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Heat stress increase under climate change twice as large in cities as in rural areas

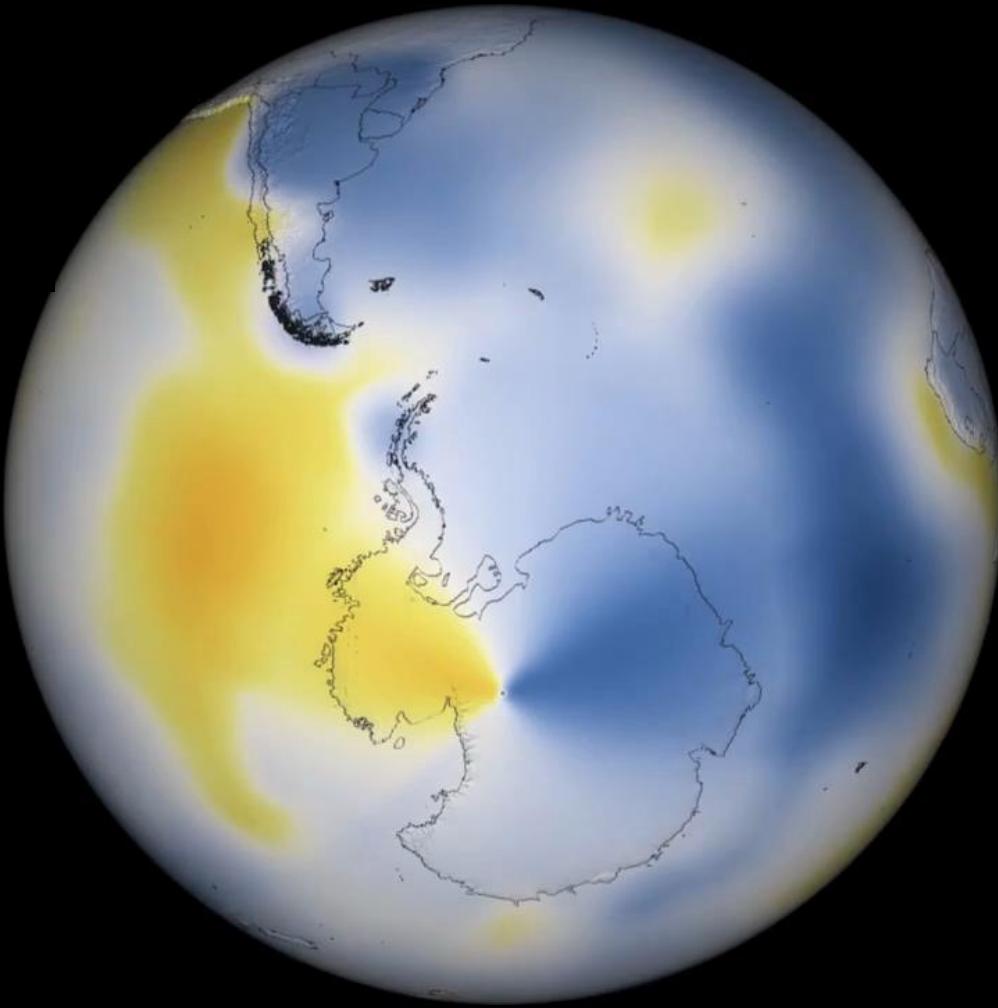
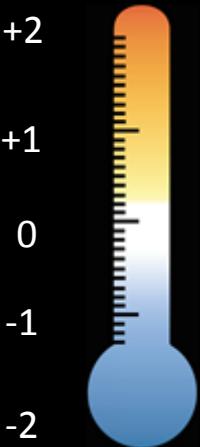
