

# Può l'intelligenza artificiale contribuire allo studio del clima?

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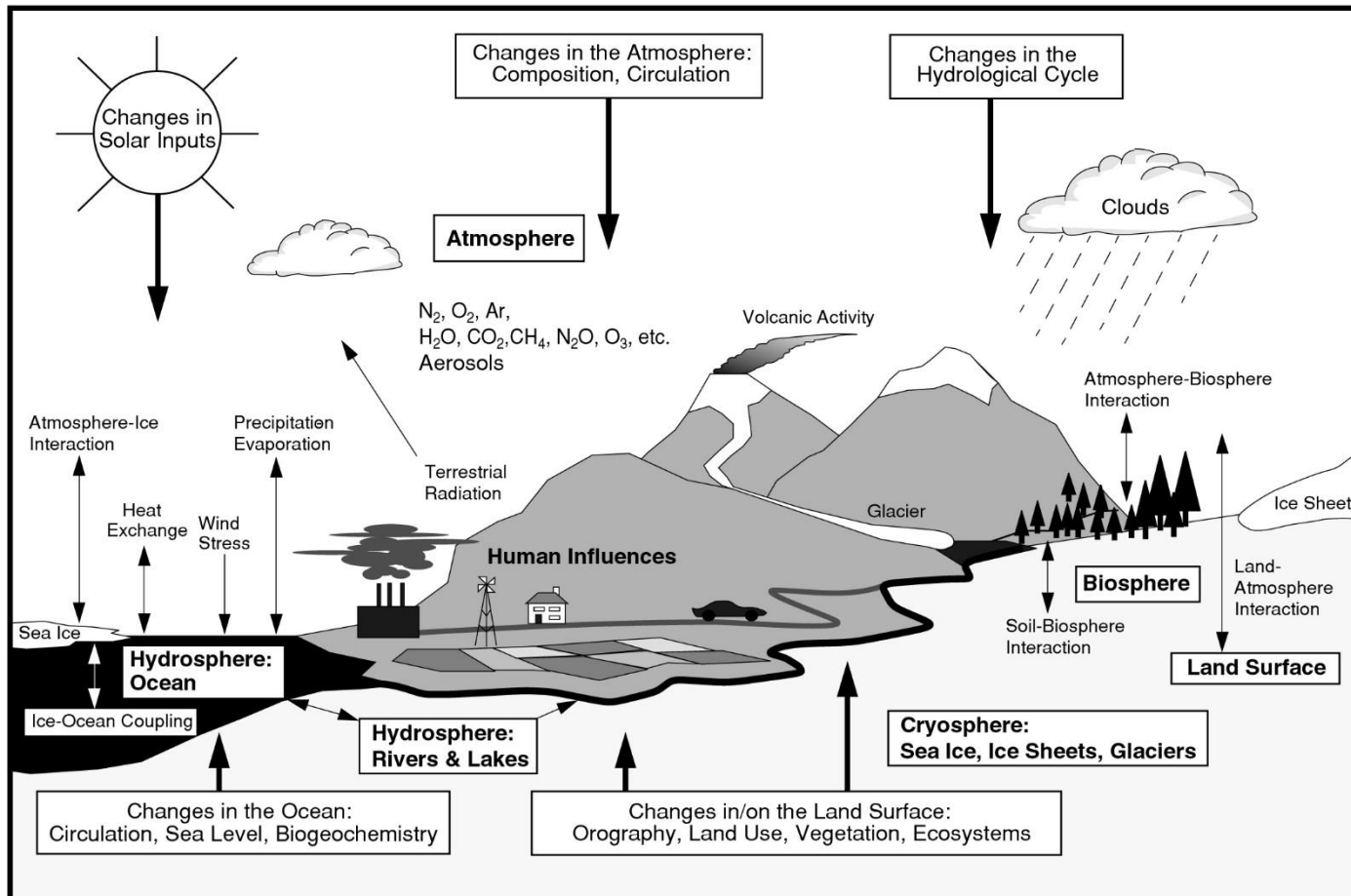


# Un'analisi in 4 esempi

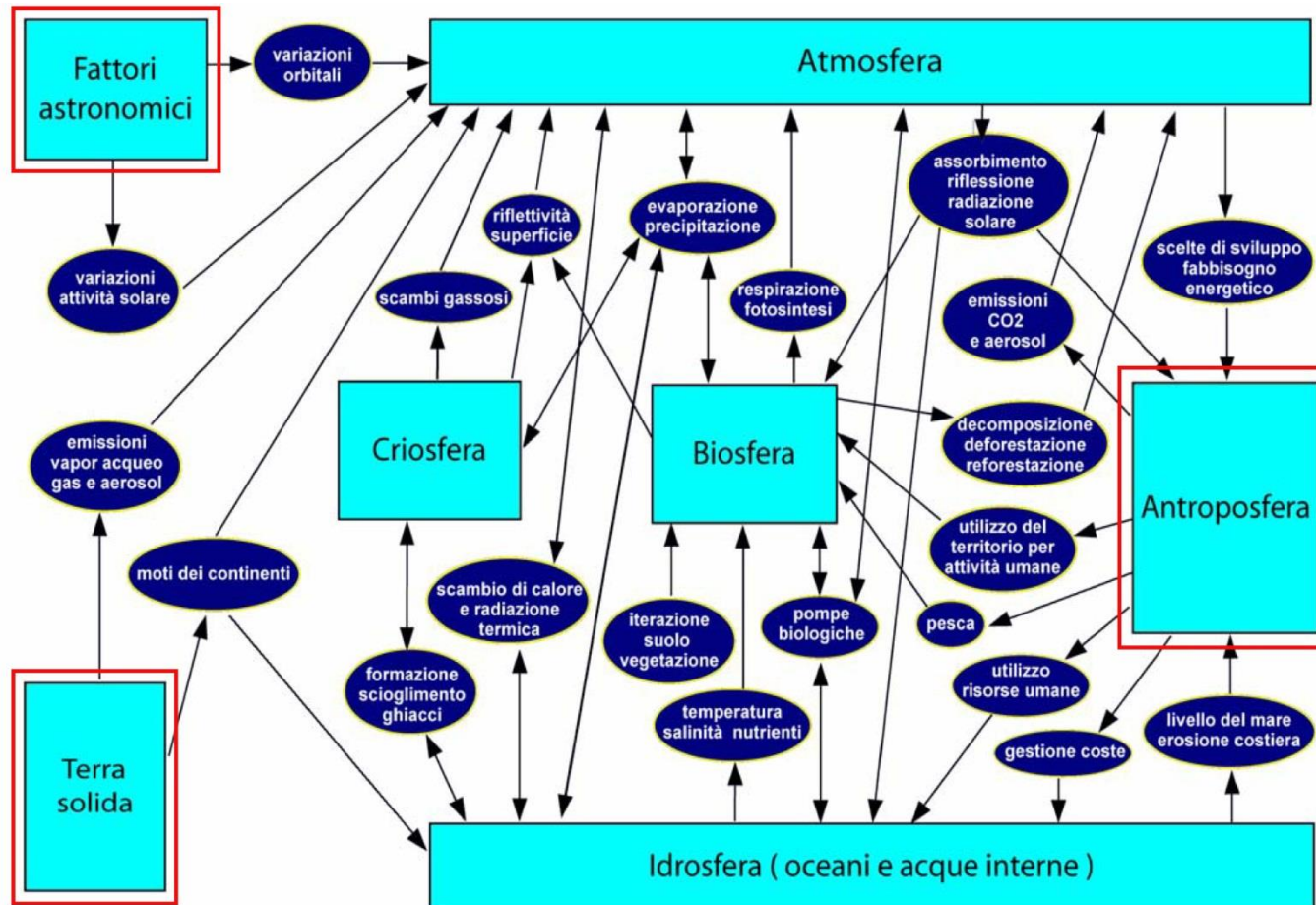
- Attribuzione delle cause del riscaldamento globale
- Natura dell'Atlantic Multidecadal Oscillation
- Cause delle migrazioni umane dal Sahel all'Italia
- Scenari climatici a livello locale



# Il clima è un sistema complesso



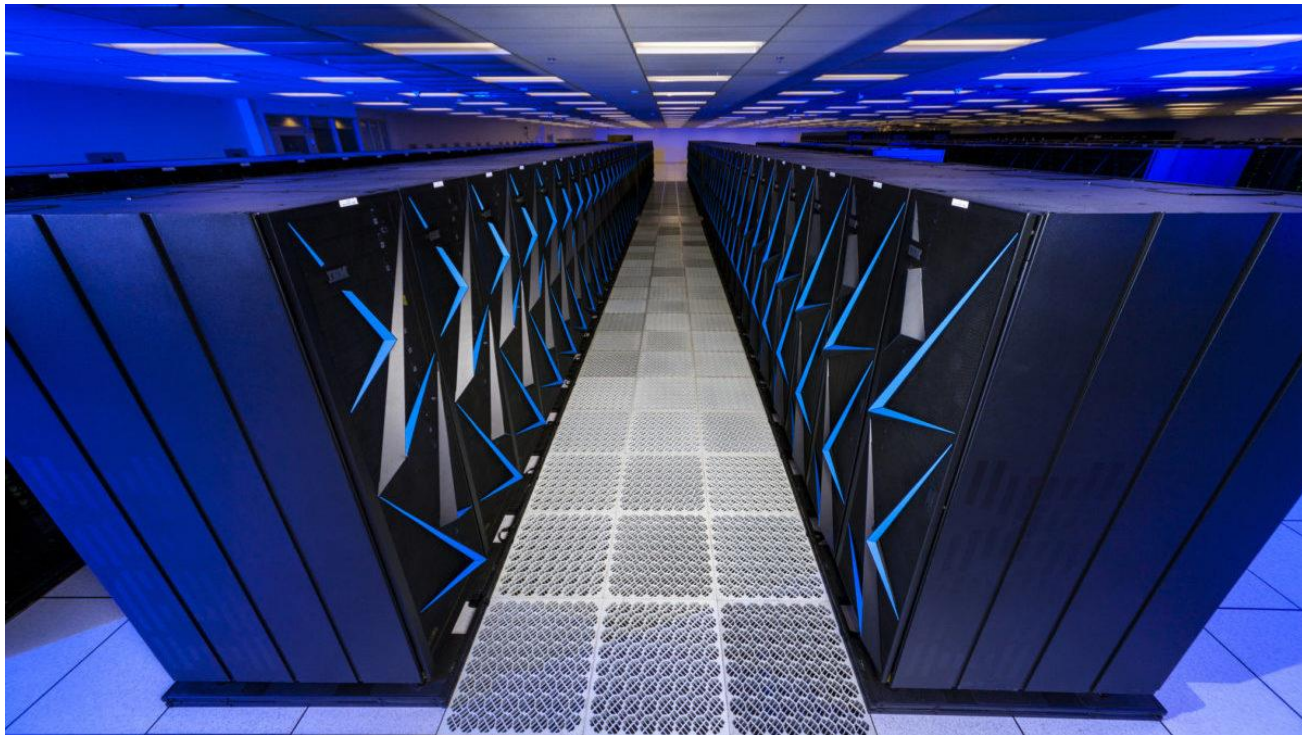
# Il clima è un sistema complesso



Adattata da Lionello, 2006

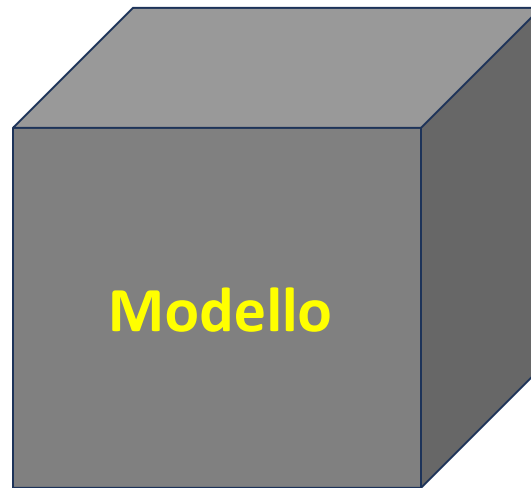
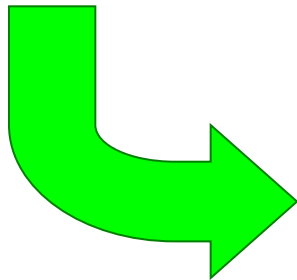
# Di fronte alla complessità

