlying health issues often overlooked, e.g. mental health, cognitive function.

Locals use fountains to cool of as downtown Rome reached its warmest temperature on record at 40.8°C in June, 2022.



Questions?

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