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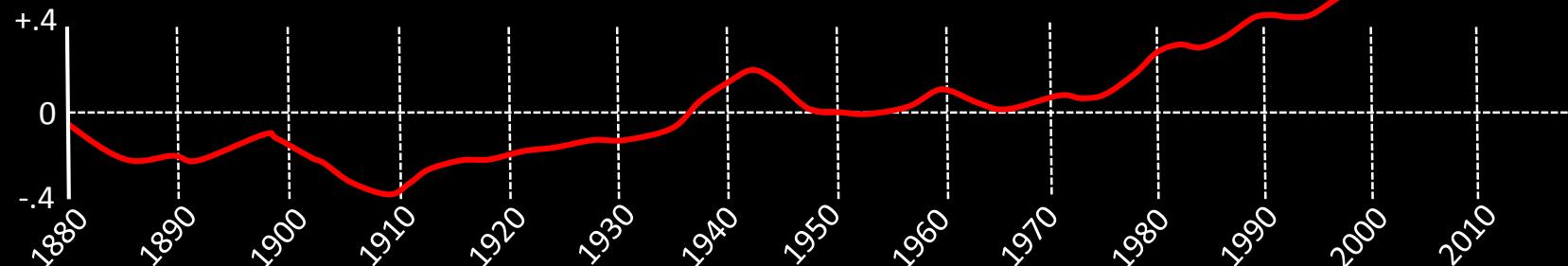
1883 - 1887

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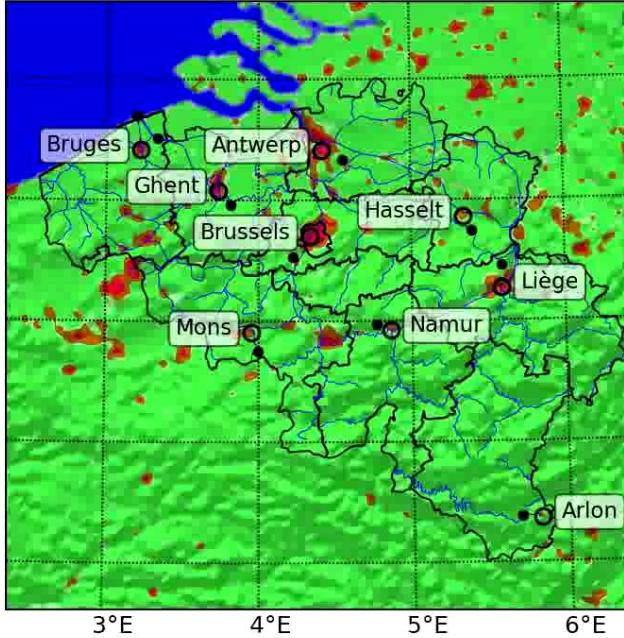