Da un laboratorio reale ad un laboratorio virtuale:



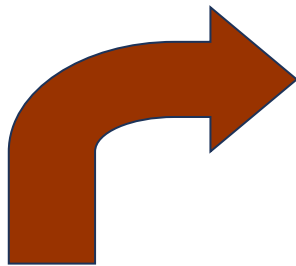
# L'analisi delle cause

Input naturali



Comportamento  
climatico

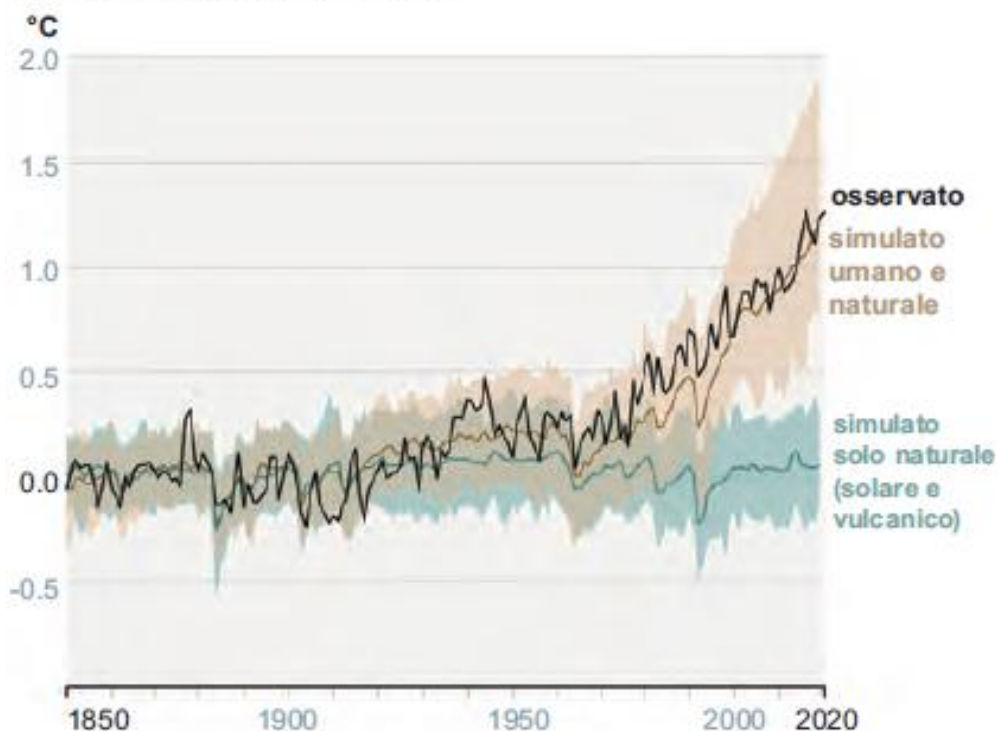
Input  
antropogenici



# Attribuzione delle cause

## Modelli dinamici: Global Climate Models (GCMs)

b) Variazione della temperatura superficiale globale (media annua) osservata e simulata utilizzando fattori umani e naturali e solo fattori naturali (entrambi 1850-2020)



Linea beige:

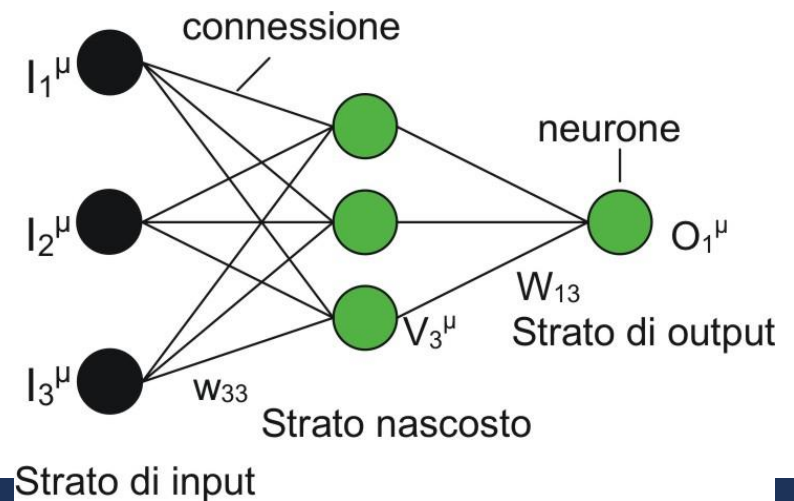
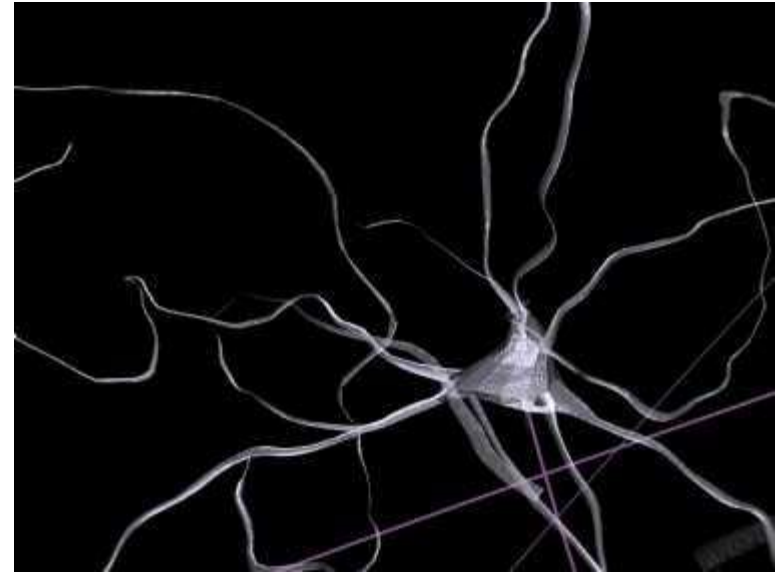
Diamo al modello tutti i valori realmente osservati delle forzanti

Linea azzurra:

Le forzanti antropogeniche sono tenute fisse ai valori costanti del 1850

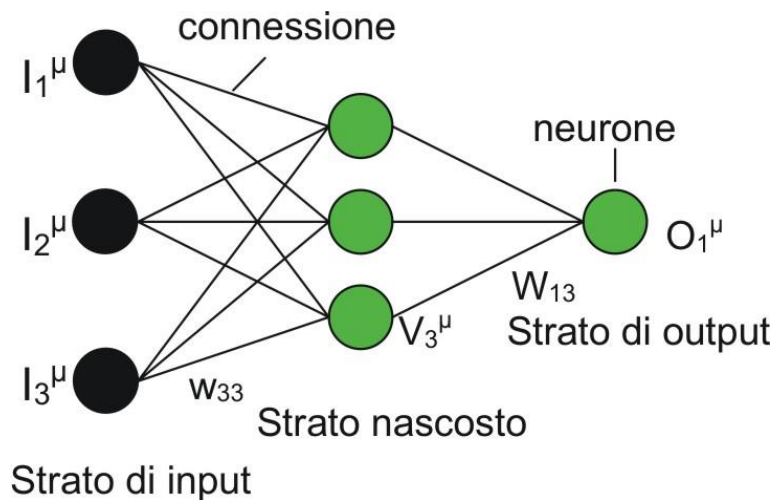
Adattata da IPCC, 2021

# Una strategia differente





# Il tool di reti neurali



Multi-Layer Perceptrons (MLPs) abbastanza standard:

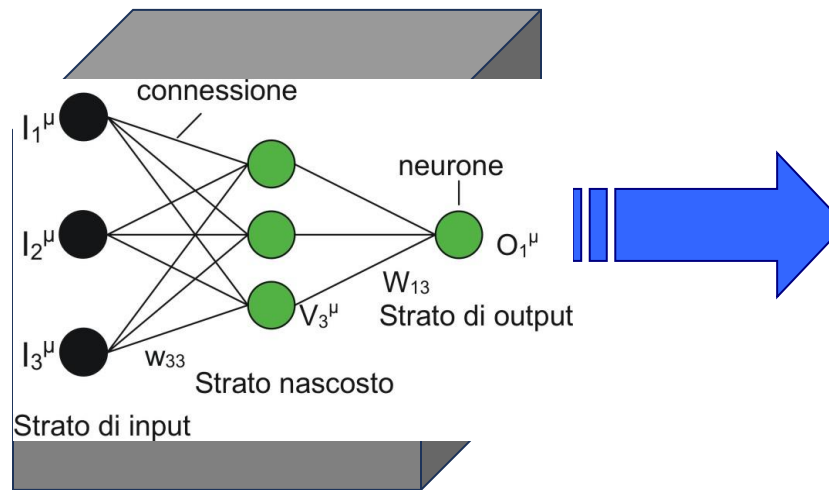
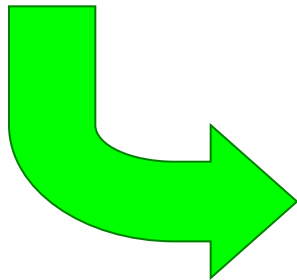
- Reti feed-forward con un hidden layer;
- Metodo di back-propagation classico o quasi-Newtoniano: algoritmo di Broyden-Fletcher-Golfarb-Shanno (BFGS) (**nuovo**).

Un tool specifico per datasets storici corti:

- ensemble leave-one-out con early stopping (vedi Pasini, 2015).

# Un modello a rete neurale

Input naturali



Comportamento climatico

Input antropogenici



# Ricostruzioni neurali

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## SCIENTIFIC REPORTS

### OPEN Attribution of recent temperature behaviour reassessed by a neural-network method

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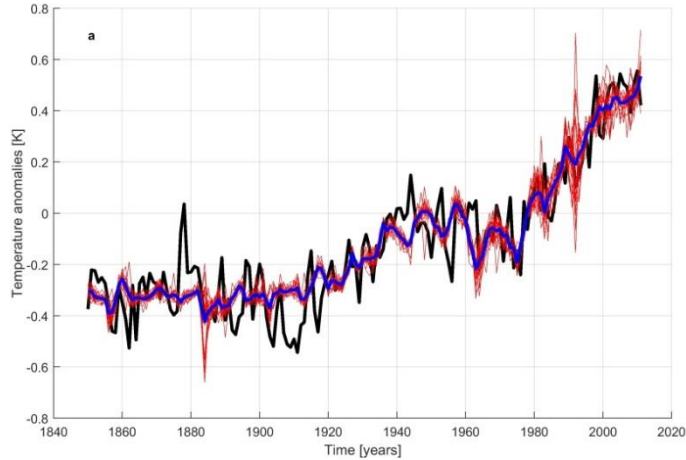
Attribution studies on recent global warming by Global Climate Model (GCM) ensembles converge in showing the fundamental role of anthropogenic forcings as primary drivers of temperature in the last half century. However, despite their differences, all these models pertain to the same dynamical approach and come from a common ancestor, so that their very similar results in attribution studies are not surprising and cannot be considered as a clear proof of robustness of the results themselves. Thus, here we adopt a completely different, non-dynamical, data-driven and fully nonlinear approach to the attribution problem. By means of neural network (NN) modelling, and analysing the last 160 years, we perform attribution experiments and find that the strong increase in global temperature of the last half century may be attributed basically to anthropogenic forcings (with details on their specific contributions), while the Sun considerably influences the period 1910–1975. Furthermore, the role of sulphate aerosols and Atlantic Multidecadal Oscillation for better catching interannual to decadal temperature variability is clarified. Sensitivity analyses to forcing changes are also performed. The NN outcomes both corroborate our previous knowledge from GCMs and give new insight into the relative contributions of external forcings and internal variability to climate.



