Stream Temperature Variability and its Relationship to Large-Scale Climate Indices across the United States

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Outline



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Motivation and Impact







Aquatic ecosystem health Motivated by climate change

Inspired by data driven resource management



SWT as an Ecosystem Water Quality Indicator



Drives ecosystem health and societal function



Serves as a key indicator of freshwater quality



Analysis of SWT supports climate adaptation and management

Average mean temperature trends, February 1895-2016 (95% confidence interval)



Statistically significant temperature trends (p=0.05) for the month of February, over the period 1895-2016.

River & Stream Temperatures

Change in average temperature since 1990



Gauges chosen based on most consistent observational record Source: USGS

CLIMATE CO CENTRAL

SWT In a Warming Climate

Advances in SWT Measurement



GOAL: Develop a SWT Dashboard for Enhanced Trend Analysis across the United States





Data Retrieval

- SWT Observations
- Stream Order
- Aridity Index
- HUC-02







Types of Climate	Values of Ia_{DM}
Arid	<i>Ia_{DM}</i> < 10
Semi-arid	$10 \le Ia_{DM} < 20$
Mediterranean	$20 \leq Ia_{DM} < 24$
Semi-humid	$24 \leq Ia_{DM} < 28$
Humid	$28 \leq Ia_{DM} < 35$
Very humid	$35 \le Ia_{DM} \le 55$
Extremely humid	$Ia_{DM} > 55$



Data Analysis

- Non-parametric tests
 - Sen Slope
 - Mann-Kendall
 - Pettitt

Evaluate non-monotonic trends





Result - SWT Variability Dashboard

✓ Stream Water Temperature (SW × +

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Earthstar Geographics | Esri, TomTom, FAO, NOAA, USG

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4	-87.9955	31.279	20207	AL	4	1	2	

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Thermal Heat Sources - Valuable Resource

Steam Temperature API project

Trend Analysis Results:

An Alarming Increase in SWT across the United Stated



Result - Trends as Function of HUC2 Regions



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Result - Aridity Index



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Result - Stream Order



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Result - Link with Large-Scale Climate Indices

- Seasonal patterns in the relationship between maximum recorded SWT and selected climatic indices.
- Seasons marked with an asterisk denote the period preceding the water year of the recorded maximum SWT.
- Relationships extending outside the shaded region demonstrate significance at the 10% confidence level.



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Our study found that stream water temperatures show the greatest variability in humid regions.



Across all hydrologic unit regions regions, there is a concerning uniform increase in stream water temperatures.

Conclusions

SWT variation as function of stream order did not display a significant spatial relationship.



Thank you for your attention!

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