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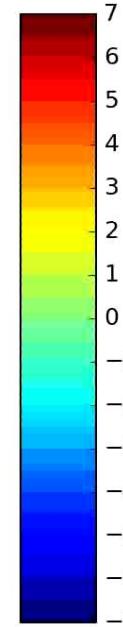
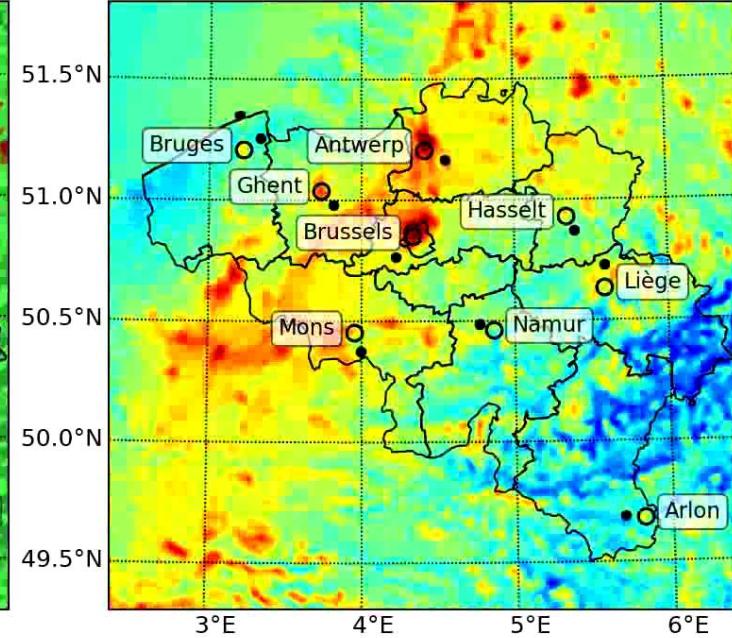
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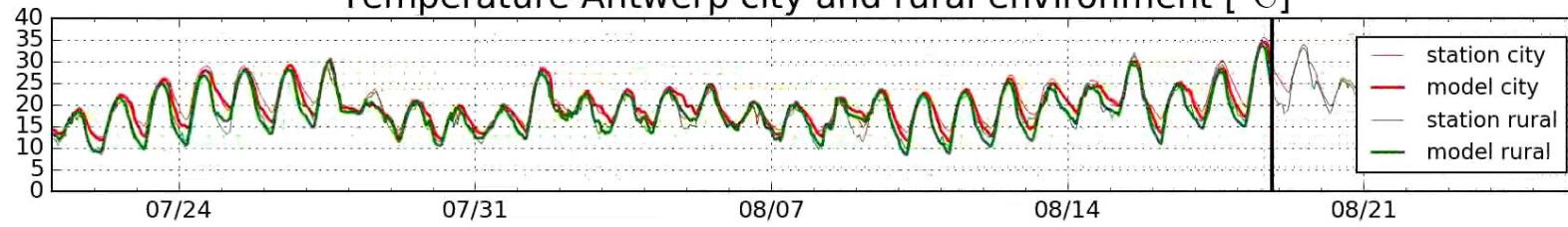