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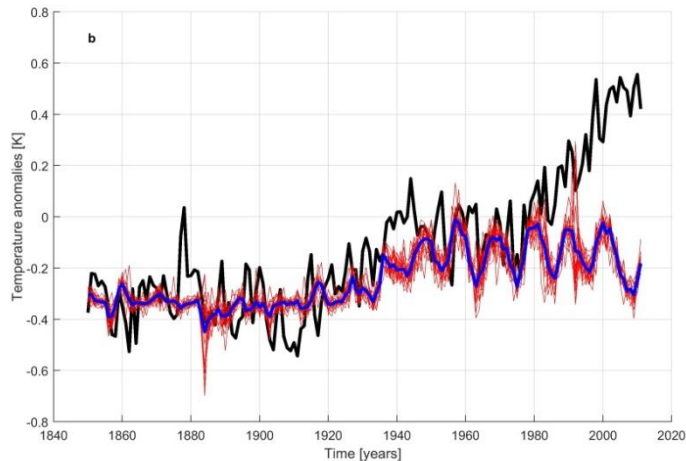
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# Ricostruzioni neurali



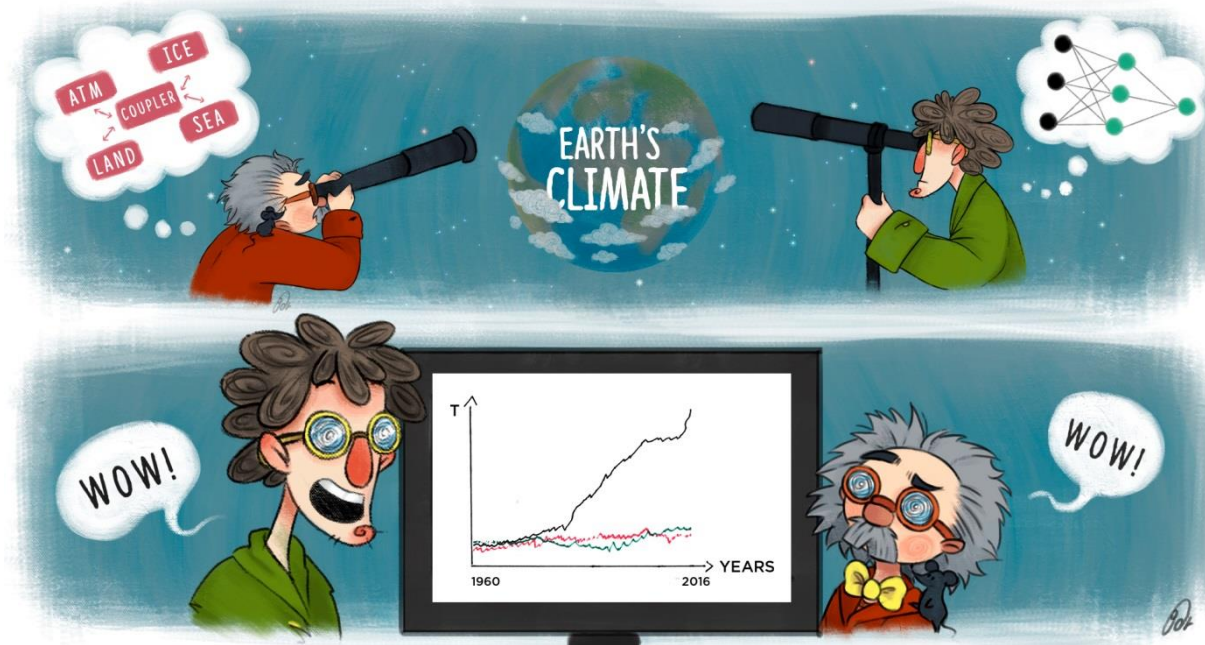
Con forzanti naturali  
e antropogeniche  
reali

Pasini et al., 2017



Con forzanti  
antropogeniche  
ferme al 1850

# Robustezza

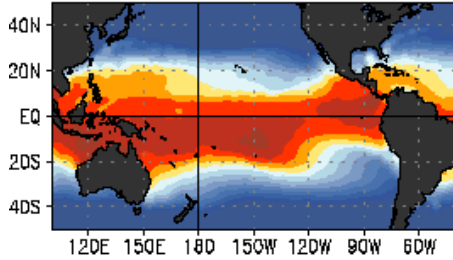


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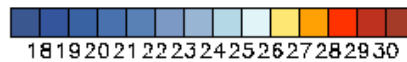
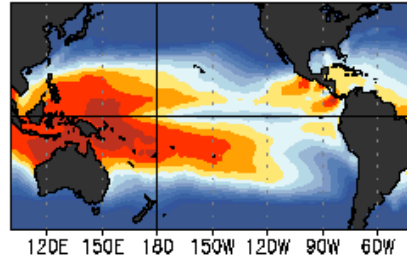
## El Niño Southern Oscillation (ENSO)

### OCEAN TEMPERATURES (°C)

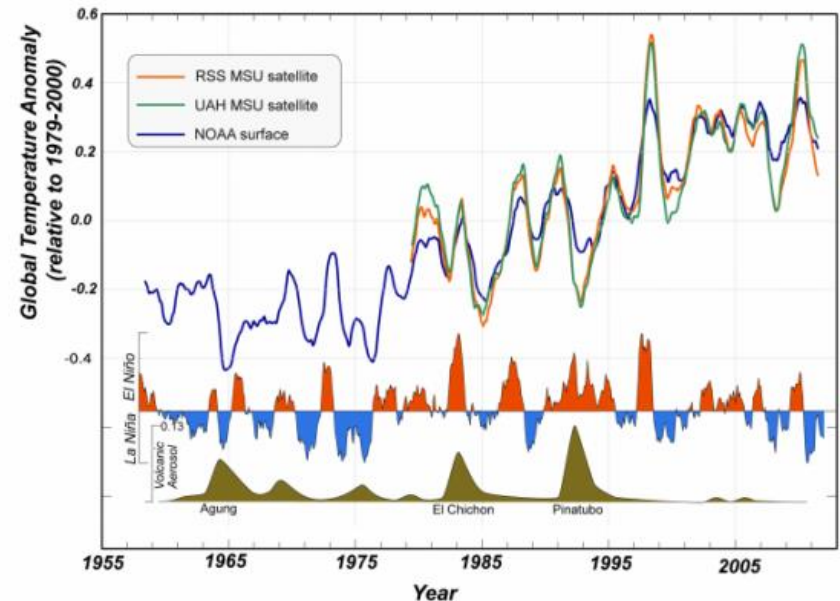
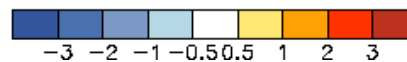
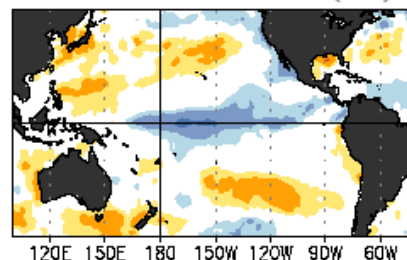
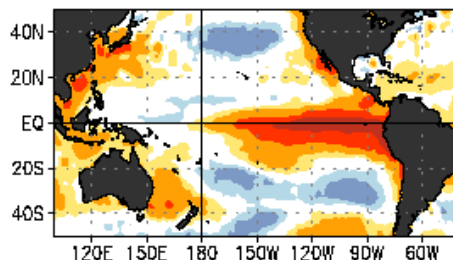
**EL NIÑO**  
Jan-Mar 1998



**LA NIÑA**  
Jan-Mar 1989



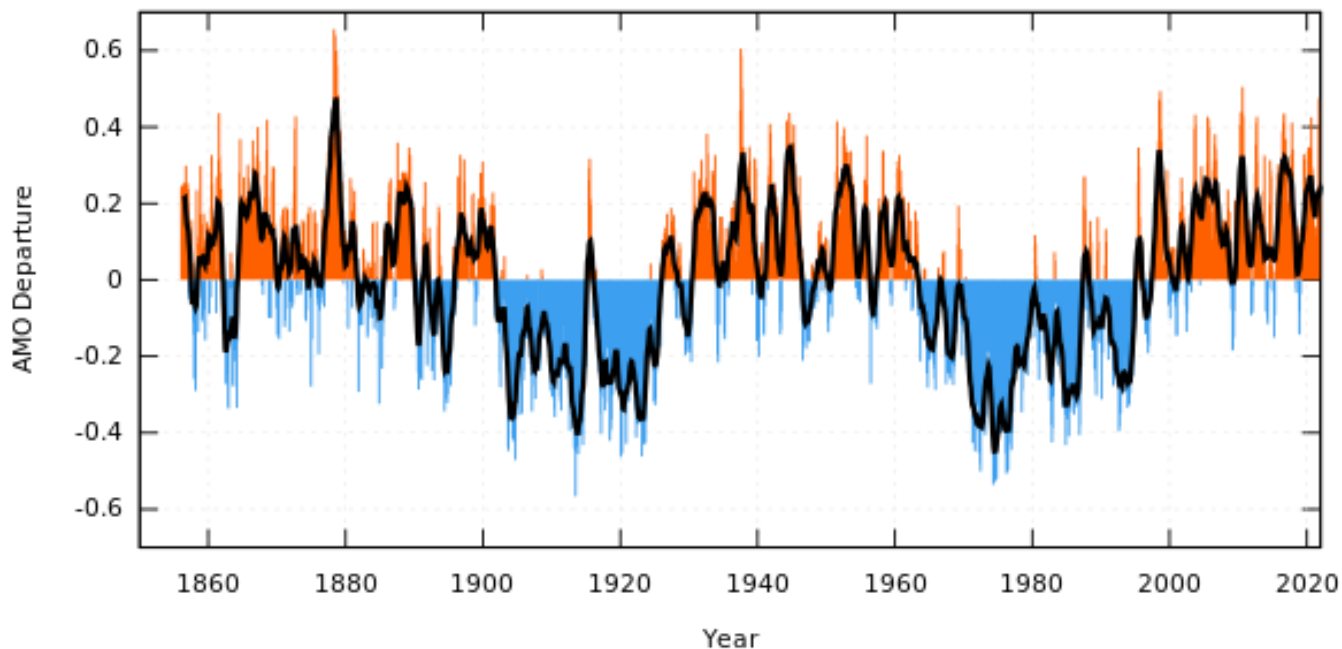
### OCEAN TEMPERATURE DEPARTURES (°C)



# Variabilità naturale

## Atlantic Multidecadal Oscillation (AMO)

Monthly values for the AMO index, 1856 - 2022



# Variabilità naturale

## Atlantic Multidecadal Oscillation (AMO)

Theoretical and Applied Climatology (2022) 150:881–892  
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RESEARCH



### Is natural variability really natural? The case of Atlantic Multidecadal Oscillation investigated by a neural network model

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#### Abstract

Is Atlantic Multidecadal Oscillation a genuine representation of natural variability in the climate system? Or perhaps is it strongly forced by external drivers? In this paper, a data-driven attribution investigation has been performed for the Atlantic Multidecadal Oscillation (AMO) behaviour in the past via a machine learning technique, NN modelling. We clearly see a forced nature of AMO in the last 150 years, with a strong contribution of the forcing coming from anthropogenic sulphates, which induces its typical oscillating behaviour. The following original application of our model to future predictions of the AMO behaviour shows that it shall probably lose its oscillating characteristic features. The only way to recover them is to consider an unrealistic increase in anthropogenic sulphates in the future under a strong mitigation scenario, and possibly a low-power solar regime. Due to the established influence of AMO on climate and meteorological phenomena in several regions of the world, our results can be important to better understand the past and envisage several future scenarios.

