



BC | Climate Resilience
Summit 2025

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Hands Up

If you have considered climate change in your work in terms of reducing greenhouse gas emissions

Hands Up

If you have *ALSO* considered climate change in your work in terms of the effects of a changing climate on design

Hands Up

If you have USED FUTURE CLIMATE PROJECTIONS in your work to account for the effects of a changing climate on design

Hands Up

If you have moved on from using historical data alone and **ALWAYS USE** future climate to account for the effects of a changing climate on design

Hands Up

If you would always use future climate to account for the effects of a changing climate on design **IF THERE WERE MAGICALLY NO DATA GAPS, UNCERTAINTY, OR OBJECTIONS**

Some barriers we've heard before

Our mandate does not include the use of this data

It is too expensive to add these extra steps

The building code only has historical data

I don't know what data to use or how to apply it



The Challenge

FUTURE DATA IS NEEDED

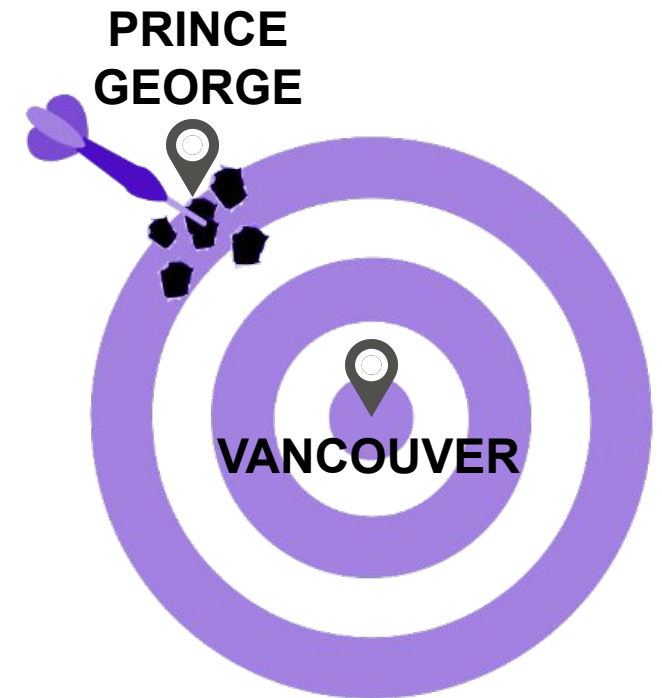
- Energy demand will change in the future
- Historical climate data does not account for climate change
- “What we have always done” no longer relevant



Managing uncertainty

PRECISION OF THE PAST

- We have precise historical data for the past century, but it is not accurate anymore
- Using historical weather observations is no longer an accurate way to plan for the future
- Aiming for this historical target avoids the bulls-eye