Belgian cities (red)



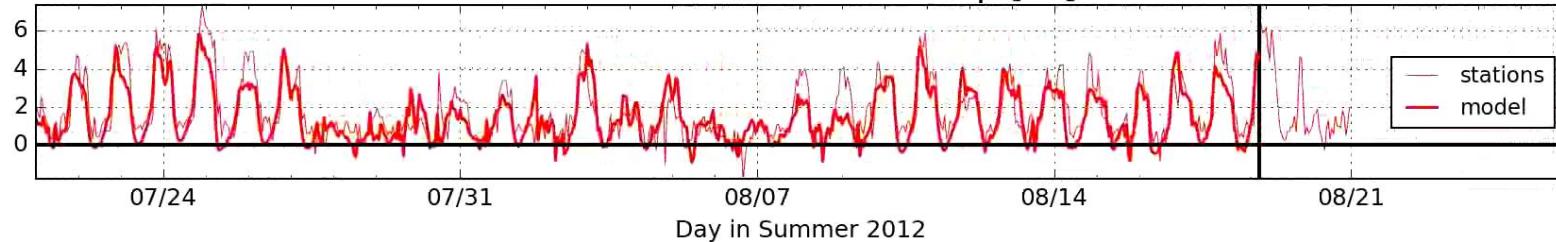
Temperature anomaly [°C]



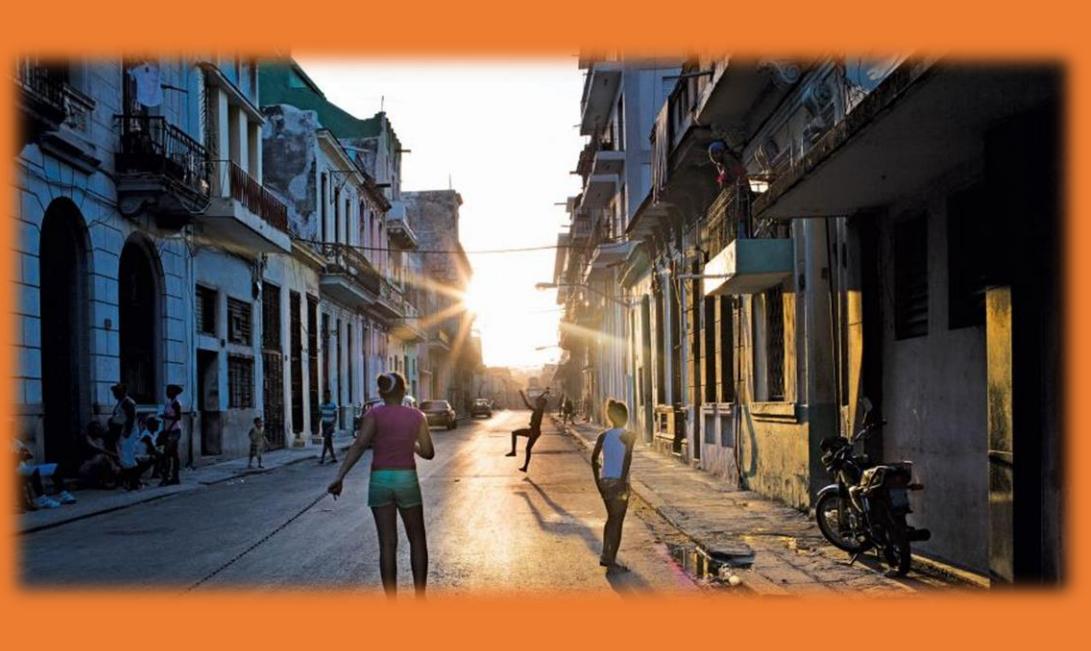
Temperature Antwerp city and rural environment [°C]

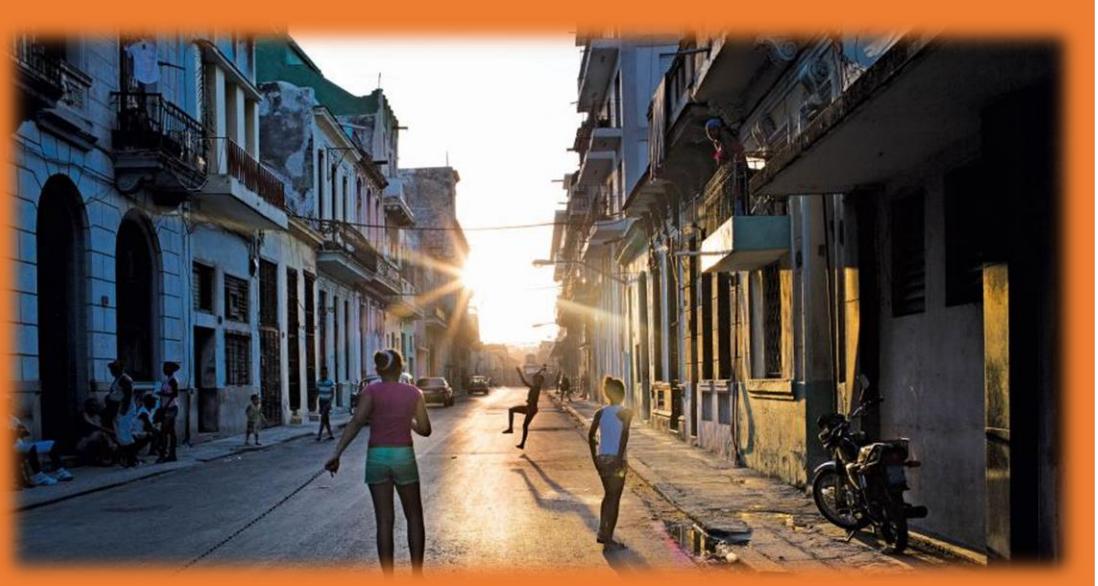