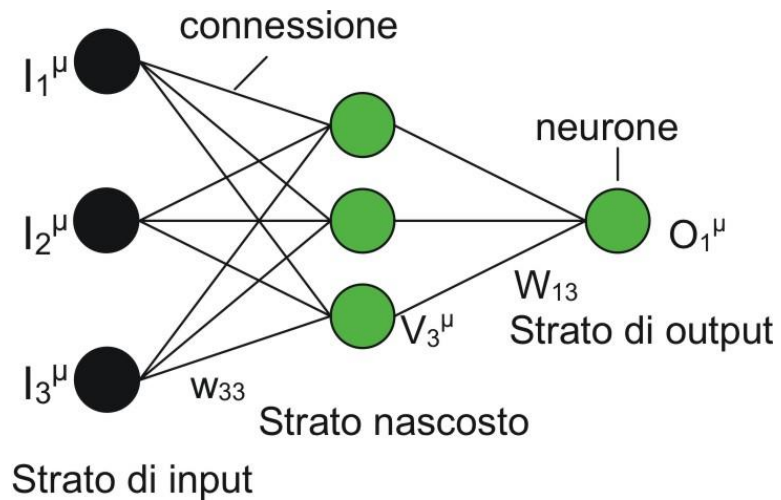




# Lo studio

## Predittori

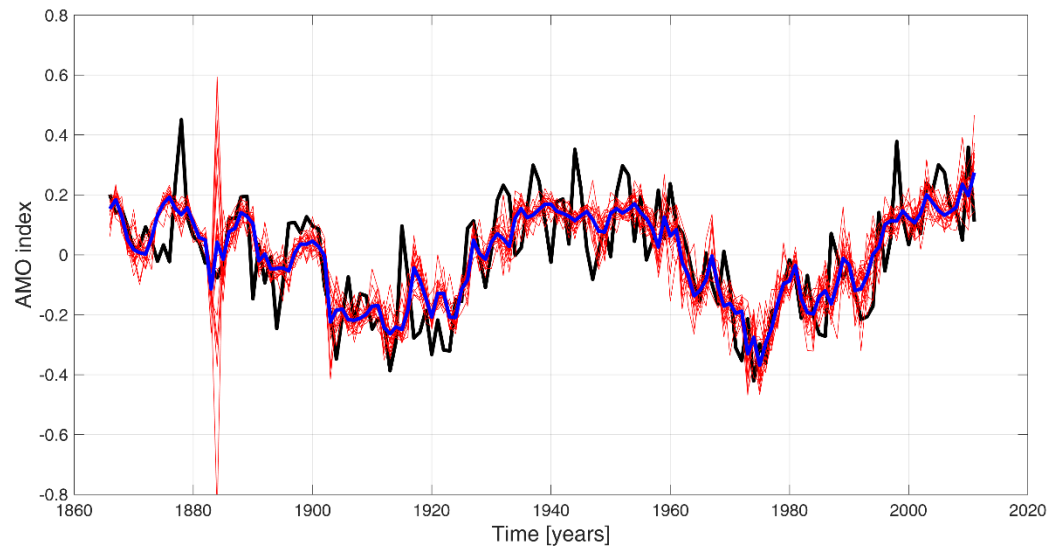
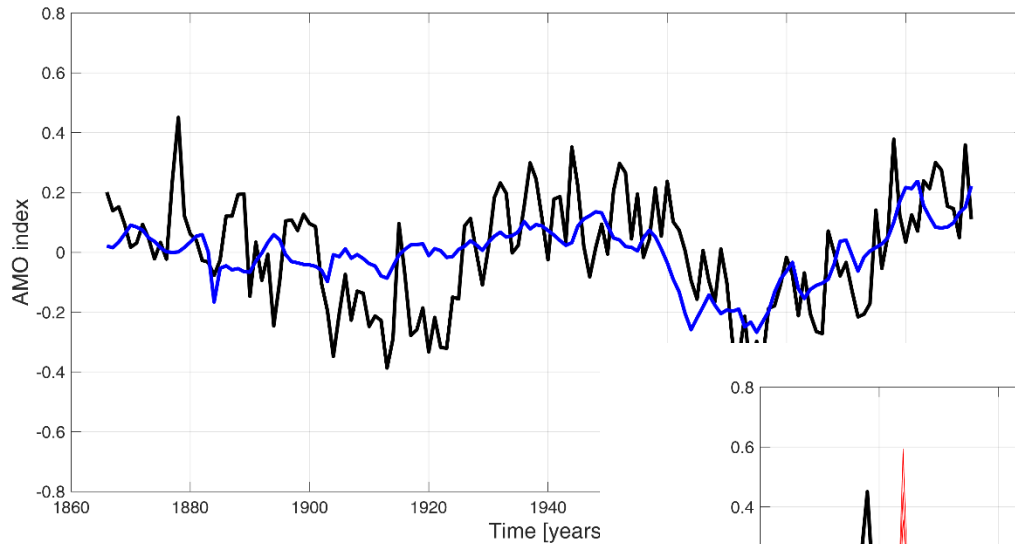
RFSOL  
RFVOL  
RFWARM  
RFSOX



Predittando  
Indice AMO

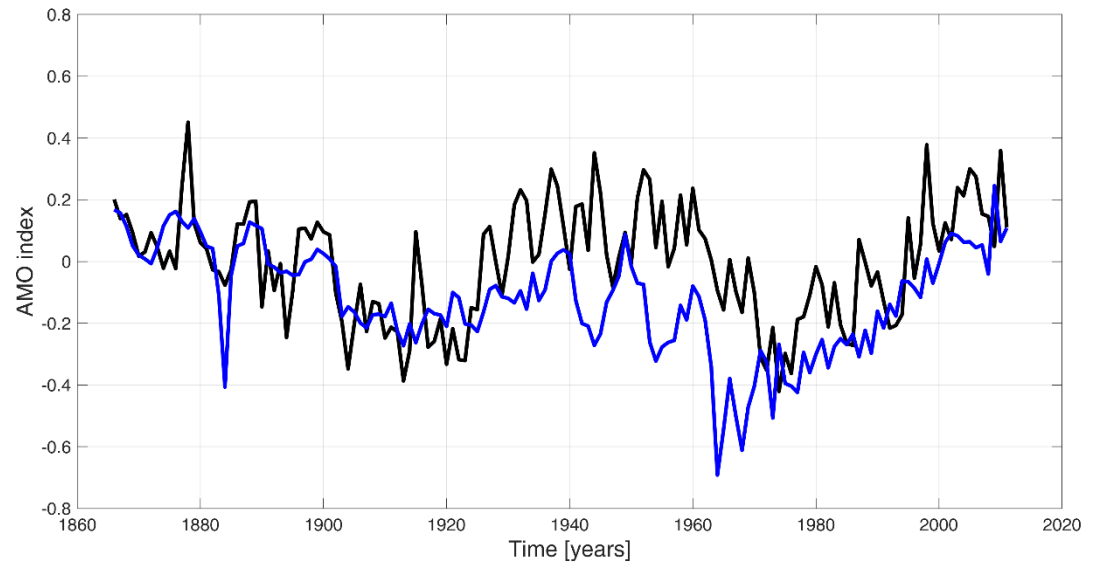
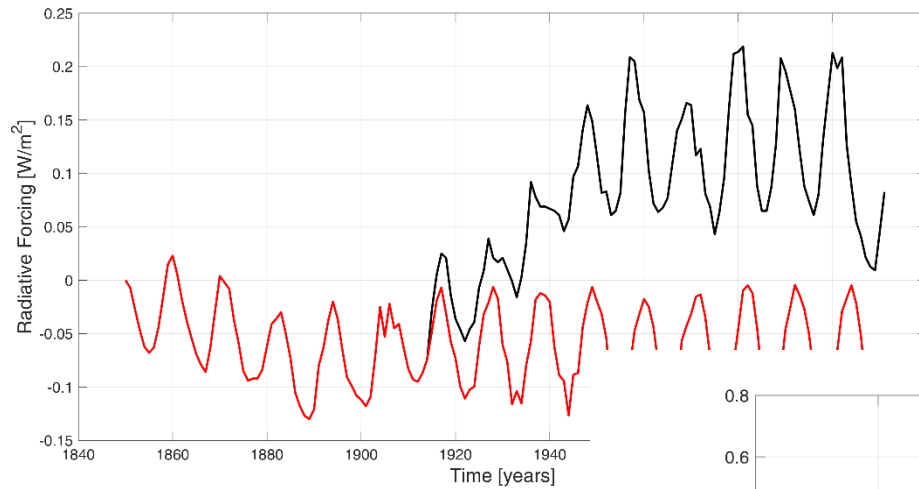
# AMO

## Ricostruzioni lineare e neurale



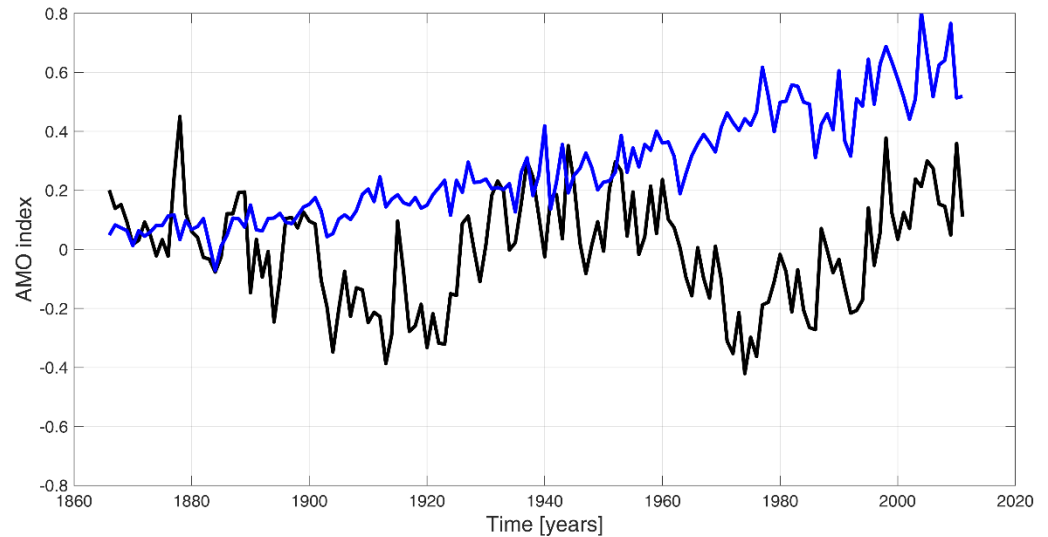
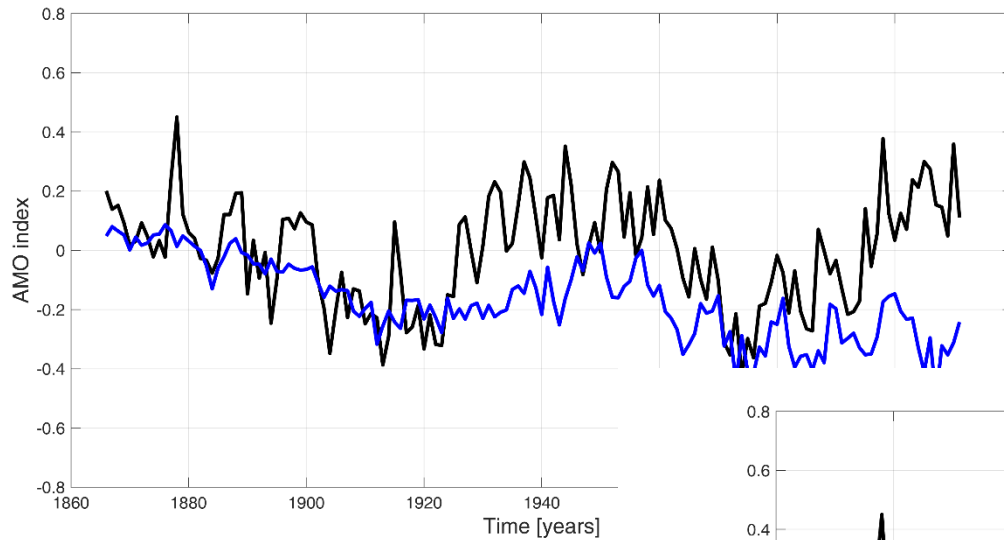
# AMO