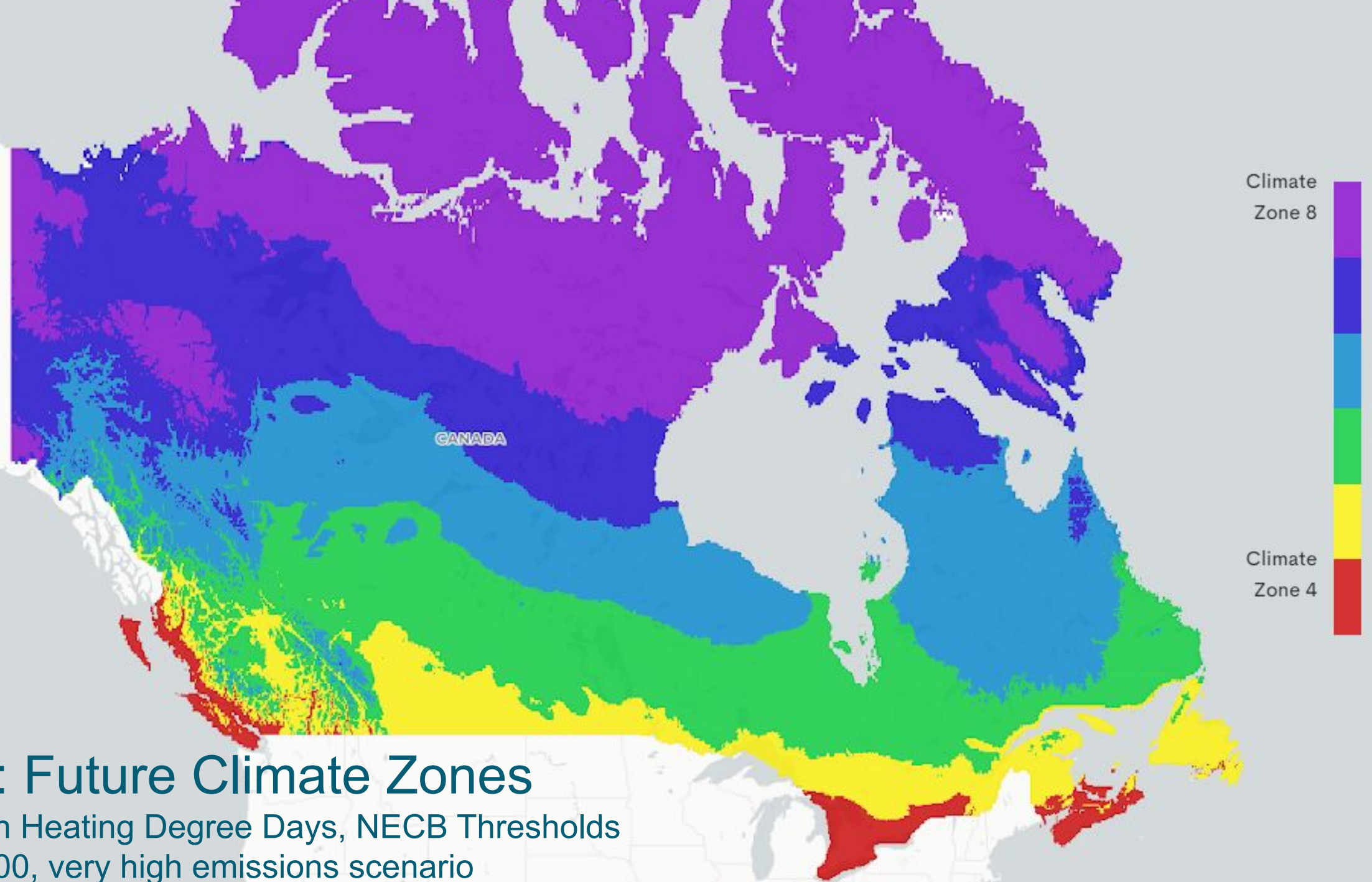


Managing uncertainty

ACCURACY FOR THE FUTURE

- Analyzing future climate projections and hazards means looking at historical trends and future climate models
- Future projections include uncertainty
- Accuracy comes from combining a range of values, different models, scenarios, and other factors