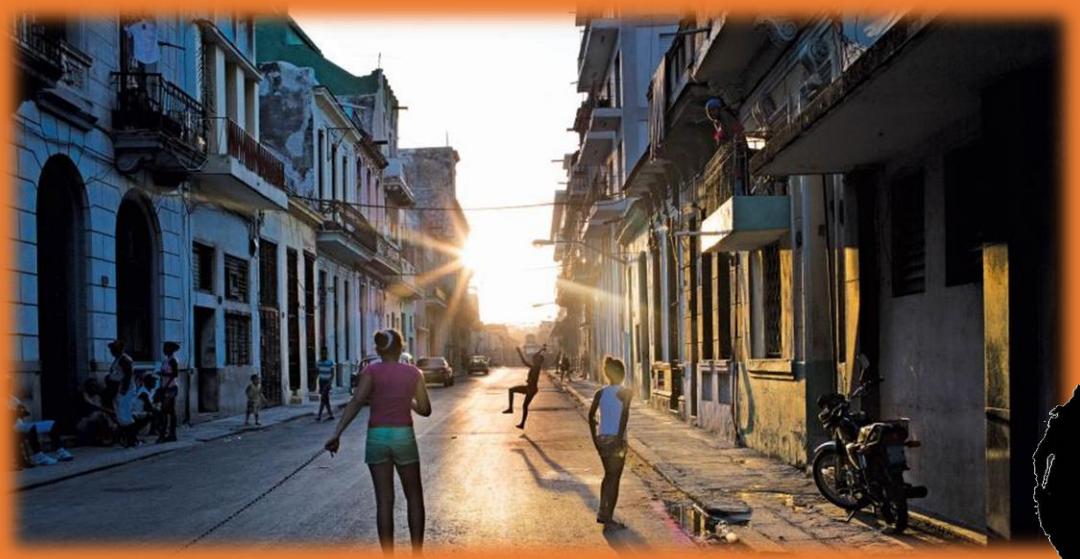
Urban heat island Antwerp [°C]



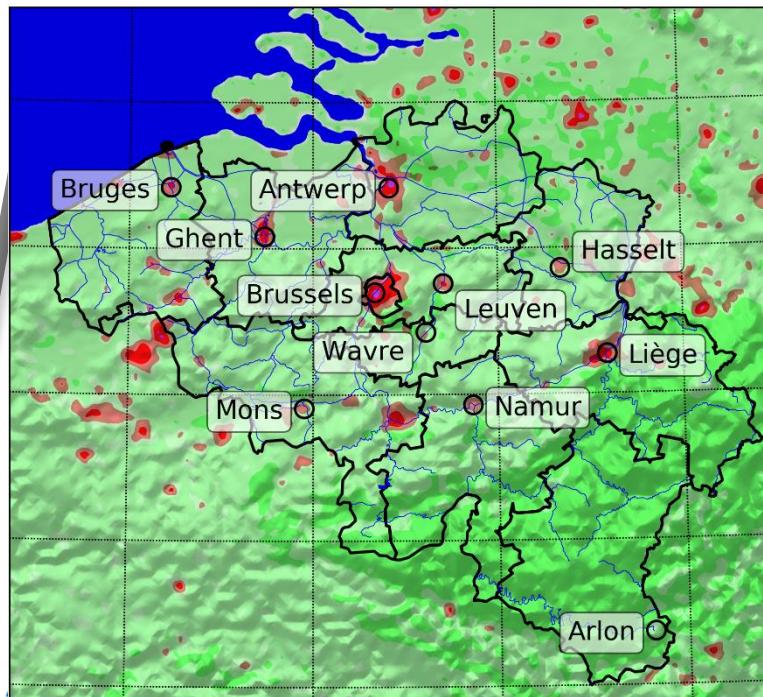
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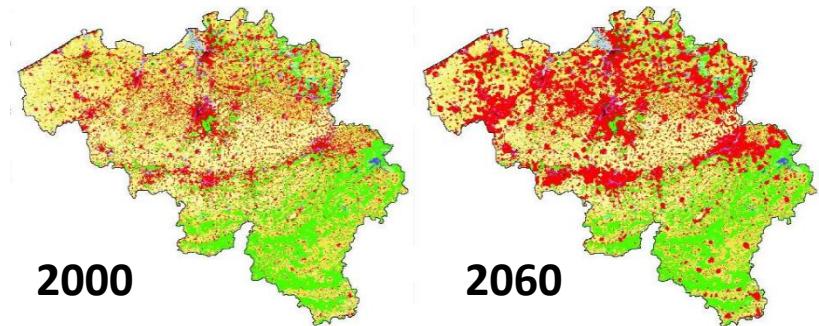