## L'influsso del Sole



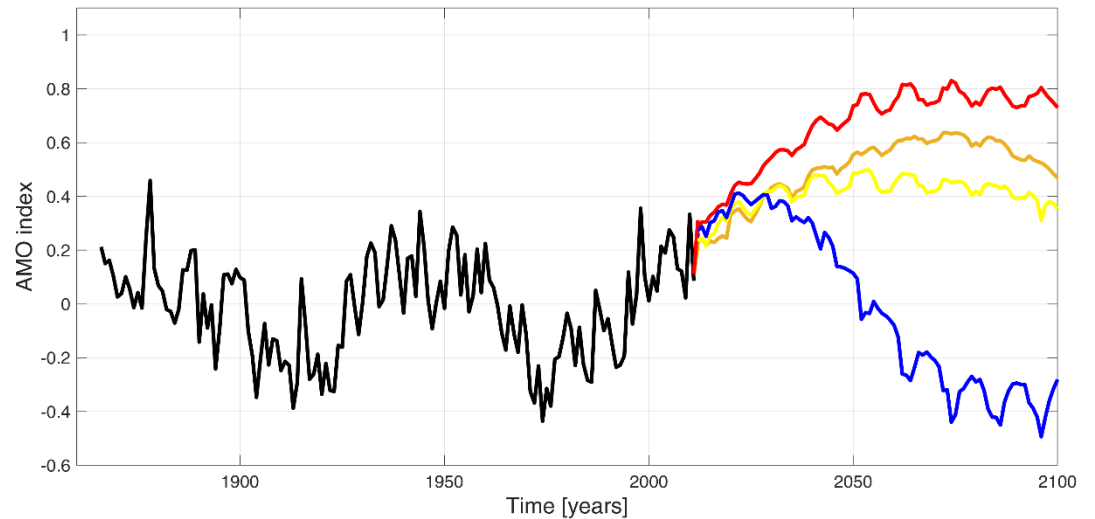
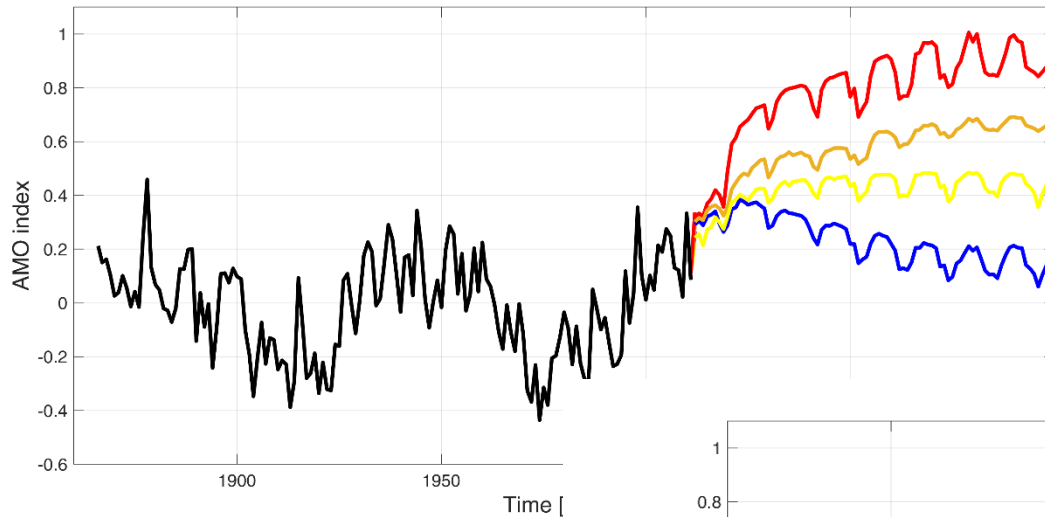
# AMO

## L'influsso dei gas serra e dei solfati



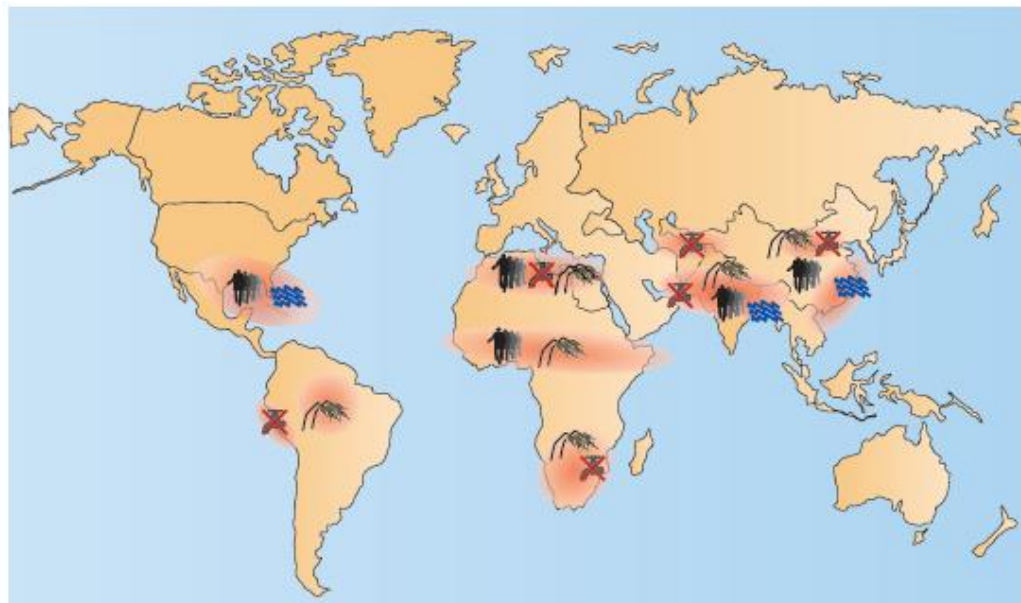
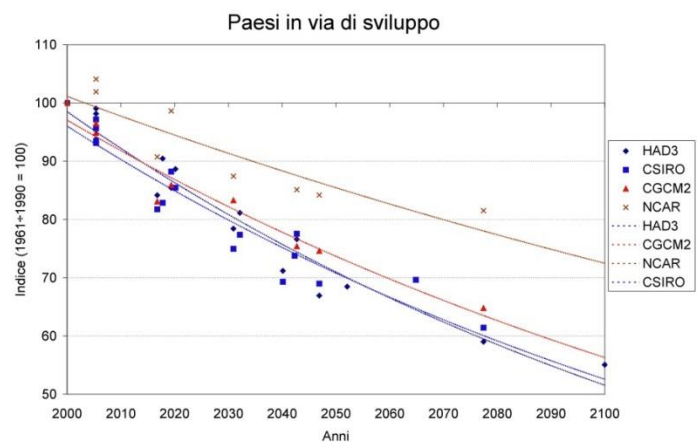
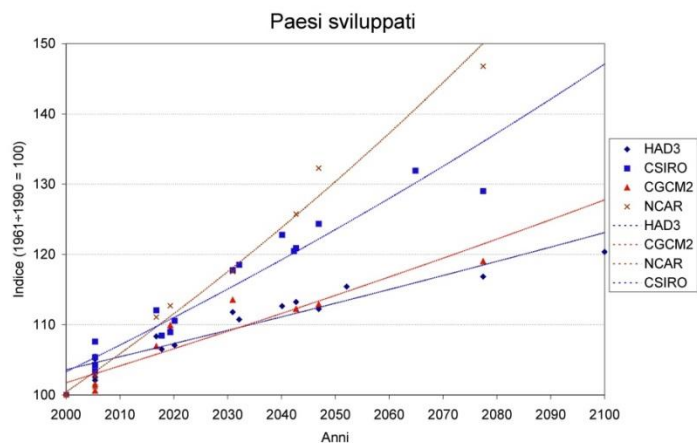
# AMO

## Scenari futuri



# Un impatto del cambiamento climatico

Innesco o concausa di conflitti



✕ Climate-induced degradation of freshwater resources

🌴 Climate-induced decline in food production

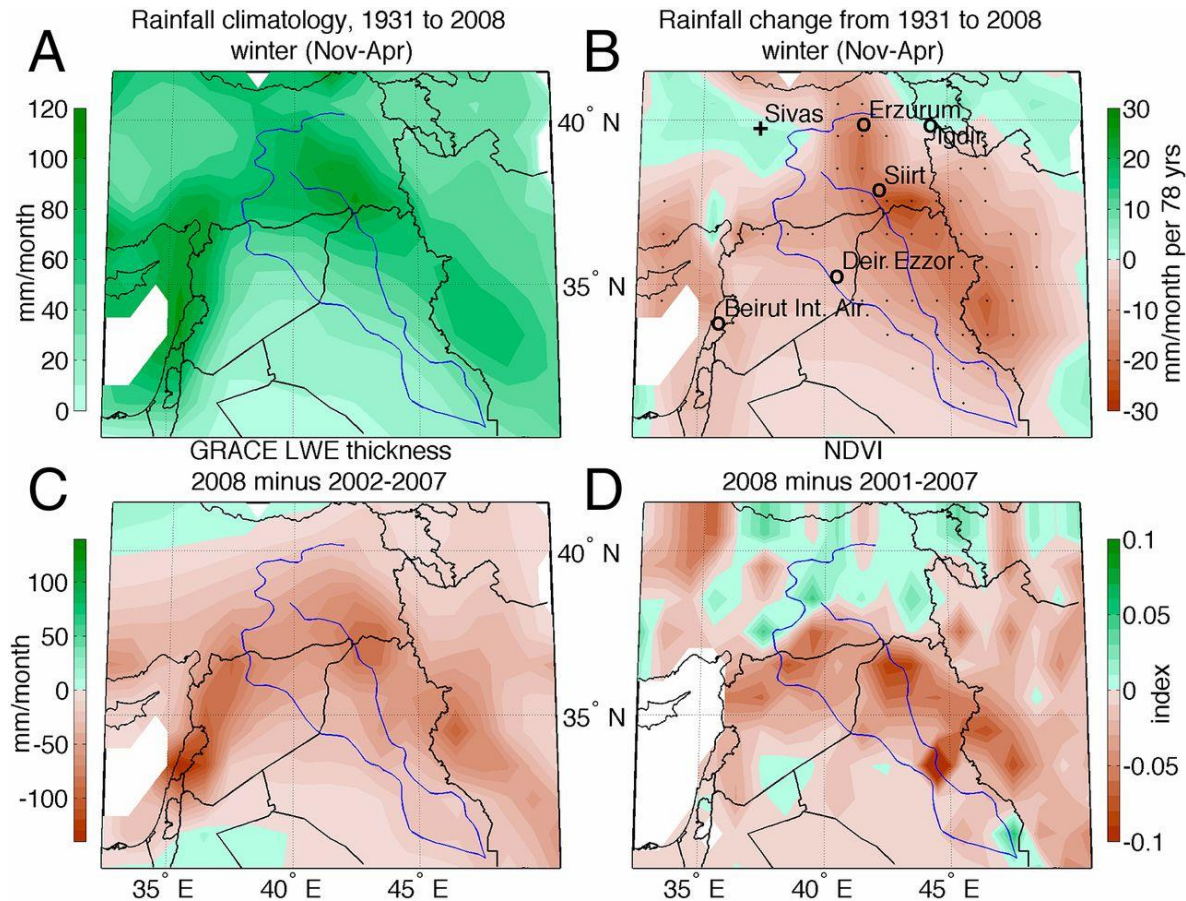
● Hotspots

🌊 Climate-induced increase in storm and flood disasters

👤 Environmentally induced migration

# Problemi

## Il recente caso della crisi siriana (enorme siccità)



Colin P. Kelley et al. PNAS 2015;112:3241-3246

# Problemi

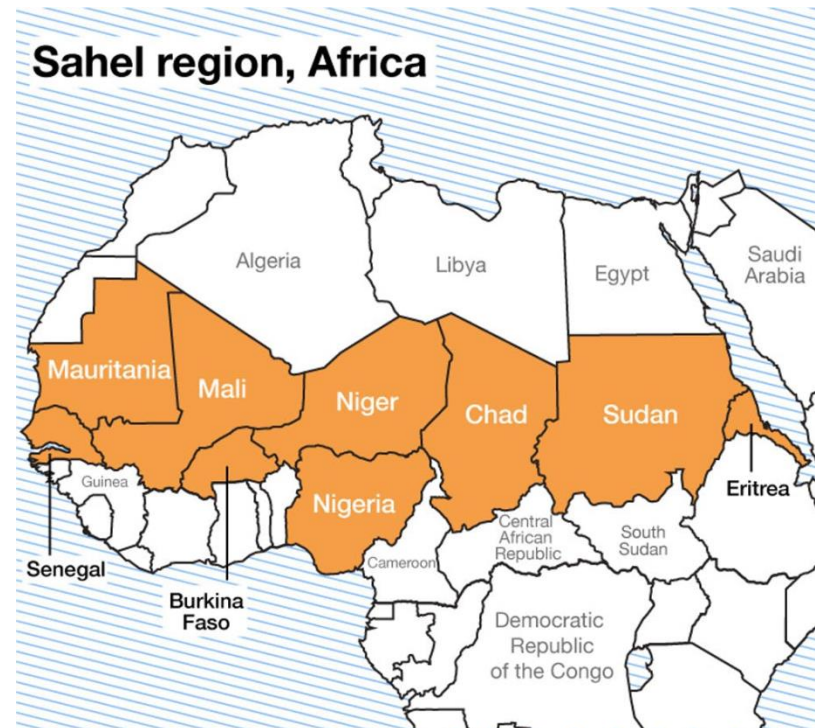
## I risultati





# Le nostre migrazioni

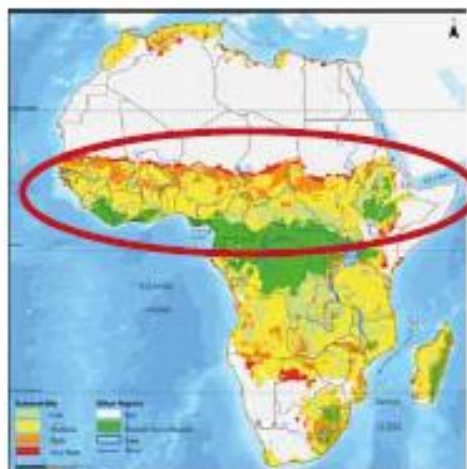
Una zona critica e molto fragile: il Sahel