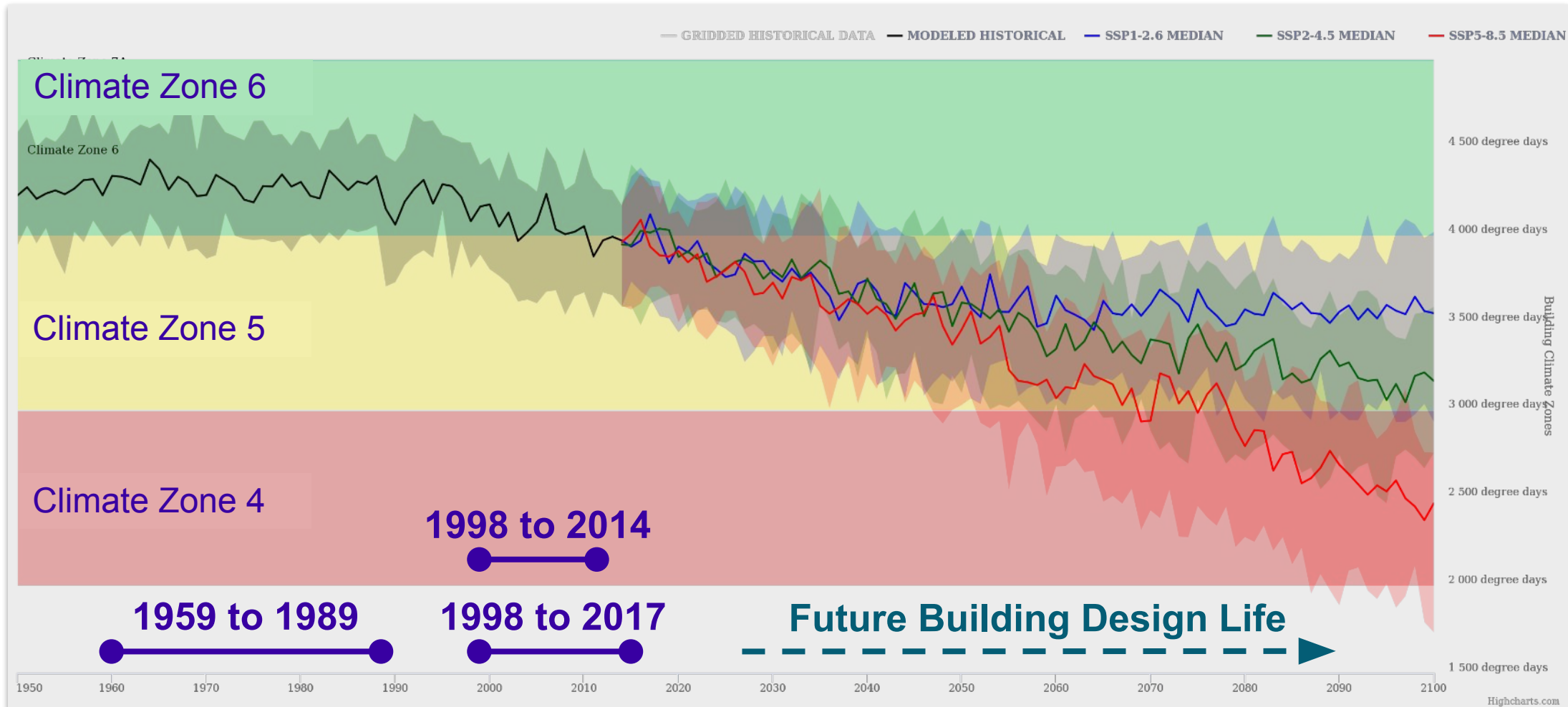




NEW: Future Climate Zones

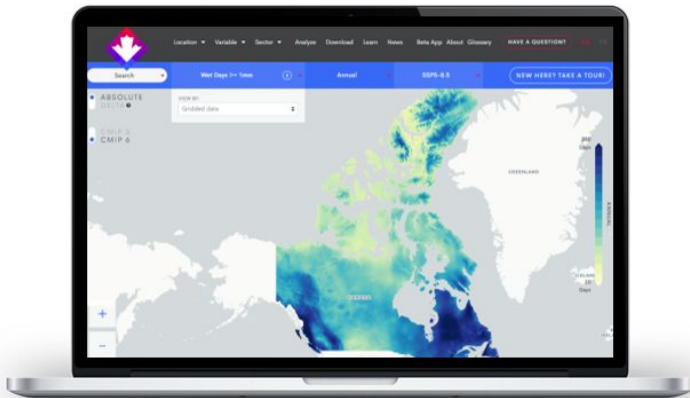
Based on Heating Degree Days, NECB Thresholds
1950-2100, very high emissions scenario

Ask technical teams to use future weather files and future design values in addition to historical



Resources

ClimateData.ca
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