Assessing future heatwave risk change considering climate change scenarios

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Limitation of previous studies

1 limited considering of surface characteristics
 2 Index based

③ hard to quantify & compare risk spatially and temporally !

→ Combine exposure and vulnerability using not an index based method

How to assess the risks for extreme climate events **Spatially & Temporally**?



- Connected with climate change scenario (RCP, SSPs, land cover change)
- ➤ Case study for Seoul, Korea



Exposure * *sensitivity*

= the number of extreme event for sensitivity populations per year





Area in the critical region Current= $2 \rightarrow$ Future=12



Exposure * *sensitivity*

= the number of extreme event for sensitivity populations per year *Exposure* = the day of extreme heat event per year

Extreme heat event = daily mean temperature > 98 % for 2011-2018 temp (=29.5 °C for Seoul)

sensitivity = the sensitivity population (<u>old</u> and <u>isolation</u>)

Old: over 65 years old

Isolation: single person housing



Adaptive Capacity : spatial capacity to reduce heat flux



adaptive capacity =
$$\sum Effect \ of \ reducing \ heat \ flux$$



Climate impact adaptive capacity

= Risk considering adaptive capacity

(=how much the spatial characteristics can reduce urban heat)





 $\frac{Climate\ impact}{adaptive\ capacity}$

= Risk considering adaptive capacity



Case study

Seoul1km resolution

- > RCP 4.5 & 8.5
- > SSP 3 & 5

Base: RCP 4.5 & SSP 3 Assess spatial exposure, sensitivity, and adaptive capacity of Seoul Spatial exposure & risk variation by RCPs Spatial sensitivity & risk variation by SSPs Spatial adaptive capacity & risk variation by Sample land cover change

2040s 2090s











- High population scenario (change sensitivity)
- **RCP 4.5 & SSP 5**





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Case study Results

 Land cover change scenario (change adaptive capacity)

> RCP 4.5 & SSP 3

"MOTIVE (impact model)" land cover change scenario



(prediction for 2050s, regarding minimizing future disasters & maximizing economical efficiency)



Conclusions

① RCP 8.5 and SSP 5 increase exposure and sensitive population
 → increase high risk area

- ② Predicted land cover (in the impact model) increase adaptive capacity of outskirt area
 → decrease high risk area
- ③ The model finds out spatial and temporal variations of risk
 - \rightarrow help consider equity, develop adaptation plan
 - \rightarrow when the large increase of exposure is expected, we need to increase adaptive capacity
- ④ Integrate other sectors (land cover change) with heat wave risk

Limitations and future works

(1) Selecting threshold needs more scientific evidence (heat death data \dots)

- ② Climate drivers: air temperature + humidity
- ③ Applying this model to other climate risks (drought risk, flood risk ...)
 - : explore adaptive capacity variables for each risk in the regional ~ national scale

Thank you

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