# Le nostre migrazioni

## Il Sahel è critico da molti punti di vista

Desertification vulnerability in Africa (2008)



Conflicts and food riots in Africa 2007-2008



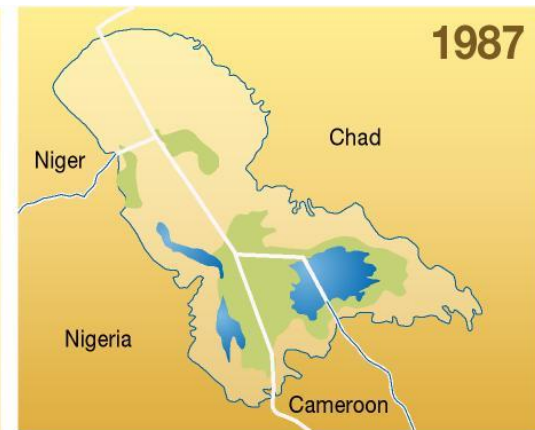
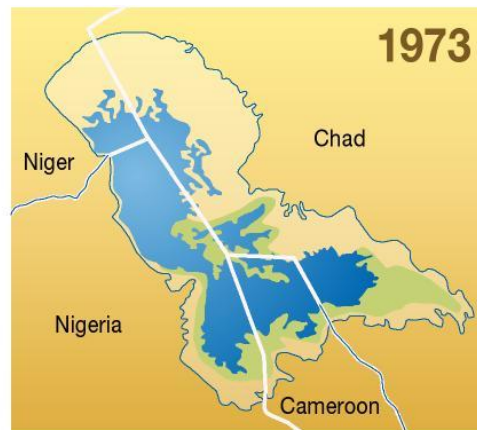
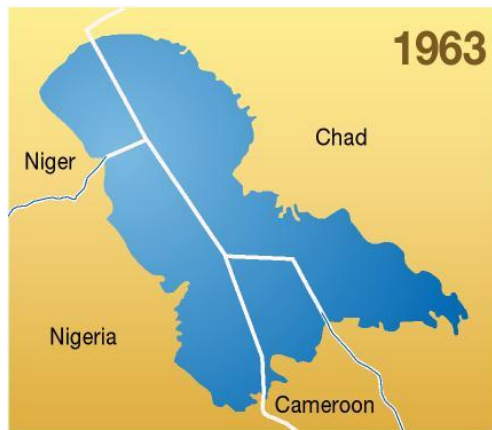
Terrorist Attacks 2012






UNCCD, 2014:  
*Desertification:  
The Invisible  
Frontline*

These three maps of Africa vividly show the concentrations of past terrorist attacks, food riots and other conflicts in areas that are vulnerable to desertification.

# Le nostre migrazioni



-  Water
-  Former shoreline
-  Vegetation

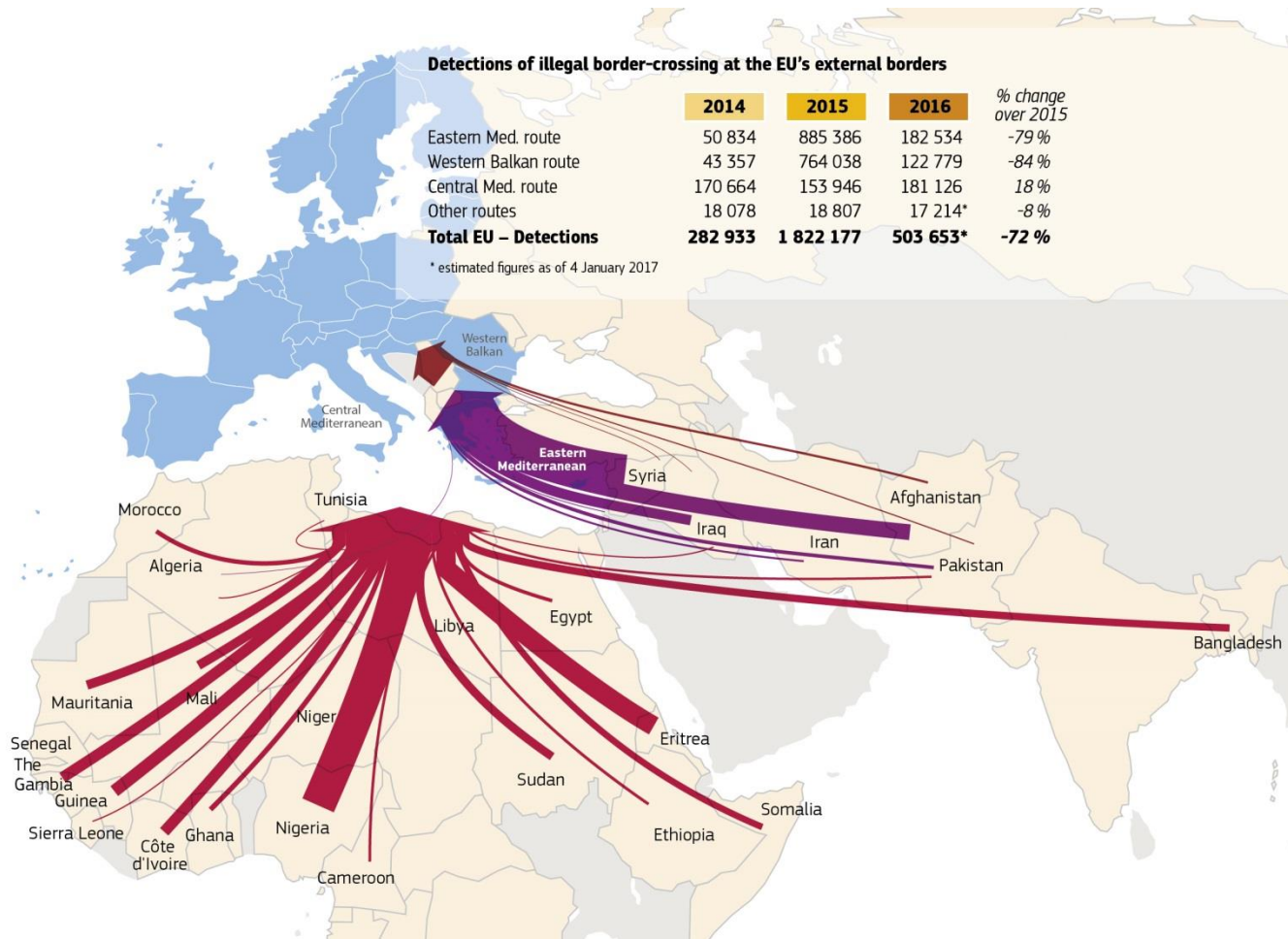
This collection of maps has been sourced from a series of satellite images provided by NASA Goddard Space Flight Center:

<http://www.gsfc.nasa.gov/gsfcc/earth/environ/lakechad/chad.htm>

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# Le nostre migrazioni

## Il risultato finale



# Uno studio specifico

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LETTER

## Linear and nonlinear influences of climatic changes on migration flows: a case study for the 'Mediterranean bridge'

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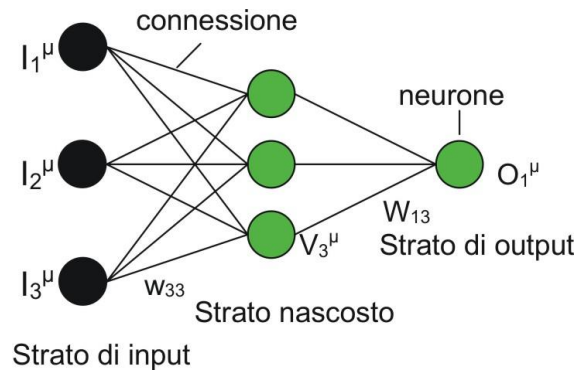
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Predittori  
(dati meteo-  
climatici)

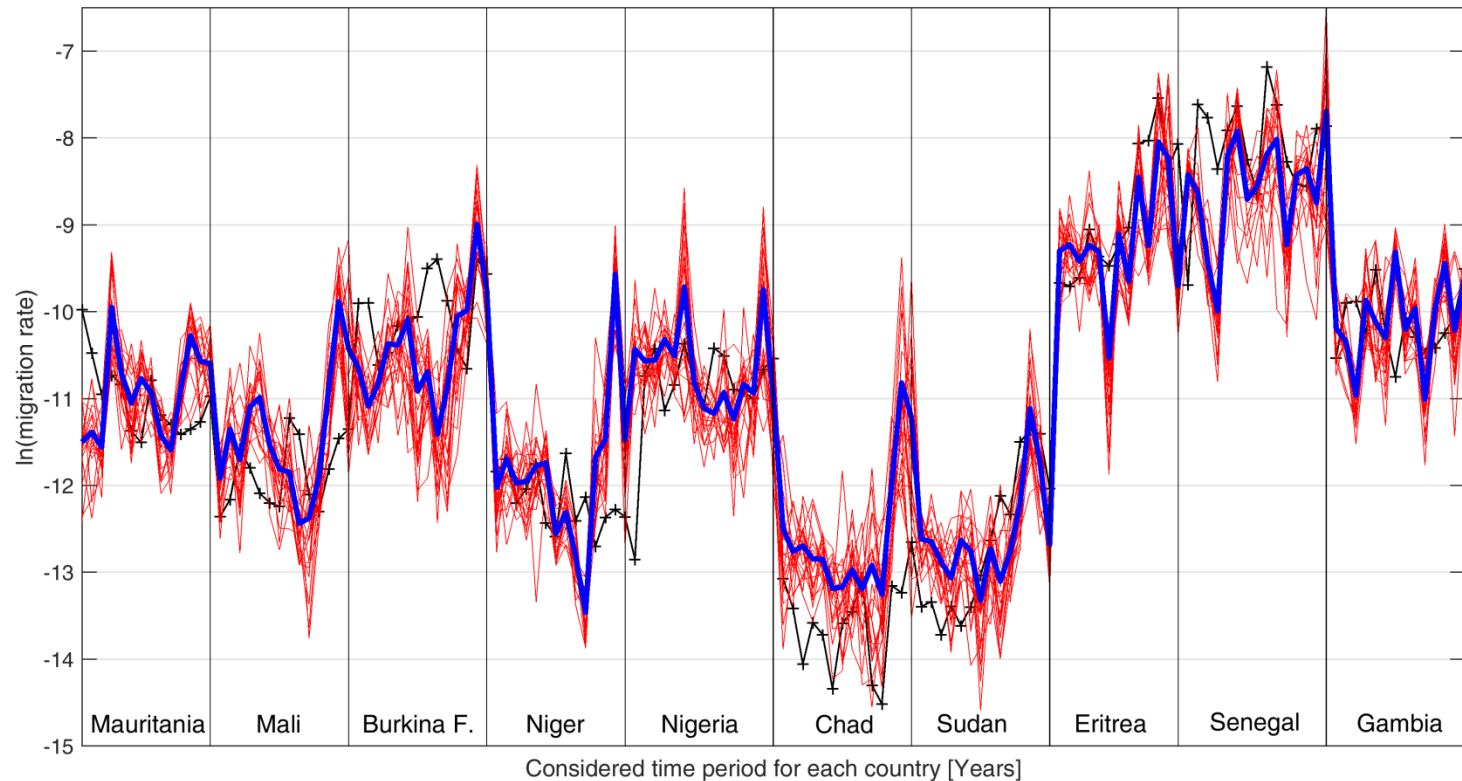


Predittando  
(flussi migratori)

# Risultati principali

Stima dei flussi migratori nel periodo 1995-2009  
(predittori: raccolti, temperature, precipitazioni, # ore con  $T > 30^\circ\text{C}$ )

( $R^2 = 0.78$ )