1. Urban climate simulations



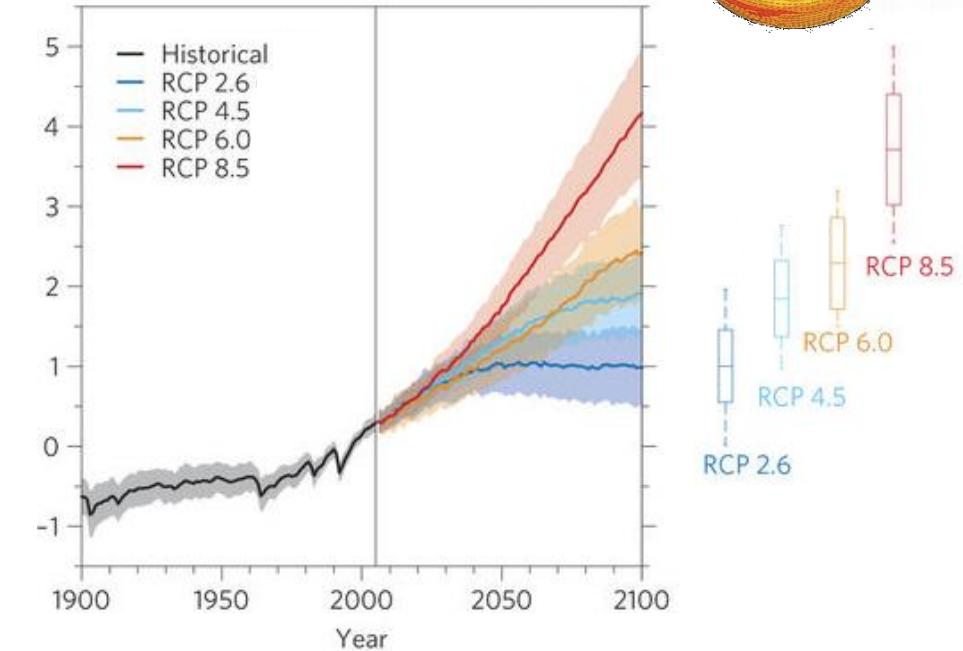
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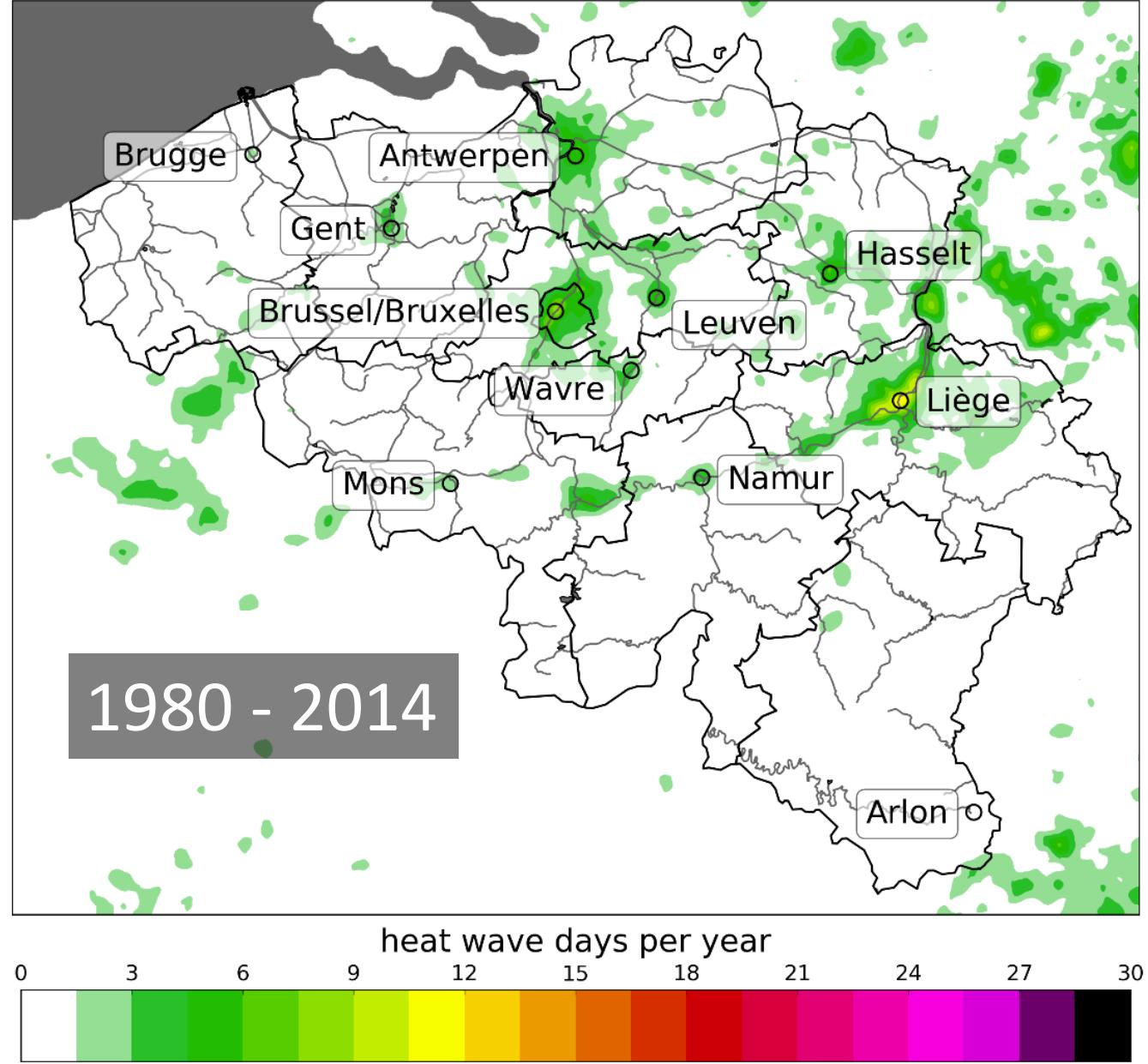
*Coherent climate information
for Belgium*