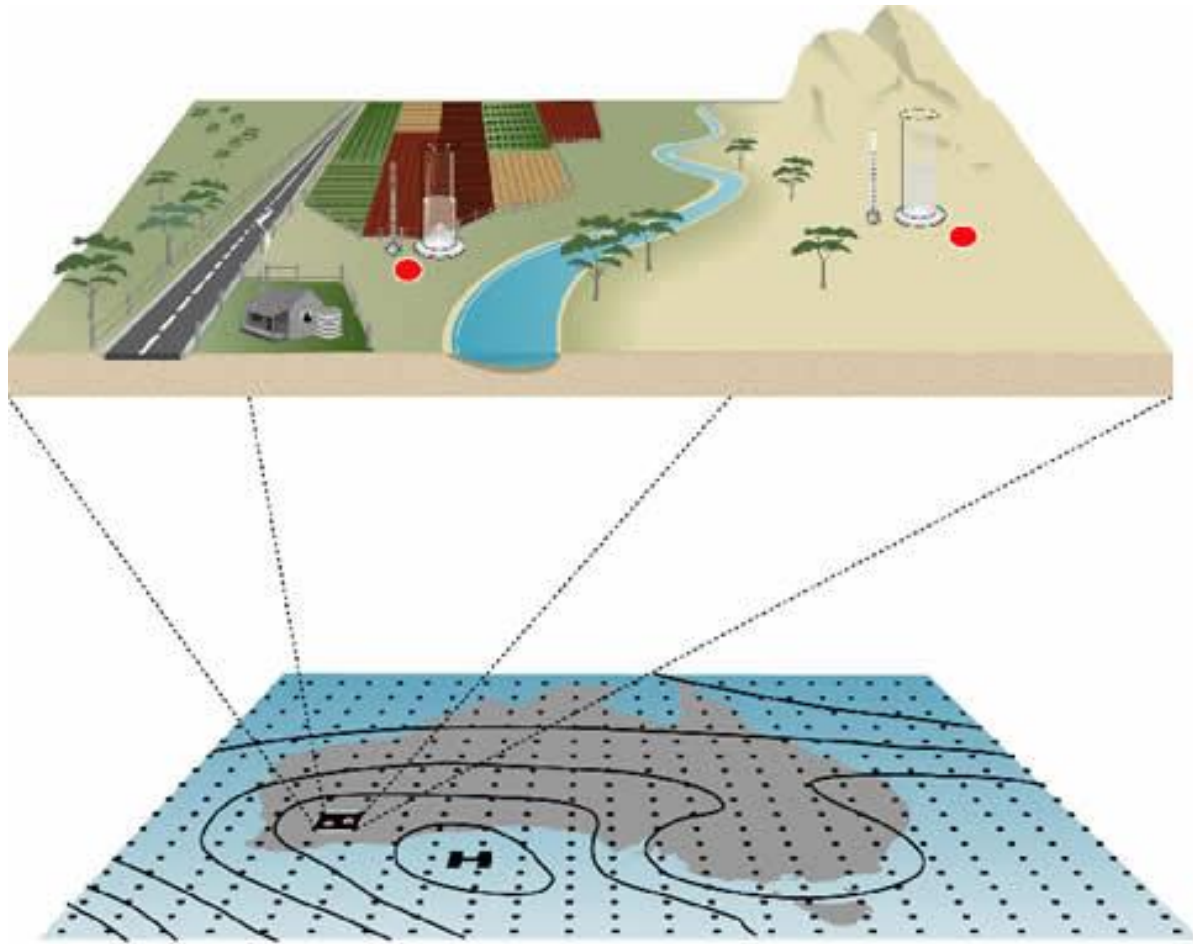
# Risultati principali

## Tabella per la stima dei flussi migratori

Inputs → Target	NN (R <sup>2</sup> )	Multilinear (R <sup>2</sup> )
Prec - Temp - # hours T>30°C - Yield → MigFlow	0.775	0.626
Prec - Temp - # hours T>30°C → MigFlow	0.671	0.611
Prec - Temp - Yield → MigFlow	0.683	0.632
Prec - # hours T>30°C - Yield → MigFlow	0.361	0.085
Temp - # hours T>30°C - Yield → MigFlow	0.715	0.447

I raccolti e il # di ore con T>30°C hanno un chiaro ruolo (non lineare) nell'indurre migrazioni; ciononostante, la temperatura appare essere la variabile più influente. Si sta raggiungendo la soglia della tolleranza fisiologica?

# Downscaling



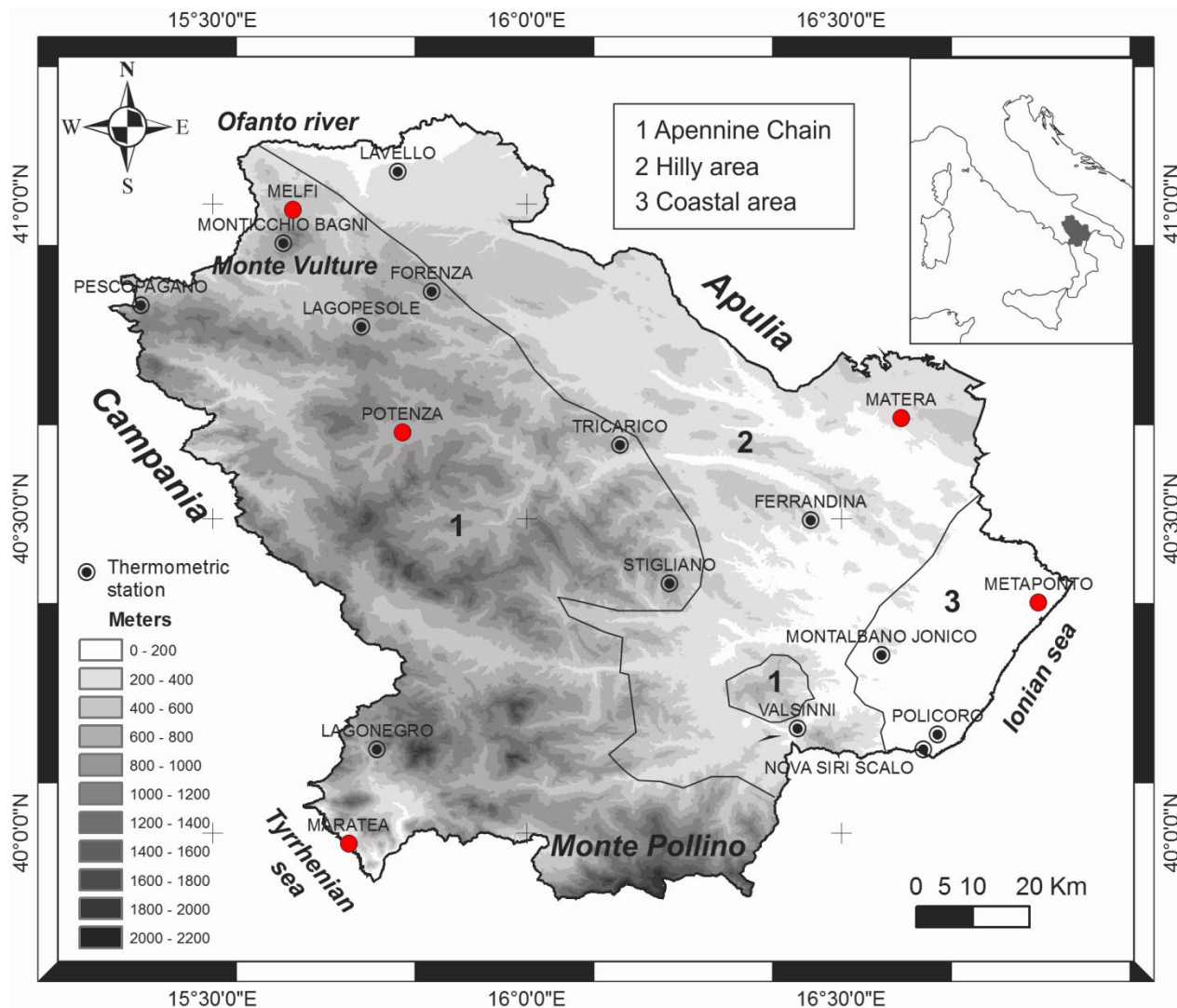


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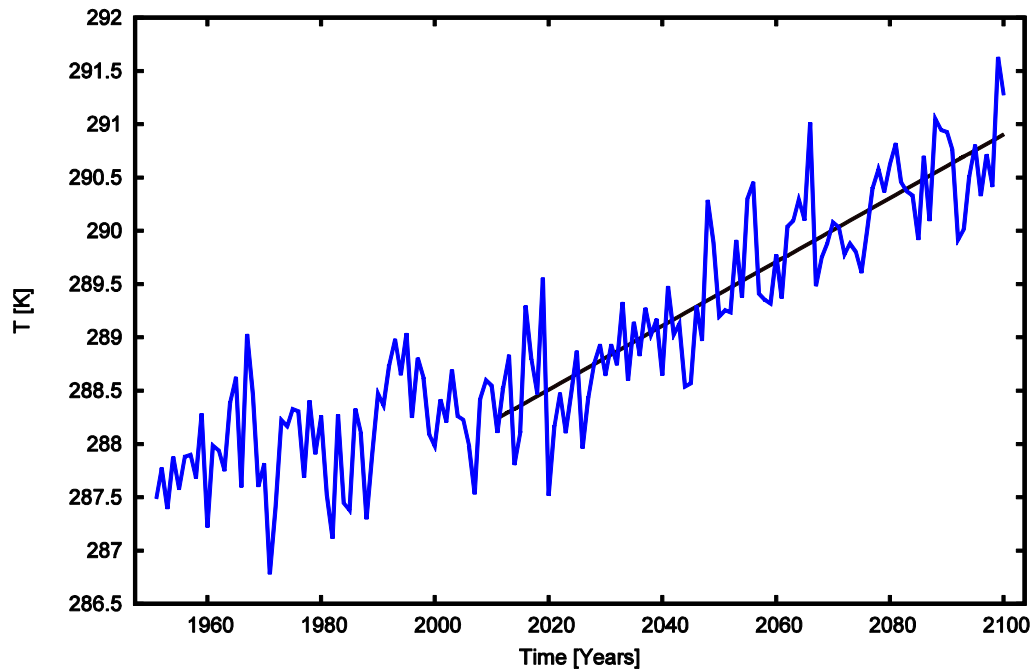
L'idea è quella di utilizzare gli output di ricostruzione nel passato di modelli meteo-climatici per addestrare una rete neurale a ritrovare i valori osservati di alcune variabili su un determinato sito. Poi si applica questo modello neurale a scenari futuri per ottenere scenari climatici locali.

Mostro solo alcuni esempi presi da un progetto di qualche anno fa.

# Proiezioni in Basilicata

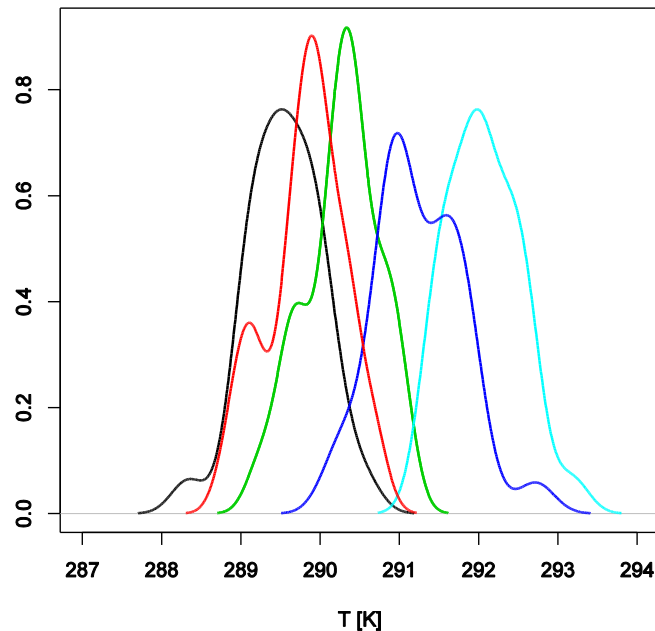


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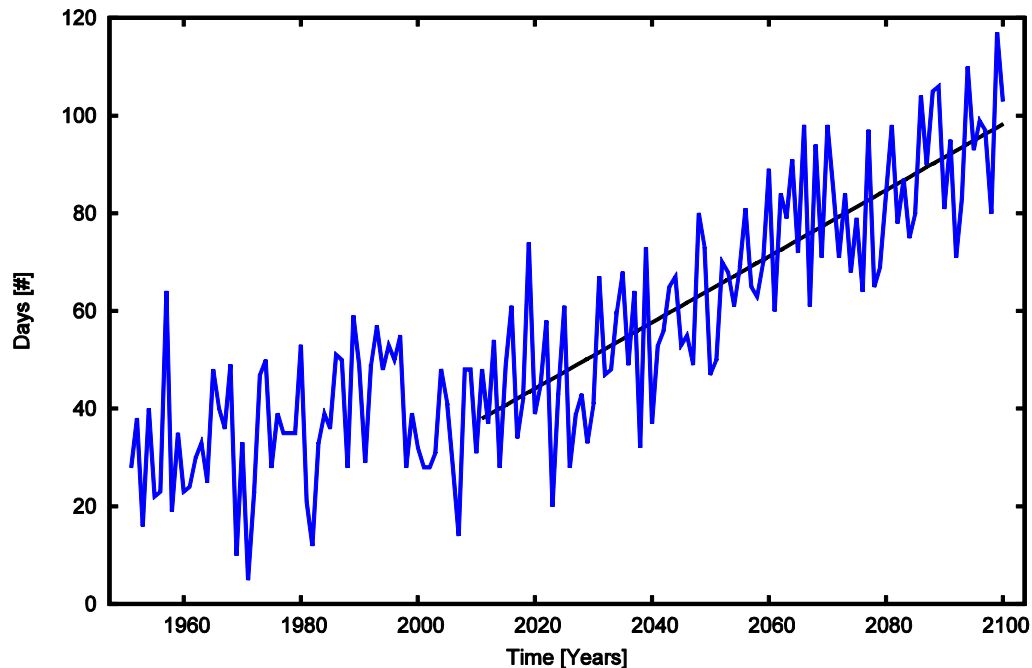
Risultati del modello neurale per le **temperature medie annuali** a Matera: ricostruite fino al 2010 e previste dal 2011 al 2100. La linea nera mostra il trend dei valori previsti.

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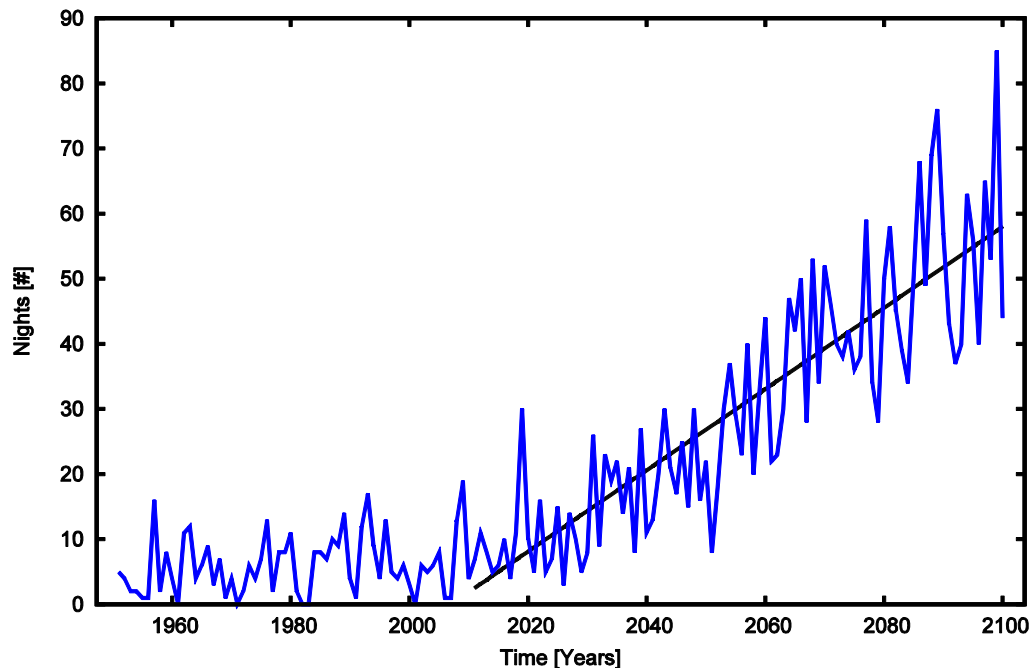
Risultati del modello neurale per la funzione densità delle **temperature medie annuali** su intervalli di 30 anni a Metaponto:  
Linea nera: 1951-1980, linea rossa: 1981-2010, linea verde: 2011-2040, linea blu: 2041-2070, linea azzurra: 2071-2100.

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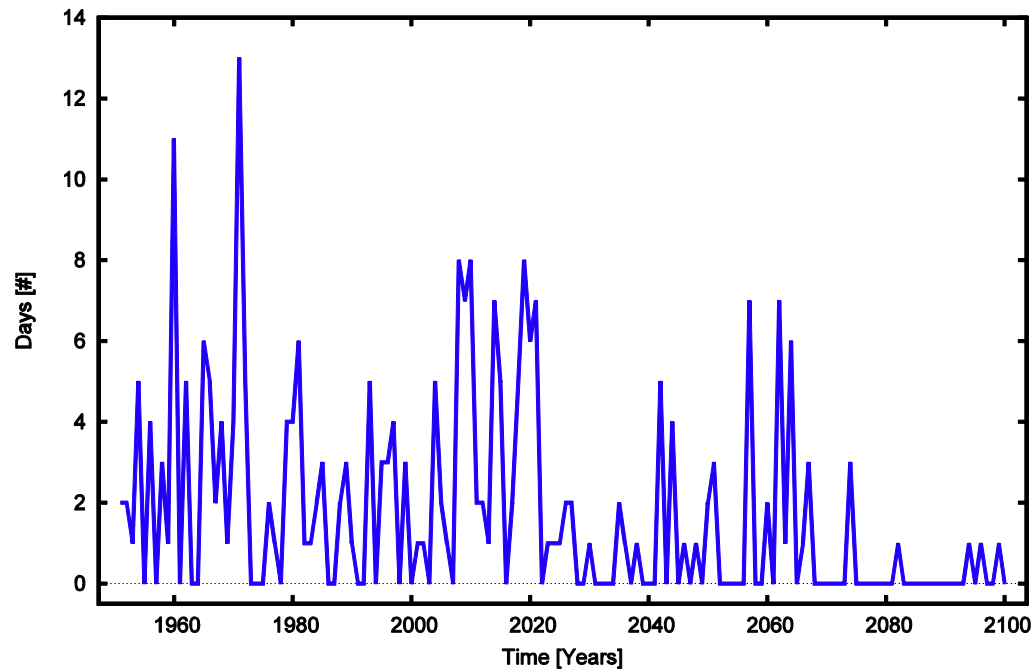
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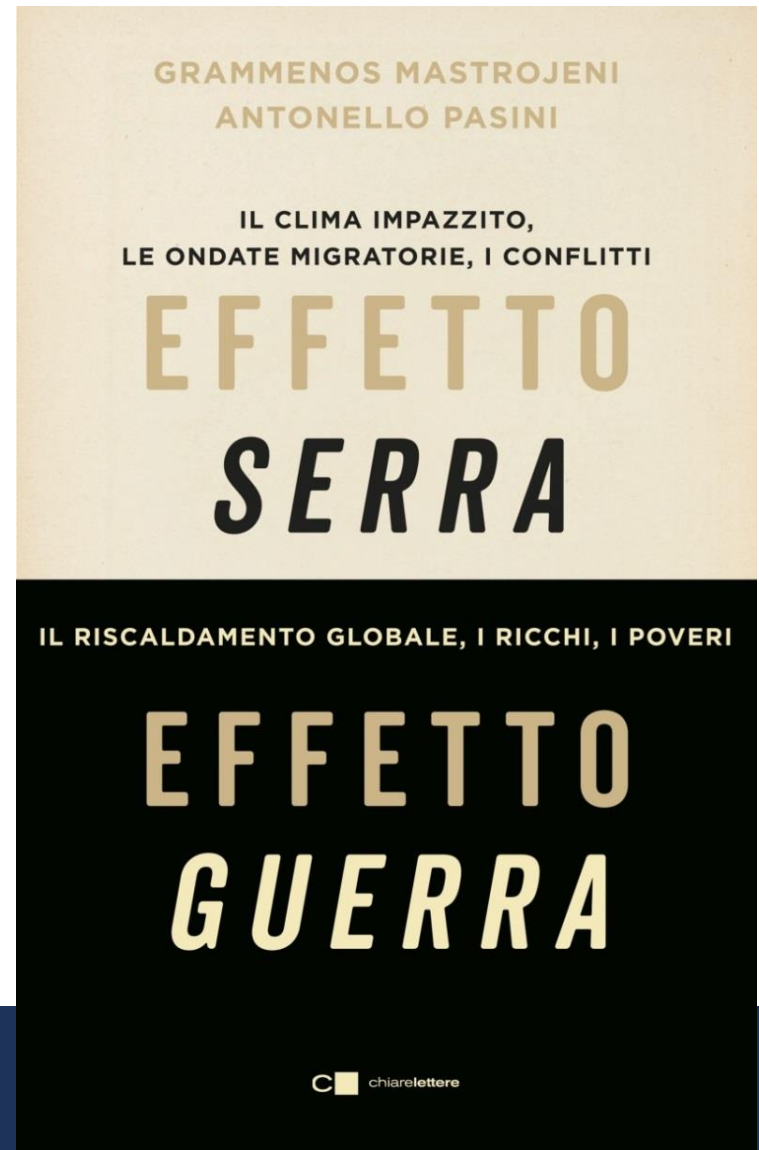
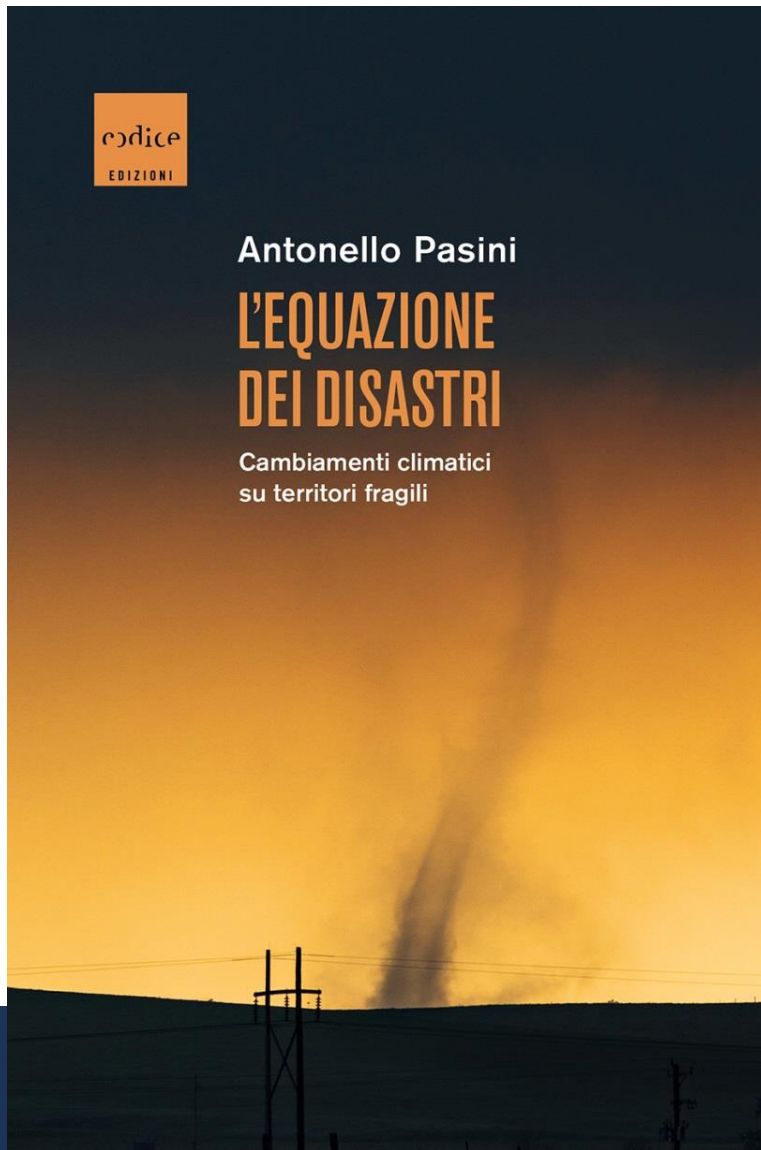
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Risultati del modello neurale per il numero di **giorni ghiacciati** a Potenza: ricostruito fino al 2010 e previsto dal 2011 al 2100.

# Due piccoli contributi divulgativi





# Anzi, più di due



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