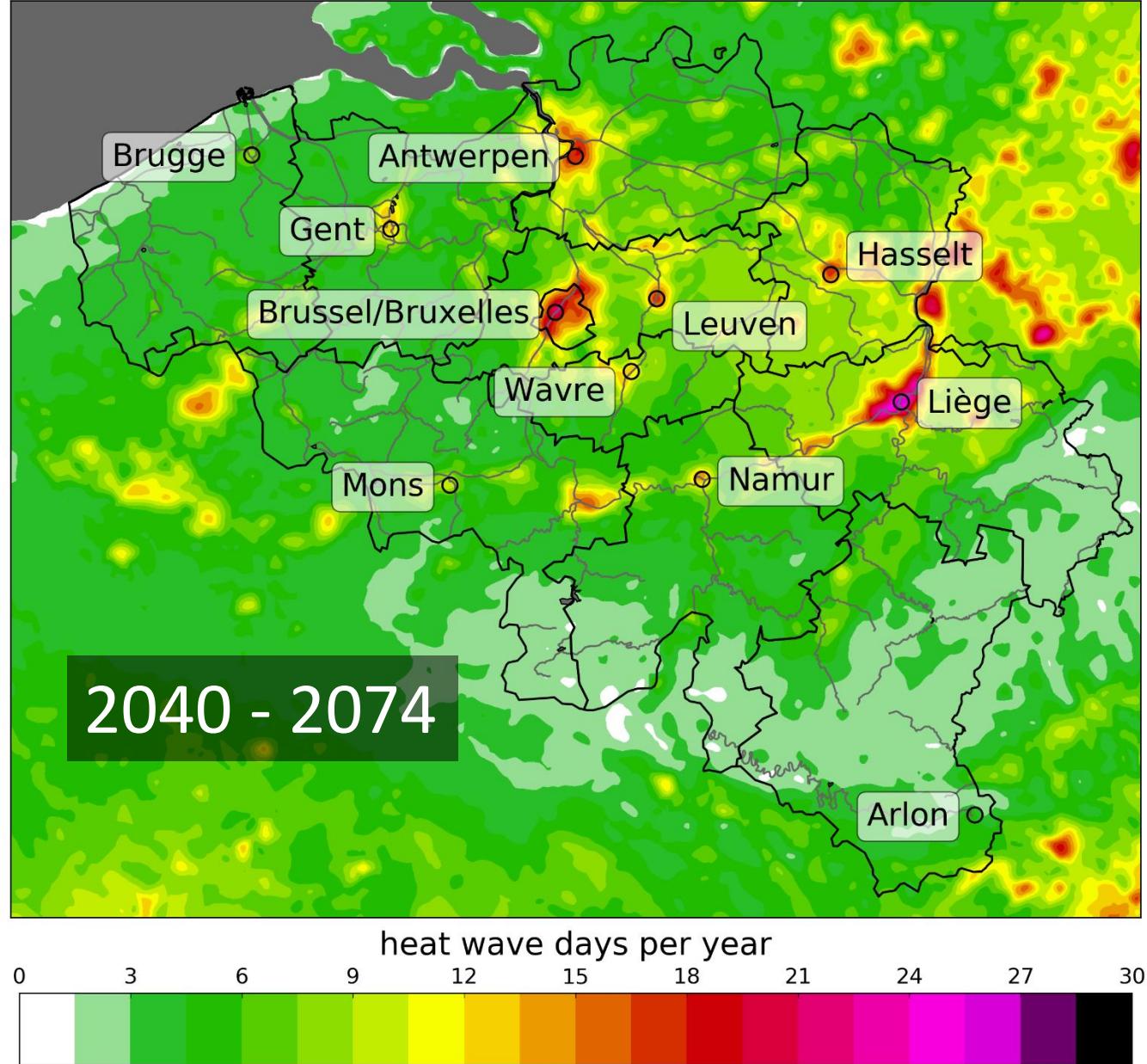
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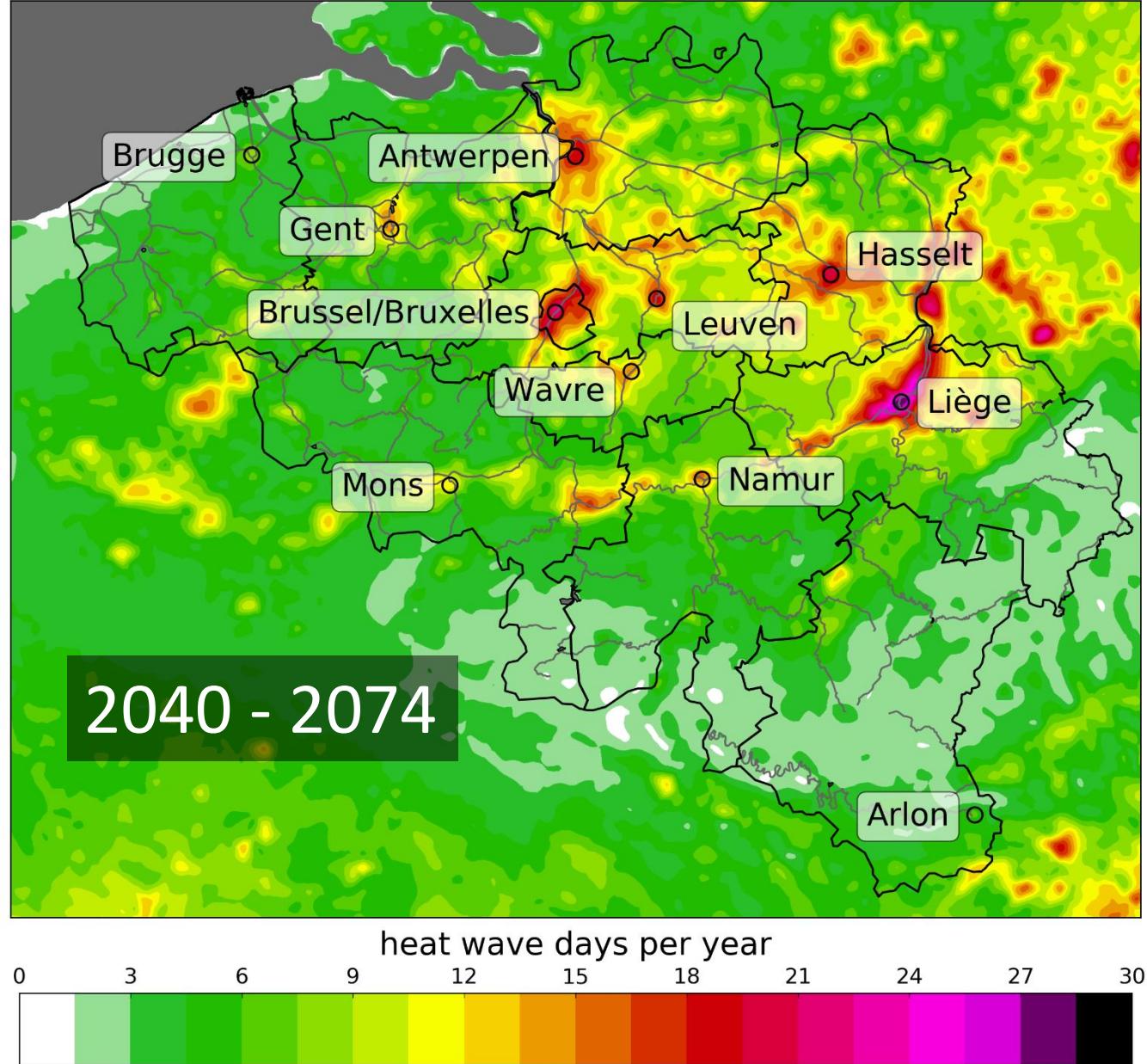


3. Global emission scenarios









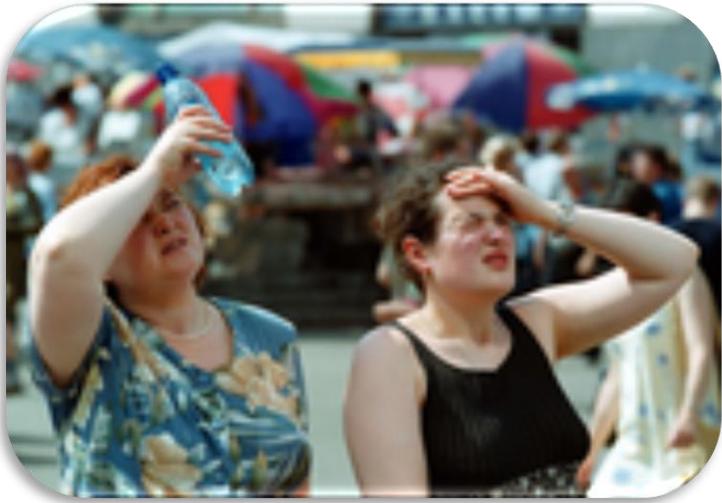
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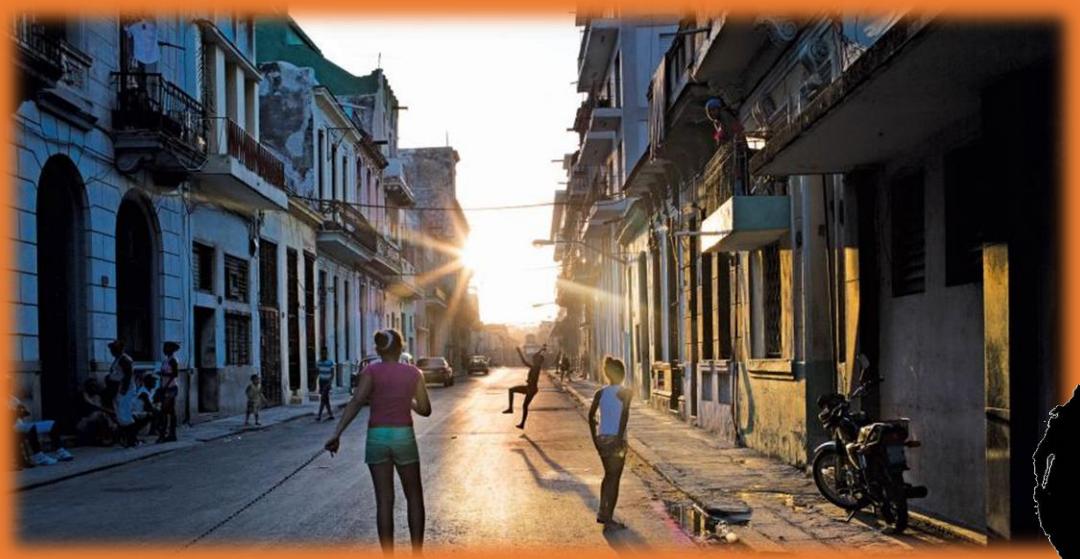
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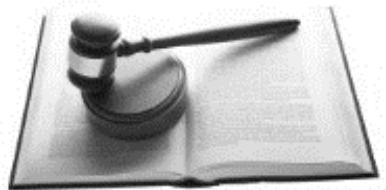
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